



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY MINUTES
February 1, 2011**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Ron Margiotta, Chair	Superintendent Anthony J. Tata	Don Haydon
Debra Goldman, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	David Holdzkom
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Ann Hooker
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	Julye Mizelle
Chris Malone	Joe Desormeaux	Cathy Moore
Carolyn Morrison	Laura Evans	David Neter
Deborah Prickett	Michael Evans	Andre Smith
John Tedesco	Stephen Gainey	Mark Winters
Keith Sutton	Lloyd Gardner	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic

Chairman, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Marion B. Robinson, Pastor of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church of Raleigh.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Vice Chair, Debra Goldman, introduced the Honorable Douglas McCullough, N.C. Court of Appeals. Mrs. Goldman recognized and acknowledged Judge McCullough's wife Lucci for attending the ceremony.

Mrs. Goldman shared that Judge McCullough graduated in 1967 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill with a degree in history. He continued his studies in law at the University of South Carolina where he graduated in 1970. From 1977 until 1979, he served as Counsel for the Senate Ethics Committee. From 1977 until 1981, Judge McCullough served as Counsel to Senator Harrison Schmitt, a former astronaut. He became the First Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1981 until 1987. From 1981 until 1996, Judge McCullough served as the U.S. Attorney's Office in an eastern district of North Carolina from 1987 until 1988, and again from 1993 until 1994, Judge McCullough served as Acting U.S. Attorney. He was former litigation counsel for the U.S. Attorney's Office from 1994-1996. He has worked with Stubbs and Perdue concentrating in the area of litigation both civil and criminal in state and federal courts. In 2001, Judge McCullough was elected as Associate Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He was re-elected in 2011 and currently serves the state of North Carolina in that role. Judge Douglas McCullough retired as a Colonel from the Marine Reserve where he had served in active duty.

Judge McCullough administered the Oath of Office to Superintendent Tata. Chair Ron Margiotta recognized the following Elected Officials who were in attendance, Mayor Dick Sears, Wake County Commissioner Chair, Paul Coble, Wake County Commissioner Vice Chair, Phil Matthews, County Commissioner Tony Gurley, and State Representative Rosa Gill.

Chairman’s Comments

Chair, Ron Margiotta, congratulated Mr. Tata and welcomed him to Wake County. Mr. Margiotta shared that Mr. Tata graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1981 and retired after 28 years of service as a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army. Mr. Tata served as a National Security Fellow at Harvard University’s J.F.K. School of Government. He earned a Master’s Degree in International Relations from the Catholic University of America. In addition, Mr. Tata has a Master’s of Military Art and Science from the Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

Mr. Tata is a graduate of the 2009 Broad Superintendent’s Academy which focuses on preparing top executives from around the country for service as senior leaders and superintendents in large urban school districts. General Tata recently served as the Chief Operating Officer of Washington, D.C. Public Schools.

Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Tata thanked the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Superintendent Search Committee Members, County Commissioners, Elected Officials, Judge McCullough, and Pastor Robinson for their attendance and participation in the Swearing-In Ceremony. Mr. Tata thanked the Leadership Team from Wake County Public Schools for a seamless transition. Mr. Tata also thanked his family and introduced his daughter, Brooke, who was stuck at the Denver Airport in a snow storm, his son Zack, who was at baseball tryouts, his mother and father, career and lifelong educators, his sister and current educator in Virginia, his brother’s wife, Ann Ferrell, and his wife Jodie. Mr. Tata also recognized and thanked Donna Hargens for serving as Interim Superintendent.

Superintendent Tata gave remarks and shared comments.

Additional Remarks

Board members shared comments and welcomed Superintendent Tata.

ADJOURNMENT

John Tedesco and Debra Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Anthony J. Tata, Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary