

ECU Community School Advisory Board  
Emergency Meeting  
August 8, 2018  
9:29-9:51 a.m.  
Speight 203

**Presiding:** Dr. Chris Locklear, ECU Community School Advisory Board Chair

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dr. Bilbro-Berry, Dr. Bonnie Glass, Dr. Grant Hayes, Mr. Max Joyner, Dr. Elizabeth Hodge, Dr. Ethan Lenker, Dr. Mark L'Esperance, Dr. Chris Locklear, Mr. Robert Moore, and Dr. Alana Zambone.

**University Counsel in Attendance:** Ms. Toni Grace

**Guests in Attendance:** Sherrie Rogers and Meagan Thornton

**Guests Absent from Meeting:** Dr. Art Rouse

**Call to Order:** Dr. Chris Locklear called the meeting to order at 9:29.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Dr. Locklear asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda; none were mentioned.

**Action (Consent) Items – Require Board Action:** Dr. Chris Locklear presented the following action items.

**A. Changes to the 2018-2019 ECU Community School Calendar**

Dr. Locklear noted that this meeting was called because there was a very recent need to make changes to the school calendar. Moreover, the meeting would also continue the discussion that was started at the meeting last May when several Board members were not in attendance. Dr. Laura Bilbro-Berry stated that changes needed to be made to the school calendar due to accountability requirements for student testing. State testing requires that testing must happen during the last ten days of the school year and re-testing cannot be done unless there is remediation first. Dr. Bilbro-Berry noted that the changes, if approved, would allow for remediation and re-testing, as the last official school day could match the Pitt County Schools calendar. This would allow for students to be re-tested before being dismissed for the summer, while still meeting the minimum state requirement for hours in the school calendar year. Ms. Bonnie Glass noted that there was a need for more staff development days in the calendar, as had been discussed back in May. Ms. Glass proposed adding three more teacher workdays to be used for staff development on October 8-10 for a full week, which could be considered "Fall Break" for the students. Ms. Tracy Cole noted that she had concerns about Ms. Glass' proposal; the teachers at the Community School had said that there was an urgent need for routine and consistency. Ms. Cole said that a whole week so early in the year would be detrimental to establishing the routine needed to help students acclimate to the rigor of the academic year. Ms. Cole agreed that 1-2 days would be fine, but more than that would not be advantageous. Dr. Mark L'Esperance suggested moving the last day of school to June 14<sup>th</sup> and add more staff development days, which would still allow for 10 days of remediation and re-testing. Dr. Zambone thought that might work. Ms. Glass agreed that this was an acceptable alternative. Dr. L'Esperance suggested adding 2 days of staff development in October and 2 more days in the Spring. Ms. Cole noted that calendar changes are frequently made during the school year due to inclement weather, so she requested that the selection of dates be done at a later

date, so that those choices could be made more strategically with teacher input. Dr. Locklear called for a motion to change the date for the official end of the last marking period. Dr. Elizabeth Hodge made a motion to change the school calendar so that the official end of the final marking period would be June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Max Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Locklear tabled the rest of the discussion of changes, noting that they would come back to this issue at the November meeting with specific dates to approve a new, amended calendar. Ms. Cole clarified that the new calendar would have 4 full days of staff development in the Fall and 5 days in the Spring. Dr. Bilbro-Berry noted that the marking periods would need to also be adjusted. Dr. Locklear called for a motion to make these adjustments. Dr. Alana Zambone made a motion to add 2 days of staff development in the Fall and 2 more in the Spring at the Principal's discretion at the next meeting in November. Dr. L'Esperance seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **B. Summer Remediation Program**

Dr. Locklear noted that the change to the ending date for the school year was in anticipation of including a summer remediation program in order to be able to re-test students. Dr. Bilbro-Berry noted that the remediation plan needed to identify specific re-test dates so that the testing data could be turned in to the state by July 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Locklear asked for a motion regarding the summer remediation program. Dr. L'Esperance made a motion to create a remediation plan that included a detailed timeline and additional teacher workdays before the next meeting in November. Mr. Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Closing Comments**

Dr. Locklear asked if there were any closing comments. Mr. Joyner suggested that the Board make efforts to attend the next Trustees' meeting and even state legislative meetings in order to invite them to visit the Community School to show them the need for additional funding. Dr. Locklear agreed that the Board would collaborate on getting trustees and state legislators to visit the Community School. Mr. Robert Moore noted that the Pitt County School Board meeting is next Monday and suggested that Advisory Board members attend that meeting also. The Board agreed that this was a great suggestion. Mr. Moore stated that the School Board meeting takes place at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Central Office.

With no other business or discussion, Dr. Locklear adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.