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September Meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, 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 Balfour Elementary School student, Azuri Greene, the board approved the meeting agenda.

After approval of the Consent Agenda, the Asheboro City Board of Education recognized First Baptist Church as this month's Community Partner Spotlight. The church allowed Asheboro City Schools to sponsor and host summer camps at their Multi Housing Ministry Apartments (MHMA), located at Piedmont Place and Coleridge apartment complexes. Ms. Jane Crumpler, avid volunteer with the church's MHMA program, accepted the Community Partner certificate on behalf of First Baptist. Both apartments provided space for volunteers to serve nutritious lunches and snacks, engage in reading exercises, and participate in physical fitness activities with Asheboro City Schools students. Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools, said the partnership was a tremendous example of what can happen when resources are pooled for the sake and well-being of students. She also expressed gratitude for the Randolph County Public Library who partnered with the district to provide programming during camp and Sodexo Food Services for providing lunch and snacks.

Also recognized during the Special Recognition and Presentation portion of the meeting was the Esteemed Club. Club advisors, Ms. Rebekah Hanson and Ms. Emily Ramon, presented information about the Esteemed Club at Balfour Elementary School. The Esteemed Club was formed during the 2016-17 school year exclusively for fourth and fifth grade female students to discuss topics such as social media and peer pressure. The club also provides students strategies for promoting and protecting body confidence. Ms. Ramon and Ms. Hanson hoped that by leading girls through this program they would help them develop a positive self-image that would lead to confidence and success in the classroom and beyond. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Esteemed Club will continue providing a strong foundation for female students to build positive self-esteem.

The Board heard from Ms. Elizabeth Pack, agriscience education teacher at Asheboro High School and club advisor for FFA, about CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education), a unique approach to teaching agricultural education. The topic of her presentation was

“Increasing Rigor and Engagement in Agriculture Education.” Dr. Worrell said this was a great opportunity for students in Asheboro, “Asheboro City Schools is the only district in North Carolina to offer the CASE pathway certification. We will continue our work with Randolph Community College and Randolph County School System through the Pathway to Prosperity partnership. This fall we will begin strategically planning with the Central Region Consortium Pathways to Prosperity on our local agriculture pathway,” said Dr. Worrell.

The Special Recognitions and Presentations portion of the meeting concluded by recognizing student and teacher leaders who volunteered their time to work at Lakeview (Piedmont Place) and Coleridge Apartments in July. Teacher volunteers included: Molita Kidd, Linda Bumpas, Maxine Goldston, Laurie Johnson, Leslie Stone, Jennifer Smith, Megan Smith, Scott Smith, Wendy Graham, Jennifer Page, Jusmar Maness, Amy Day, Laura LeRoy, Crandel Coltrane, Gwen Hammer, Emily Hammer, Lisa Hayes, Angela Shue, Tressie Sargent, Denise Nixon, Valerie Runnfeldt, and Dorothy Cooper. Student leaders included: Victoria Johnson, Itai Garcia, Landon Lester, Angie Pincus, Liam Richau, Jacob Lawrence, JaNyah Jones, and Jenna Graham. Victoria Johnson was presented the Superintendent’s Service Leadership Award for logging close to 35 hours at the Asheboro City Schools-sponsored summer camps.

Following special recognitions, the Asheboro City Board of Education heard from Dr. Drew Maerz who presented 13 policies for 30-day review and an additional 27 policies for board approval. Kristen Wright, assistant finance director, then presented the 2017-2018 Asheboro City Schools budget proposal.

Reports were provided on the district’s upcoming events and Points of Pride. Upcoming special events include: Middle School Tours and Information Sessions on September 27 from 6 – 7 p.m. at North and South Asheboro Middle Schools; the Asheboro High School Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, September 29; and International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4. Other dates include Academic and Family Teacher Team meetings at all schools as well as the next Asheboro City Board of Education meeting on Thursday, October 5.

Dr. Worrell concluded the meeting by providing information to the board about state accountability data that was released by the state this week. She shared all Asheboro City Schools met or exceeded growth for 2016-2017. Dr. Worrell also discussed Asheboro High School’s four-year cohort graduation rate of 91.8 percent, which continues to be higher than the state average (86.5 percent). Updates were then provided about the Academic and Social Achievement program (after-school tutoring). Then Dr. Worrell thanked the board for their commitment to the students, teachers, and families of Asheboro City Schools. “We had an incredible first day and opening of the 2017-2018 school and we can only attribute this success to our dedicated board of education, excellent educators, engaged families, and outstanding students.”

Chairman Lamb adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 p.m. to go into an executive session.

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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