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November Meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, November 9, the Asheboro City Board of Education met for their regularly-scheduled meeting. Chairman Kyle Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Guy B. Teachey students, Nico Otero, Trevor Cassidy, Hagar Shalabi, and Heidi Koch, the board approved the meeting agenda.

After approval of the Consent Agenda, the Asheboro City Board of Education recognized Mr. Kelvin McComb as this month's Community Partner. Mr. McComb is member of the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School Watch D.O.G.S. program (Dads of Great Students), a one-of-a-kind engagement program that supports education and safety in our schools around the nation. Principal Amy Day said, "Kevin gives selflessly to the students at Teachey. We are truly honored to work alongside him through the Watch D.O.G.S. program."

Also recognized in Special Recognitions and Presentations was the Polar Bear Club from Guy B. Teachey, who tied for second place in the International Project Polar Bear Competition. Students from the Polar Bear Club split a \$750 grant with another student-led group from Hungary. Teachey students won second place because of their focus on teaching fellow students about recycling.

Following Teachey's presentation, Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell recognized Ms. Julie Brady from Charles W. McCrary Elementary School as the 2017-2018 Principal of the Year. Ms. Brady was presented with a plaque and flowers.

Dr. Sean McWherter then recognized all five elementary schools in Asheboro City Schools for their efforts in implementing to fidelity the PBIS model (Positive Behavior Intervention Services). Dr. Worrell then asked each principal to remain standing as she recognized them for another outstanding accomplishment. "I'm pleased to announce that Asheboro City Schools has been recognized by Department of Public Instruction for being one of only seven school districts across the entire state (115 school districts) where all schools met or exceeded expected growth during the 2016-17 school year. Principals – we appreciate your continued commitment to creating learning communities of excellence throughout Asheboro. We are

extremely proud of you, our students, and this accomplishment. Keep up the awesome work!” added Dr. Worrell.

In Information Reports, the Asheboro City Board of Education heard from Dr. Drew Maerz who presented five policies for 30-day review and an additional five policies for board approval.

In Action Items, the board moved to approve Continuous Improvement Plans provided by Balfour Elementary School, Lindley Park Elementary School, Guy B. Teachey Elementary School, Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School, and Charles W. McCrary Elementary School.

Reports were provided on the district’s upcoming events and Points of Pride. Upcoming special events include: American Education Week (November 13-17); the 2017 Hour of Code TM event (December 4); Asheboro City Schools Senior Holiday Luncheon (December 13); the Asheboro High School Advanced Placement Unveiling Ceremony (December 20); and the numerous holiday concerts taking place in December.

Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools, concluded the meeting by updating the board on progress made to several of the Board’s strategic planning goals. She noted the increase in SAT scores, the new Pathways to Prosperity initiative with a focus on agri-science, and the district’s teacher recruitment event to be held on Tuesday, November 21 at the Professional Development Center. She also gave a special thanks to Facilities Director Mike Mize and his team for the hard work and countless hours they put it to making sure the South Asheboro Middle School ball field was ready for the 2017 Field of Honor community event. In her final statements, Dr. Worrell expressed her appreciation to all community partners who have been instrumental in the renovation and restoration of the historic Asheboro Female Academy. She specifically noted: The Cannon Foundation for their \$25,000 grant; The Timken Foundation of Canton for their \$25,000 grant to TreesNC to be used for the academy; John Ogburn and the City of Asheboro for their continued support of the project; Charlie Morgan who surveyed the academy’s site; The Alderman Company who has committed to film and edit an educational video about the academy; Facilities Director Mike Mize and his support of the project; Priest Grading Company who has provided grading work; the Randolph Arts Guild who has awarded the project with a \$1,400 grant to put towards period costumes and props for the educational video; the Randolph County Historic Society; the Edward M. Armfield Sr. Foundation; Bank of North Carolina; Weed n’ Win Garden Club; **The Courier-Tribune**; community leaders Reynolds Lisk and Owen George; as well as individuals and students for helping to spear-head the entire project.

Chairman Lamb closed the open session at approximately 9 p.m. The board met for a closed session that was then adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

About Asheboro City Schools

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development

Center. The district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district's website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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