

## **Press Release**

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### **April Meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education**

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, the Asheboro City Board of Education met prior to their regularly-scheduled meeting in order to hold a budget planning session at 6 p.m. and to vote on the 2017-2018 request for funding from the Randolph County Commissioners. The request to be made in May will include Current Expense funding in the amount of \$5.2 million, Capital Outlay funding in the amount of \$997,000, and a request for \$34 million for an addition to Asheboro High School. The Board will also request to keep the supplemental tax rate the same, seeking no increase to the current tax rate.

Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools, noted several initiatives for the Board of Education to consider for the upcoming school year. “As we continue to look at our budget and plan for the 2017-2018 school year, we need to be able to cover both continuation and expansion costs of various new programs,” said, Dr. Worrell. “Included in the request for Current Expense, we’ll seek funding for the Spanish Immersion Program at Lindley Park Elementary School, the Early College Academy at Asheboro High School, and technology needs for our students. We’ll also request funds for Capital Outlay to maintain and keep our facilities in the best shape for our students and teachers,” she added.

The Board unanimously approved to the request for funding and to keep the supplemental tax rate at its current rate. The meeting concluded at approximately 6:40 p.m.

In their regularly-scheduled meeting, Chairman Kyle Lamb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda, Asheboro City Schools recognized Rodney and Clair Overcash for their continued support and partnership with Charles W. McCrary Elementary School. The Board Spotlight highlighted the powerful partnership between Habitat for Humanity and McCrary Elementary School and was presented by McCrary principal, Ms. Julie Brady.

The Board then recognized the elementary Battle of the Books winning team, the Balfour Bulldogs, and the STEAM Competition winning teams, the Doernbechers from McCrary Elementary School and the 5G(cubed): 5 GOLDen Girls of Greatness from North Asheboro Middle School. Dr. Worrell concluded this section of the meeting by highlighting each school-level Teacher of the Year. They included: Bethany Adams from South Asheboro Middle, Ryan

Gibbs from North Asheboro, Jonas Hancock from Guy B. Teachey Elementary, Meghan Joyce from Donna Lee Loflin Elementary, Laura King from Charles W. McCrary Elementary, Anna Lowe from Asheboro High, Mallory Nye from Lindley Park Elementary, Marie Peele from the Early Childhood Development Center, and Mary Jo Przybylowski from Balfour Elementary School.

Other items on the agenda included:

Work-Based Learning – Dr. Aaron Woody, assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Julie Pack, director of Secondary Education presented the board with information about a variety of work-based learning opportunities offered to students from Asheboro High School. This innovative approach to learning allows student hands-on experiences in the workplace. Work-based learning is offered at a number of local businesses including: the North Carolina Zoo, Klaussner Home Furnishings, Randolph Health Pediatrics, and WKXR Radio.

Minor edits were made to the 2017-2018 Asheboro City Schools Calendar and the Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 calendar. Both calendars on the Asheboro City Schools website.

Three policies were recommended to the board for a 30-day review and seven additional policies were presented for board approval by Dr. Drew Maerz.

Reports were provided on the district's upcoming events and a Points of Pride presentation was presented by Leigh Anna Marbert. Special events included the Legislative Breakfast, the Cap and Gown Runway on April 26, the All Comet Challenge on April 28, the Teacher of the Banquet on May 4, and the next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, May 11.

Dr. Worrell concluded the meeting by highlighting the elementary and secondary STEAM Competitions, and the district's many performing arts celebrations over the past month, and recent funding through the Golden Leaf Foundation in the amount of \$900,000.

Chairman Lamb adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 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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