



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 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	Tim Simmons	Doug Thilman
Kevin L. Hill	David Neter	Edward McFarland
Zora Felton	Andre Smith	Rose Anne Gonzalez
Bill Fletcher	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	Todd Wirt
	Clinton Robinson	Brad McMillen
	Jacqueline Ellis	
	Lloyd Gardner	
	Marvin Connelly	

Chairwoman Kushner called the meeting to order at 5:32 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. Chairwoman Kushner expressed regrets from Susan Evans and Jim Martin who were out of town and Keith Sutton who had a previous commitment. On the behalf of them and the entire Board, Chairwoman Kushner thanked the recipients for their dedication, diligence, innovation, initiative, and giving a labor of love to the students. Chairwoman Kushner also thanked the supervisors and the school communities for being present for the celebration.

The Board recessed at 5:40 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:49 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 quoted President John Quincy Adams saying that, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader." She stated to the students that is how she and the Board sees all of them. Chairwoman Kushner and the Board thanked each of the students for their stories of inspiration, leadership, integrity, courage, kindness, and compassion. Chairwoman Kushner ended her comments to the students with a quote from author, Maya Angelou. "Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage, you can't practice any of the others consistently."

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kushner, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Shirley Farmer-Hudson, Recording Secretary