



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 2011**

| <u>Board Members Present</u> | <u>Staff Members Present</u>   |                                      |
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| Ron Margiotta, Chair         | Superintendent Anthony J. Tata | Julye Mizelle                        |
| John Tedesco, Vice Chair     | Terri Cobb                     | Cathy Moore                          |
| Debra Goldman                | Danny Barnes                   | David Neter                          |
| Kevin L. Hill                | Marvin Connelly                | Judy Peppler                         |
| Anne McLaurin                | Joe Desormeaux                 | Andre Smith                          |
| Chris Malone                 | Stephen Gainey                 | Sylvia Wilkins                       |
| Carolyn Morrison             | Lloyd Gardner                  | Mark Winters                         |
| Deborah Prickett             | Don Haydon                     | <b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b> |
| Keith Sutton                 | Ann Hooker                     | Ann Majestic                         |

Chair, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Debra Goldman made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 P.M.**

*Citizens who signed up to address the board during public comment will be called on in priority order first for items on the agenda and then for items not on the agenda. Each individual speaker will be allowed two minutes for remarks. Issues or concerns involving personnel matters are not appropriate for this public comment setting. After 30 minutes of public comment, any speakers remaining will be recognized at the end of the agenda for their comments.*

- **Lynn Edmonds** – Ms. Edmonds spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of the Board reallocating money from the Capital Budget to a Program Budget to establish academies. Ms. Edmonds questioned if the Board could move money approved by the voters for building and renovating schools to a line item for leadership academies. Ms. Edmonds asked for clarification.
- **Patty Williams** – Ms. Williams spoke to the Board regarding her feelings as to the approach that is being used to address parent concerns about student assignment. Ms. Williams shared that some parents feel that the plan is confusing, far from complete, and seems to change frequently. Ms. Williams shared that the time for completing the plan should be

based on getting it right, ensuring that it is comprehensive, market driven, and family-friendly.

- **Lettice Rhodes** – Ms. Rhodes spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of the student assignment plan being everything to everyone as presented. Ms. Rhodes stated that in the plan, there is no assurance that neighborhoods will be at the same school. Ms. Rhodes stated that until the concerns of SE Raleigh and Eastern Wake are heard, she feels will be too easily overlooked and more promises broken.
- **Monserrat Alvarez** – Ms. Alvarez spoke to the Board regarding another students’ concern of a Board member not adhering to Board Policy 1005- Responsibilities of a Board Member. Ms. Alvarez shared thoughts of concern regarding politics on the Board of Education.
- **Neil Riemann** – Mr. Riemann spoke to the Board regarding math placement. Mr. Riemann stated that he hoped the Board would unanimously vote for a policy that fixes past mistakes and promotes future success on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Riemann shared that he hopes the Board will provide schools with all the resources that are needed to ensure that success. Mr. Riemann shared that to ensure future success, policy and practice will have to do more than just place students based on their probability of success.
- **Amy Lee** – Ms. Lee shared her thoughts with the Board regarding student performance information, broadening achievement gaps, increased National Board Certified Teacher participation, and increased graduation rates that was posted to a Facebook page.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **5. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

1. Professional
2. Support

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)**

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Christine Mulder, Applicant to Chief of Family and Public Engagement effective 9/30/11.
- (2). Pamela Kinsey-Barker, Principal at Brassfield Elementary School to Northern Area Superintendent effective TBD.
- (3). James Douglas, Assistant Principal at Stough Elementary School to Principal at Dillard Drive Elementary School effective 11/1/11.
- (4). Charles Langley, Retiree to Interim Principal at Dillard Drive Elementary School effective 10/1/11.
- (5). Edmon Jones, Teacher at Ligon Middle School to Assistant Principal at Brier Creek Elementary School effective 10/1/11.

The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S).**

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve Administrative Transfer(s). The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **ACTION ITEMS CONT'D**

### **FACILITIES**

#### **8. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FACILITIES PROPOSAL**

Staff will present information regarding the need for new schools and a proposal to construct new schools, establish academies, provide temporary crowding solutions, and other needs using savings in the CIP 2006 capital improvement program. Fiscal Implications: Savings in the amount of \$99.4 million have been identified in CIP 2006. In addition, \$30.9 million will be reallocated from other CIP 2006 line items to make a total of \$130.3 million available for construction of new schools, establish academies, provide for temporary crowding solutions, and other needs. Savings: Savings in the amount of \$99.4 million have been identified in CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve staff's proposal for facility planning. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the funding of the proposal and if the Board was acting within its purview. Don Haydon, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer shared that the Board of Education will have receive County Commissioner approval to move the funding from savings to another project.

Board members shared their concern of voting for funding and approving academies in one vote. Dr. McLaurin shared that she would like for the establishment of the academies and the funding be separated into two separate votes.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to vote on each of the following items separately; the funding for construction projects that would provide temporary crowding solutions and other needs, the conversion of Hilburn to a K-8 school, and the two leadership academies. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting "yes", Debra Goldman voting "no", Kevin L. Hill voting "yes", John Tedesco voting "no", Chris Malone voting "no", Deborah Prickett voting "no", Keith Sutton voting "yes", and Carolyn Morrison voting "yes". The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting "no". The motion to vote on the items separately failed to pass on a 5 to 4 vote.

Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, suggested that the main motion made by Mr. Tedesco be clear and stated that she believed that the intention of the motion is to approve the program and the facilities expenditure. The Board then, went back to the main motion and voted by Roll Call Vote, with Anne McLaurin voting "no", Debra Goldman voting "yes", Kevin L. Hill voting "no", John Tedesco voting "yes", Chris Malone voting "yes", Deborah Prickett voting "yes", Keith Sutton voting "yes", and Carolyn Morrison voting "no". The motion to approve the program and facilities expenditure passed on a 5 to 4 vote.

Chairman Margiotta read the following brief statement. *"There is one person that I would like to recognize before we close the meeting, Mrs. Ann Hooker. This is her last Board meeting in her current position*

*before retiring.*

*She started her career with Raleigh City Schools in 1968 and served the Raleigh City and Wake county Schools for 43 years. During her career, she taught mathematics at LeRoy Martin Junior High School for eleven years and summer school at Sanderson and Enloe. She served as the principal at Kingswood Sixth Grade Center and North Ridge Elementary School. She has been Area Superintendent for the last 18 years. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Hooker for her support of the students and children in the Wake County Public School System and congratulating her on her upcoming and well deserved retirement.”*

Mr. Sutton shared that he attended the retirement ceremony of Mary Page, principal of Bugg Elementary School on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sutton shared that Mrs. Page served the Wake County Public School System for 39 years with exemplary service. Mrs. Page was the assistant principal at both Washington and Bugg Elementary Schools that were recognized as National Magnet Schools of the Year during her tenure at both schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, John Tedesco made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Debra Goldman. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

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Anthony J. Tata, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary