

Board Briefs

*A summary of action taken by the Vance County Board of Education
June 10, 2019
Vance County Schools Public Information Office*

Plans For Three Educational Programs In 2019-2020 Are Approved

The Vance County Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting approved educational plans for the 2019-2020 school year for the school system's Career and Technical Education Program (CTE), Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program and Migrant Program. With the CTE plan, board members also approved a Technical Attainment Plan to assure the CTE staff has needed professional development and an on-boarding process for new teachers. The CTE Plan includes programs for middle and high school students with 64 course offerings. The plan supports labor market projections and ensures the middle school program aligns with the high school program, which aligns to post-secondary programs. Course offerings for CTE students at the high school level lead to certified pathways. There also are educational opportunities for local fifth graders in the plan with instruction for them in coding. The approved Migrant Education Plan includes a total of \$78,086 in funding. It calls for the continuation of the Mi Centro summer program for identified pre-school Hispanic children to help prepare them for kindergarten. A migrant recruiter to work with local families also is a part of the plan. Major components of the Migrant plan include: student recruitment, instructional services, student data, professional development, parent involvement, supportive services, a comprehensive needs assessment and evaluation. The AIG Plan involves educational instruction for identified gifted students at all grade levels. For the new school year, the plan stipulates that a countywide AIG meeting with parents will be held in the fall to share information with them and get them involved in opportunities for their children. There also are plans to offer scholarships to students, provide opportunities for students to attend summer enrichment camps, host an AIG banquet at the end of the school year and provide Saturday enrichment trips. The plan further calls for providing two multi-classroom leaders and three regular teaching positions at Dabney and Zeb Vance elementary schools, STEM Early High School and Vance County Middle School. Efforts also are underway to work with universities in our area to provide course training for local teachers to get AIG certification.

Student Spotlight Award Winners, School Staff Members Recognized

The board recognized the outstanding efforts of eight Student Spotlight award winners who received the honor for their respective schools for the 2018-2019 school year based on their



exemplary character and respect and caring for fellow students and educators. Those students recognized were Harold Timberlake, IV, of Vance County Middle School; Kayce Yancey of New Hope Elementary School; Xavier Wilson of Vance County High School; Kori Barlow-Robinson of E.O.

Young, Jr. Elementary School; Courtney Peoples of Zeb Vance Elementary School; Kimberly Flores Maus of Pinkston Street Elementary School; Toussaint Grant of LB. Yancey Elementary School; and Jordan Hargrove of the Empowerment Academy. Each of the students was presented a framed certificate for their award by Desiree Brooks of The Daily Dispatch, which leads the student recognition program. Other sponsors for the Student Spotlight program are Vance County Schools,

the Vance County Public School Foundation, Mako Medical Laboratories, Maria Parham Health and Prim Development and Residential Rentals. Three new cohorts with the Opportunity Culture Fellows Program also were recognized. They include Cherie Dixon of L.B. Yancey Elementary School and Casey Jackson of Aycock Elementary School, both multi-classroom leaders, and Kristen Boyd, principal of Aycock Elementary School. Amber Hines, multi-classroom leader at Zeb Vance Elementary, also was honored as an Opportunity Culture Fellow for the current school year. The new cohort members are among 15 fellows from across the nation who are Opportunity Culture multi-classroom leaders and principals and have achieved strong results and been leaders in their schools and districts. Fellows provide support to their cohort, take one another's ideas back to their schools, write columns about their experiences and speak locally and nationally about their Opportunity Culture roles. Their feedback and leadership are invaluable in helping to improve the Opportunity Culture initiative, and all materials related to it. Board members also honored custodial staff members from several schools for the high ratings



their schools received in the most recent state facility inspections. Leading all schools in the ratings was L.B. Yancey Elementary School with a 99.2 rating out of a possible 100. L.B. Yancey also was the cumulative ratings winner among local schools for the school year. The custodial staff at AdVance Academy was honored for having the top ratings, at 96.8, for

all secondary schools. Other schools receiving recognition for their high ratings were Pinkston Street Elementary, 98.6; New Hope Elementary, 98.5; Aycock Elementary, 96.1; Zeb Vance Elementary, 95.8; Vance County Middle, 95.1; and Carver Elementary; 94.7. Each of the honorees among the students, educators and custodial staff members was congratulated by board Chairwoman Dorothy Gooche and Superintendent Anthony Jackson.

School Nutrition Bids For 2019-2020 Gain Required Approval

Board members approved a recommendation for School Nutrition bids for the 2019-2020 school year. Sysco and Foster-Caviness companies extended their contracts with no price increase in delivery fees for food products. PET Dairy Milk Company extended the contract with current prices for milk supplies. Flowers Baking Company will supply bread and Walker Company will supply bottled water and bottled juices. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Durham will supply sports drinks.

Contract For Driver Education Training Given Okay By Board Members

The board approved a contract with Jordan Driving School of the Carolinas to provide driver education training for eligible students. The program and curriculum will include 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training for each student. The training will be in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Laws of North Carolina, North Carolina General Statutes and subject to all rules and regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina State Board of Education. The contract covers the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Board Approves Recommendations From Committees

Finance Committee – The board approved a recommendation to agree to a contract with Toshiba Financial Services for copy machines/printers in schools and school system offices for a 63-month period beginning on July 1, 2019. The contract involves quarterly billing at \$6.50 per student based on the average daily membership for our student population. The projected cost of the contract for

2019-2020 is \$170,000. Board members also approved recommendations for the Budget Amendment for 2018-2019 and the Continuation Budget for 2019-2020.

Policy Committee – The board approved recommendations for revisions to five current policies. They include Policy 3000: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program; Policy 3102: Online Instruction; Policy 3132: Homebound/Hospital Instruction; Policy 3300: School Calendar and Time for Learning; and Policy 4353: Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, Expulsion. The policies are being updated to align with the school district's strategic plan.

Personnel Recommendations Receive Board Approval

Resignations were approved for Michael Bundy, finance officer, Administrative Services; Hayden Harris, electrician I, Maintenance; Owen Dement, roofer, Maintenance; Sa'Hin Harris, bus driver, Aycok; Myron Duncan, fourth-grade teacher, Clarke; Jessica Sarabia, ESL teacher, Clark, STEM and E.O. Young; Craig Harris, art teacher, Carver and New Hope; Victoria Todd, bookkeeper, Dabney; Mieya Petitt, fifth-grade teacher, E.M. Rollins; James Pettaway, bus driver, E.O. Young; Ana Topliceanu, science teacher, Early College; Steven Myerscough, science teacher, AdVance Academy; and Donna Stratmon, English teacher, Vance County High.

Retirements were approved for Randolph Oxendine, physical education teacher at Carver Elementary, and Brenda LeMay, teacher assistant at Clarke Elementary.

Seven requests for leaves of absence were approved by the board.

Out-Of-County Student Transfer Requests Reviewed By Board Members

There were 20 out-of-county transfer requests approved by the board. Thirteen of the requests involved students living in neighboring counties or moving from out of state and seeking to attend Vance County Schools. The remaining seven requests involved students who live in Vance County and will attend schools in Granville and Durham counties.

Upcoming Board And Committee Meetings Are Scheduled

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Vance County Board of Education will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2019, in the Administrative Services Center on Graham Avenue in Henderson.

Upcoming meeting dates for the board's committees are as follows:

Building and Grounds – Thursday, June 27

Community and Business Relations – To be determined

Curriculum – Thursday, June 27

Finance – Wednesday, June 26

Personnel – To be determined

Policy – Wednesday, June 26