



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2014**

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Members Present</u></b>	
Christine Kushner, Chair	James G. Merrill, Superintendent	Todd Wirt
Tom Benton, Vice Chair	Marvin Connelly	Joe Desormeaux
Monika Johnson-Hostler	Cathy Moore	Mark Winters
Kevin L. Hill	Tim Simmons	Doug Thilman
Keith Sutton	David Neter	Brad McMillen
Jim Martin	Lloyd Gardner	Kathy Chontos
Zora Felton	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	
Susan P. Evans	Rose Anne Gonzalez	<b><u>Board Attorney</u></b>
Bill Fletcher	Jacqueline Ellis	Jonathan Blumberg
	Clinton Robinson	

Chairwoman Kushner called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chair’s Comments**

Chairwoman Kushner shared comments related to submitting the budget to the County Commissioners, being a part of the Brains and Bodies awards for AHA and Underwood Elementary being a Gold award winner, and thanking the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Inter City Visit trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Merrill shared comments related to May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup> being Teacher Appreciation Week; Dr. Merrill shared his immense gratitude for anyone who chooses public service as a career; naming the 2014 Teacher of the Year in ceremonies on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Raleigh Convention Center; the recently completed Wake Up and Read Book Drive which was a huge success collecting over 67,000 new and gently used books for children ages birth through 12; and thanking those who assisted with raising money for the March of Dimes March for the Babies in Morrisville on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Members’ Comments**

Board members shared comments related to the community reaching out to educators this week, visiting Hilburn Drive Academy where parents met to discuss concerns about the budget, the District 5 Board Advisory Council meeting and discussing student assignment and understanding the grading policy changes, visiting Holt Elementary School in Durham to see Arts in Action, recognizing Science Olympiad winners, recognizing Knightdale High School student Marquavious Johnson who was recognized as the NC Male Athlete of the Year, concern for the direction of public education and the alarming number of teachers not returning next year; hopeful that the County and State will recognize that this is a crisis situation, helping coordinate an Inter-City visit from Rochester, New York to Wake County; thanks were sent to Joyner Elementary, Garner High School, Ligon Middle School, Dr. Merrill, Cathy Moore, Marvin Connelly, Laura Evans, Tim Simmons, Rose Anne Gonzalez, and Tamani Anderson-Powell; the District 8 Board Advisory Council meeting and discussing the proposed budget and spending in public education; attending a

forum sponsored by Public Schools First North Carolina, participating in the Durham Kidznotes major fundraising event that occurred last week; recognizing the winners of the Laura Jane Parker Award; the Kenan Fellows Program being held at NC State this week, thanking nurses for all that they do during Nurse Recognition Week, thanking Drew Cook and Garner High School for hosting the visitors from Rochester, NY; and thanking teachers for planting seeds, inspiring, and for all that they do for the Wake County Public School System.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Chairwoman Kushner pulled the following from the Meeting Agenda, Action Item #22, 2014-2015 Instructional Calendars – Wake Early Colleges, Leadership Academies, and Vernon Malone College & Career Academy – 2014-2015 Instructional Calendars – Traditional, Modified, Year-Round-Updated and Action #23, 2015-2016 Instructional Calendars- Traditional, Multi-Track Year-Round, and Modified. Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** The following persons offered public comments to the Board.

- Marcia Timmel
- Sara Merz
- Carol Love
- Valerie Harris

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

#### **6. SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) ANNUAL REPORT**

Brian Glendenning, Senior Administrator of High School Programs introduced Larry Bauder, Chair of the School Health Advisory Council who presented the report outlining the commendations and recommendations from the Council.

Commendations included the following;

- Staff wellness opportunities
- Bullying prevention
- Youth risk behavior survey
- Brains and Bodies Awards
- School Gardens

Recommendations included the following;

- Expanding Bullying prevention
- Enforcement of Wellness Policy 5125
- Healthful living credits for high school
- Universal Breakfast
- Training for new employees
- Expand the information to bus drivers

Board members shared that the recommendations should be shared with new teachers during orientation to ensure that they understand the policy.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Keith Sutton made a motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill and unanimously approved.

## ACTION ITEMS

### TRANSPORTATION

#### **24. BELL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY 5032- SCHOOL DAY**

David Neter, Chief Business Officer shared the bell schedule recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year. The information was brought to the Board at its April 22, 2014 work session and has been posted on the website for the public to view.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill and unanimously approved.

### CLOSED SESSION

Keith Sutton made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:38 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319, to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3), and to establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

## ACTION ITEM

### HUMAN RESOURCES

#### **25. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENT(S)**

Doug Thilman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the Human Resources report. Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Human Resources Report. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

### FACILITIES

#### **26. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT – WESTERN WAKE COUNTY (E-33)**

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities shared the terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract that was reached with Fifth Third Bank to acquire approximately 18.25 acres located between O'Kelly Chapel Road and Horton's Creek Road for a future elementary school site. The Property includes a portion of the parcel having Wake County PIN #0726716342. Fiscal Implications: Estimated land cost of \$2,900,000 would come from the Land Acquisition Component of Plan 2014 Funds. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Offer to Purchase and Contract – Western Wake County (E-33) subject to terms and conditions of the Board Real Estate Counsel. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine Kushner, Board Chair

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James G. Merrill, Superintendent

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Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary