

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Education Committee Zoom Meeting

August 3, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Chairwoman Layla Ward - present

Mark Blevins - absent

Nancy Brown - present

Gary Bailey - present

Mark Tester in for Charles Von Cannon

Sonja Culler - present

Jerry Proffitt - present

David Miller - absent

I. Call to Order

The Education Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Layla Ward at 6:04 pm. A motion was made by Sonja Culler, second by Nancy Brown to accept Mark Tester who was sitting in for Charles Von Cannon. All in favor.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Sonja Culler, second by Nancy Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the March 2020 minutes was made by Jerry Proffitt, second by Sonja Culler. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Update from Dr. McAbee

Dr. McAbee explained the process that the system was going to use to start the school year. The system has purchased digital content for each student in the system. There will be no difference in the Online Academy student and regular students right now. They will have the same content across the county. The students who do not have internet service will be worked with on a case by case basis. If Covid goes away things will go back to normal. Until then it will be primarily online. The first week of school, August 10-14. On Monday 25% of students will go to their school with a different 25% going each day through Thursday. On Friday, the students will be virtual, and the teachers will meet with Dr. McAbee to discuss what is working and what needs to be adjusted. The plan is to do this for the first two weeks. The system will monitor the pandemic and adjust depending on the numbers. If the numbers do not come down, all students will be virtual. A survey has been sent out to the parents of the students asking about the availability of home computers and internet. Can the computers at home be used or will the student need to be issued one? Right now, the system has about 2000 computers to hand out and another 3000 has been ordered. Nancy Brown asked if there has been a drop in registration online or on-site students. Dr. McAbee stated that last year Carter County had about 4800 students and the numbers this year seem to have gone up to about 5100. Things may change



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but that is what is happening now. Ms. Brown thanked Dr. McAbee for all that is being done to continue educating the county students. Dr. McAbee thanked the committee for the support of the committee.

VI. New Business
None

VII. Commissioners Comments
None

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Proffitt, second by Nancy Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gwen Crowe