

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES

Friday, September 26, 2003

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	
Beverley Clark	Del Burns	
Bill Fletcher	Mike Burriss	
Rosa Gill	Cindi Jolly	
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Luther Cherry	
Tom Oxholm	Donald Haydon	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
Amy White	Linda Isley	<i>(None)</i>
Jeff York	Jonibel Willis	
	Michael Evans	
	Beverly White	

Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Amy White made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING

Judah Segal-Executive Director of the Raleigh-Cary Jewish Federation. *He requested that the Board not use October 6 as a Hurricane Isabel make-up day. He explained Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. It is a day spent praying to God for forgiveness and asking for forgiveness from our fellow man. It is a day of fasting from sundown on October 5 to sundown on October 6.*

ACTION ITEM

PROGRAM

1. 2003-2004 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

Because of Hurricane Isabel, two days of school were missed: September 18 and 19. October 6 and October 17 are currently designated as make-up days. Alternate options will be discussed. Fiscal implications are discussed in the attachment. Staff recommends the board approve the option to designate October 17 and February 13 as make-up days. To compensate for losing a potential inclement weather make-up day in the second semester, staff recommends the board designate Friday, May 28, as such a day.

Susan Parry stated that October 6 was originally scheduled as a non-student day in recognition of Yom Kippur. It was designated as a teacher workday and an inclement weather make-up day. But, because of Hurricane Isabel, two days of school were missed and now October 6 and 17 are make-up days. Members of the Jewish community have been in contact with Superintendent

McNeal and Board of Education members to express their disappointment that October 6 is now identified as a make-up day.

After a prolonged discussion, all board members were in agreement to uphold the original calendar to have October 6 & 17 as Hurricane Isabel make-up days. Upon request, principals have been told to work with students and staff members that wish to be off on these days. Students will have 2 days to complete class assignments.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the two hurricane make-up days as October 6 & 17, 2003. Motion seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Susan Parry adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Board of Education, Chair