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BOE meets to discuss budget, new school year

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JEFFERSON — A special meeting was held by the Ashe County Board of Education on June 24 to work on the local budget. The meeting, which started at noon, was held in-person at the Central Support Services Annex and was open to the public.



No members of the public were present and those in attendance were Superintendent Phyllis Yates, Finance Officer Amanda Coldiron, Chairman C.B. Jones Jr. and Vice Chairman Dr. Lee Beckworth, as well as board members Keith McClure, Dianne Eldredh and Polly Jones. Dr. Eisa Cox, who will be sworn in as the new Ashe County Schools Superintendent on July 1,

was also present via phone call. At the beginning of the meeting, Yates said she and Coldiron discussed and rationalized the budget items and came to the consensus of the recommendation to put the local budget on hold. Yates said there are many unknowns from both the state and federal level and they still do not know which one of the three plans for the

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Fond Farewell



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Superintendent Phyllis Yates was celebrated for her service to Ashe County Schools with a drive-through retirement ceremony on June 25. Various Ashe County Schools employees, students and her family participated in the event. Pictured is Yates and her husband, Joel, with their grandchildren Trey, John Emory and Kathryn Grace Yates.

Yates' retirement celebrated with drive-through ceremony

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JEFFERSON — Phyllis Yates has been involved with Ashe County

Schools for more than 40 years and is retiring effective July 1. She has served in her current position as superintendent of schools since the 2015-16 school year.

A drive-through celebration sponsored by the Board of Education was held on June 25 from 12:30 to

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New business brings edible cookie dough to downtown West Jefferson

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WEST JEFFERSON — Those who love eating raw cookie dough but are hesitant to indulge in it due to health concerns can fear no more. Lolo's Cookie Dough, a new business selling edible cookie dough has arrived in Ashe County and can be found in Simple Life Antiques located

at 3 S Jefferson Avenue in West Jefferson.

A soft opening was held on June 26 from noon until 7 p.m. for people to stop in and try samples or purchase scoops of edible cookie dough.

Lora Jones, nicknamed "Lolo," is 19 years old and is a full-time college student. In addition to

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State COVID-19 numbers increase by more than 10,000, masks required

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ASHE COUNTY — The increase in North Carolina's COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) numbers is showing no sign of stopping, jumping by more than 10,000 in seven days, as of presstime. As of presstime, there are nine active cases

in Ashe County, with a further 25 people being monitored.

After the first case confirmed in the county by AppHealthCare April 3, the number of confirmed cases grew to five by April 29. In the months that have followed, the number has increased

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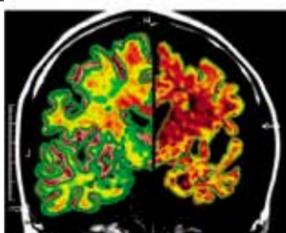


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