



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECOGNITION MEETING MINUTES  
March 25, 2014**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Christine Kushner, Chair	James G. Merrill, Superintendent	Karen Hamilton
Tom Benton, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Mark Winters
Monika Johnson-Hostler	Stella Shelton	Doug Thilman
Kevin L. Hill	David Neter	Edward McFarland
Keith Sutton	Andre Smith	Rose Anne Gonzalez
Jim Martin	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	Todd Wirt
Zora Felton	Clinton Robinson	Brad McMillen
Susan P. Evans	Jacqueline Ellis	Kathryn Chontos
Bill Fletcher	Lloyd Gardner	
	Marvin Connelly	

Chairwoman Kushner called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

The Board voted to approve the meeting agenda by acclamation.

**RECOGNITION ITEM**

**EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Doug Thilman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the seven employees that were nominated for this month's Employee Excellence Award. One of the recipients, Liza Lewter was unable to attend the Recognition Meeting. Doug Thilman read the comments regarding Liza Lewter's outstanding service as Data Manager of Fox Road Elementary. The recipient, Mr. Bruce Mamel wrote and won a \$3,000 grant to purchase a 3-D printer. He brought to the Board Members some examples of what a 3-D printer can actually do. Chairman Kushner congratulated the recipients and thanked them for their time, labor and all that they do for the schools.

**WCPSS STAND UP, SPEAK OUT, STOP BULLYING VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS**

Crystal Reardon, Director of Counseling and Student Services presented the awards to the first place winners of WCPSS Standup, Speak Out, Stop Bullying Video Contest Winners for elementary, middle and high school. The winner's videos were shown. The winners were: Laurel Park Elementary, Holly Grove Middle, and Garner High. Chairwoman Kushner congratulated each of the winners for their recognition and shared remarks.

The Board recessed at 5:54 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

Crystal Reardon, Director of Counseling and Student Services presented the twenty-three students as Spotlight on Students award winners. Chairwoman Kushner congratulated each of the students for

their recognition and thanked them for their inspiration, leadership, courage and being exemplary examples of students in Wake County Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Kushner at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine Kushner, Board Chair

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James G. Merrill, Superintendent

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Shirley Farmer-Hudson, Recording Secretary