



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 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	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
Bill Fletcher	Jacqueline Ellis	Jonathan Blumberg
	Lloyd Gardner	

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair’s Comments

Chairman Sutton delivered comments related to the resolution Wake Technical Community College passed in support of the upcoming school bond referendum. Chairman Sutton read the resolution in its entirety.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Merrill shared comments related to an update on the language assistance plan that was voluntarily initiated after the Office of Civil Rights expressed concerns over the school system’s interaction with parents who do not speak English, and national merit scholar semi-finalists.

Board Members’ Comments

- Individual Board members offered comments related to attending the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, attending the NCSBA District Meeting, being invited to the Fuquay Chamber of Commerce to speak, sharing that the District 8 Board Advisory Council will meet on September 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Elementary School, Zebulon Elementary School PTA accomplishing its goal of raising money to put smart boards in each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom, the District 9 Board Advisory Council meeting on September 16th where there was relative conversation on the opening of school and recognition of Kingswood and Reedy Creek Elementary Schools being Title I Reward Schools, the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors passing a resolution in support of the passage of the school bond referendum, the District 9 Board Advisory Council passing a resolution in support of the passage of the school bond referendum, announcing Root Elementary School’s Open House where County Commissioner Caroline Sullivan gave comments regarding the upcoming school bond referendum, the District 6 Board Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, September 26th at Lynn Road Elementary at 12 noon, sharing why the school bond referendum is needed, attending a half day training at NCDPI regarding Homebase/Power School, the District 5 Board Advisory Council Meeting being held on September 25th at 8:30 a.m. at Dillard Drive Elementary School, meeting with counselors at Dillard Drive Middle School, and speaking

with the Jag Club at Athens Drive High School and the support they have received from the Board; the Jag Club being committed to supporting the school bond referendum and supporting the school system as a whole.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

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

- Larry Nilles

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett and unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

15. BOARD POLICY 1326: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

Revised; First Reading

Chairman Sutton shared that the Policy Committee reviewed suggested revisions to the policy on two occasions and approved for the policy to be submitted to the Board at its August 27th meeting. The revision is designed to prevent the disclosure of confidential student information during public comment. The policy already provides this protection for confidential personnel information. Jim Martin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:06 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 Christine Kushner. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

16. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Bill Fletcher made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith A. Sutton, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary