



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2014**

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

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

Chair’s Comments

Chairwoman Kushner shared comments related to attending graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2014, difficult budget decisions before the Board, and well wishes for the employees retiring from the Wake County Public School System.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Merrill shared comments related to a group of superintendents representing North Carolina’s ten largest school districts gathering to bring attention to state budget negotiations; Combs Elementary hosting Governor McCrory after being named the number one magnet school in the country; awarding 9,472 diplomas to students in twenty-three ceremonies that concluded last week. Dr. Merrill recognized Marian McLaurin, Pamela Kinsey-Barker, for their work on the graduation ceremonies and Chairwoman Kushner for attending the twenty-three ceremonies.

Board Members’ Comments

Board Members shared comments related to congratulating the graduates of 2014, reaffirming congratulations to retirees, the article in the news regarding the programming at the Renaissance Schools; the SRO MOU and the process staff and municipalities used to craft it; thanking the County Commissioners for providing a \$3 to \$8 a week raise for teachers; congratulating Dr. Merrill on the press conference held earlier in the day; the State budget negotiations; revisiting the adopted County budget as the district moves forward based on the proposed State plan, and keeping public education in the forefront.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chairwoman Kushner announced that a new Human Resources list was distributed to Board members and that a revised information sheet for the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees nominee was distributed.

Chairwoman Kushner moved Items #36, Contract with City of Raleigh for School Resource Officers for 2015-2015 and #37, Contract with the Town of Cary for School Resource Officers for 2014-2015 from Consent to Action.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT. The following individuals offered public comments to the Board;

- Selina Garcia
- Tavon Bridges
- Q Wideman
- Larry Nilles

RECOGNITION ITEMS

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

6. RECOGNITION OF THE SPRING SPORTS SEASON ATHLETIC TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

Cathy Moore, Deputy Superintendent of School Performance introduced Deran Coe. Deran Coe, Senior Administrator for Athletics presented the spring sports teams for Board of Education recognition. Mr. Coe went on to share information regarding ten teams that reached their goal of winning state championships while eleven others finished as state runner ups. Chairwoman Kushner congratulated the athletes.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE

38. APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR 2014-2015

David Neter, Chief Business Officer, requested that the Board adopt an Interim Budget Resolution for 2014-2015. The Board's proposed 2014-2015 budget requested an increase in County appropriation of \$39.3 million. The Board of County Commissioners have included an increase in County appropriation for Wake County Public Schools in the amount of \$10.2 million, which leaves a funding gap of \$29.1 million that must be reconciled. In addition, the Governor's, Senate's, and House's budget proposals all require significant amounts of local funding not included in the Board's Proposed Budget.

Once the State's budget is finalized, the Superintendent and staff will make recommendations to align the district's budget with funding available and will bring recommendations back to the Board.

As a result of these circumstances, staff requested the Board to adopt an interim 2014-2015 budget resolution as provided by N.C.G.S. 115-434 for the purpose of paying salaries

and the usual expenses of the school system during the interval between the beginning the fiscal year, July 1st and the actual adoption of the budget resolution.

Susan P. Evans made a motion to approve the Interim Budget Resolution for 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

39. BOARD POLICY 5910: HOMEWORK

First Reading.

Todd Wirt, Assistant Superintendent for Academics presented the policy for approval by reviewing the revisions with the Board. The policy was reviewed twice by the Superintendent's Leadership Team and has been reviewed by the Policy Committee.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve the policy on first reading. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

DATA, RESEARCH, & ACCOUNTABILITY

40. BOARD POLICY 2550: RESEARCH

Revised; First Reading

Brad McMillen, Assistant Superintendent of Data, Research, & Accountability presented the policy for approval. The revisions were reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team and the Policy Committee focusing on aligning the policy with practice.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve the policy on first reading. The motion was seconded by Monika Johnson-Hostler and unanimously approved.

CHIEF OF STAFF

41. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The district has had a collaborative School Resource Office Memorandum of Understanding since 2009, with a date of expiration of 2014. The district has recently received community feedback about the School Resource Officer Program and the components in the MOU. Staff has collaborated with all law enforcement jurisdictions in the development of the MOU. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action / Next Steps: Board approval is requested.

Marvin Connelly, Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning presented information to the Board. Dr. Connelly shared that staff presented as an Information Item, a draft MOU at the June 3, 2014 Board of Education Meeting; additional changes were made based on the feedback from Board members as well as law enforcement agencies.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. Board members thanked all those involved for their work on the MOU. Board members stated that while there was no formal community input sessions, a community based safety task force was convened last spring with overall discussions on district and school safety. The Board voted unanimously to approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding.

36. CONTRACT WITH CITY OF RALEIGH FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015 – 6:23 p.m.

The contract will provide school resource officers for the following high schools:

Athens Drive High School Longview/Phillips High School Sanderson High School
Broughton High School Leesville Road High School Southeast Raleigh High School
Enloe High School Millbrook High School Wakefield High School

Fiscal Implications: Funding for the contract, in the amount of \$340,542.00 (\$37,838.00 per SRO) is available through At-risk-Fund 69 for the 2014-2015 school year. Savings: N/A.

Recommendation for Action / Next Steps: Board approval is requested.

Marvin Connelly, Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning reviewed the provisions of the contract of the school resource officers for the City of Raleigh.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans and unanimously approved.

37. CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF CARY FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

The contract will provide school resource officers for the following high schools:

Cary High School Green Hope High School
Middle Creek High School Panther Creek High School

Fiscal Implications: Funding for the contract, in the amount of \$151,352.00 (\$37,838.00 per SRO) is available through At-Risk Fund 69 for the 2014-2015 school year. Savings: BN/A.

Recommendation for Action/Next Steps: Board approval is requested.

Marvin Connelly, Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning reviewed the provisions of the contract of the school resource officers for the Town of Cary.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin and unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:26 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), to consider the school safety components of school improvement plans under N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(8), and to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

HUMAN RESOURCES

42. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMININSTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Doug Thilman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the Human Resources

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

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to amend the agenda to add an addition Human Resources report. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to allow the Superintendent or his designee that allows school-based administrators to begin working on a temporary basis subject to final board approval during the July 2014 Board meeting by waiving any applicable policies. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

43. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the adoption by each school, Emergency Operations Plan as the safety components of each school's school improvement plan, with the understanding that each school may also adopt added school specific safety measures. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Bill Fletcher made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kushner, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary