



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2013**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Keith Sutton, Chair	James G. Merrill, Superintendent	Todd Wirt
Christine Kushner, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Marvin Connelly
Tom Benton	Stella Shelton	Karen Hamilton
John Tedesco	David Neter	Joe Desormeaux
Kevin L. Hill	Andre Smith	Mark Winters
Jim Martin	Rose Ann Gonzalez	Doug Thilman
Deborah Prickett	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	Edward McFarland
Susan P. Evans	Clinton Robinson	
Bill Fletcher	Jacqueline Ellis	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Lloyd Gardner	Jonathan Blumberg

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair’s Comments

Chairman Sutton shared comments related to congratulating students and staff for a very smooth opening of traditional calendar schools last week.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Merrill shared comments related to the great opening of traditional calendar schools including Rolesville High School (new high school), Green Elementary and Carroll Middle Schools opening as new magnet schools, the significantly improved and restructured transportation department, congratulating the Board of Education on the outcome with AdvancED and all high schools receiving full accreditation status, nine Title I schools receiving the designation of Reward Schools, and sharing that schools are focused on instruction and clarifying expectations in the classroom for the students. Dr. Merrill thanked all employees for getting the district off to a complete and full effective first start.

Board Members’ Comments

Individual Board members offered comments related to thanking the Board Advisory Council Chairs for coming out to the first meeting of the year last week, Billie Redmond, Chair of the Friends of Wake County attending a rotary club meeting sharing the need for the passage of the school bond referendum, thanking the faith community for back to school rallies that were held, the Board Advisory Council for District 9 meeting at West Cary Middle School on September 16th, improving teaching conditions, appreciation to school and transportation staff for a smooth opening to traditional schools, thanking everyone in the Wake County family for a very strong opening to the traditional calendar and reminding those in year round for their hard work.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda with the following changes: (1) remove item #15 (Board Policy 1035- Board Member Code of Ethics; Second Reading) from Consent and referring it back to the Policy Committee for some additional work, (2) add to Action, an Open Session Action Item entitled, Ratification of the Board’s September 23, 2010 Decision

Regarding the 2010 Dismissal of Teacher Vickie Hedgepeth. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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

- Christopher Moody
- Vickie Adamson
- Gabriel Adamson

CONSENT ITEMS

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Consent Items as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items prior to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:02 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 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 7:09 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

18. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Doug Thilman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the personnel report. John Tedesco made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Christine Kushner and unanimously approved.

19. RATIFICATION OF BOARD'S SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 DISMISSAL OF TEACHER VICKIE HEDGEPEETH

John Tedesco made a motion to ratify the Board's September 23, 2010 Dismissal of Teacher Vickie Hedgepeth. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. Deborah Prickett recused herself from voting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, John Tedesco made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Christine Kushner and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Sutton, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary