

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Education Building, Room 223

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: **Richard Watts, Chair**
 Susan Miller – Vice Chair
 Tretonia Brown-Gaither
 Steve Wood
 Robert Barr

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: **Alex Bohannon**
 Sabrina Coone
 Leah Crowley
 Deanna Kaplan

BOARD SECRETARY: **Tricia McManus, Superintendent**

GENERAL COUNSEL: **Dionne Jenkins**

I. Call to Order

Richard Watts called the committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Curriculum Committee

A. Discussion Items

i. CTE Update - Kimberly Forbes, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education

Ms. Forbes began by offering the background of CTE accomplishments. Those include new pathways, an increase in credential attainment, an increase in CTE ELA and math scores, the Tango Flight program, two middle school career development coordinators, and the offering of the World of Work. Ms. Forbes then spoke about the career and technical student organizations that are offered within the district. Those offerings include agriculture, business, finance and IT, family and consumer science, health sciences, marketing and entrepreneurship, technology, engineering and design, and trade and industrial. Next, Ms. Forbes presented the CTE data for the 2023-2024 school year, including the CTE credentials earned which increased from 21.9% to 35.9%. Next, Ms. Forbes spoke about the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) for the 2021-2022 school year and the CTE focus priorities. Those priorities include student performance, market needs, implementation, size, scope, and quality of programs, and, recruitment and retention. Lastly, Ms. Forbes spoke about the World of Work which will be hosted at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. All 8th, 10th, and 12th graders will attend in October.

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Multiple board members asked for clarification on student data.

Richard Watts expressed a desire to survey Middle School students to obtain data on what courses students would be interested in as they transition into high school.

Sabrina Coone asked for clarification on what follow-up will be provided after students attend World of Work.

ii. Preschool Update - Blanche Stevens Executive Director, Preschool

Ms. Stevens spoke about the recent updates to the Preschool program. In order to ensure the most optimal support for all students, the Preschool team merged services for both Exceptional Children and Regular Education students. This program provides support for 3,4 and 5-year-old children not eligible for kindergarten. Currently, there are 54 regular Education classes and 40 EC classes at multiple sites. Ms. Stevens explained that in order to offer Head Start and receive additional funding the centers must be DCDEE licensed, currently, there are 24 licensed in the district. Ms. Stevens then spoke about the staffing and support that is offered to these programs as well as the preschool priorities. Lastly, Ms. Stevens spoke about the positive impact of blended Pre-K classrooms.

Deanna Kaplan asked for clarification on students receiving SLP services.

Sabrina Coone asked if being in a licensed facility changes what is allowed while in the classroom in comparison to those sites not licensed.

Richard Watts spoke positively about the blended learning environment and the data provided during this update.

iii. Goalbook Toolkit Contract Renewal - Dr. Paula Wilkins, Chief Academic Officer, and Meredith Holmes, EC Program Manager, Instruction and Professional Development

Ms. Meredith Holmes spoke about the Goalbook Toolkit which is a web-based resource that strives to help educators create meaningful, standards-based instruction to support the different ways in which students learn. This tool would allow educators to apply evidence-based strategies in their instructional practices. Goalbook Toolkit also supports educators with writing standard-aligned IEP goals, student monitoring, and the delivery of instruction. Ms. Holmes spoke about the ability of Toolkit to alleviate the time burden of the IEP process. Goalbook has offered multiple professional development options and those courses have been rated 9.7 out of 10 by

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previous participants. Currently, there are 242 active educators utilizing this program and over 15,000 resources that have been accessed. Ms. Holmes then presented data showing a persistent level of growth with IEP writing. Lastly, Ms. Holmes spoke of the desire to continue the partnership with Goalbook. In order to contract with Goalbook and allow access for all teachers providing Exceptional Children's Services the cost is \$194,714. This contract will be funded through a combination of both State and Federal funds for EC.

Leah Crowley asked if the District is currently utilizing this program.

Sabrina Coone asked for clarification on if there has been a lapse in this program and why.

Multiple board members asked to enter into a multi-year contract to take advantage of the discount.

B. Action Items

i. Consider Approval of Goal Book Subscription

On the motion of Susan Miller, seconded by Trevonia Brown-Gaither, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Goal Book Subscription.

III. Announcements

A. October 24, 2023 – Next Meeting of the Curriculum Committee

IV. Adjournment

Richard Watts adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.