



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 2013**

| <u>Board Members Present</u>  | <u>Staff Members Present</u>     |                                      |
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| 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                 | <b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b> |
| Bill Fletcher                 | Jacqueline Ellis                 | Jonathan Blumberg                    |
|                               | Lloyd Gardner                    |                                      |

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairman’s Comments**

Chairman Sutton delivered comments related to cancelling the second regularly scheduled Board Meeting due to the Annual North Carolina School Boards Association Meeting in Greensboro, presenting Deborah Prickett and John Tedesco with recognition plaques for their service and dedication to the Wake County Board of Education.

**Board Members’ Comments**

Deborah Prickett and John Tedesco shared comments regarding their tenure on the Wake County Board of Education. Individual Board members offered comments related to thanking Ms. Prickett and Mr. Tedesco for their public service, being invited to participate in “walk in” teacher activities on November 4<sup>th</sup>, recognizing Principal, Mark Savage on being selected Wake County’s Principal of the Year, recognizing Mary Way, a music teacher at Knightdale Elementary for being WRAL’s Teacher of the Week, celebrating Farmington Wood Elementary School’s ten year anniversary, recognizing Carrie Bridges, Eighth Grade Lead Counselor at Salem Middle School for being named Wake County’s Counselor of the Year, attending professional development activities at Joyner Elementary School, attending Brentwood Elementary School’s STEM night last week, attending the Clean Air Force by Moms for Clean Air, sharing “Burnt Out Betty” from walk ins held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Merrill delivered comments related to the Knightdale Area Education Work Group’s first meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, attending part of the award recognition at Cary High School’s 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Day, the Magnet and Application Fair being held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Teacher Walk In on November 4<sup>th</sup>, School Psychology Awareness Week being held November 11-15<sup>th</sup>, the release of the End of Grade/End of Course scores, Athens Drive High School Wind Ensemble being selected to play at Carnegie Hall in March 2014, Leigh Goble, School Psychologist at Holly Ridge Elementary and Holly Ridge Middle on being selected as the 2013 Practitioner of the Year, Susan Sweeney being chosen by the N.C. School Social Worker Association as the recipient of the 2013

Gary L. Shaffer N.C. School Social Worker of the Year, wishing the two outgoing Board members well.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Christine Kushner made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda with the following changes: (1) add Pre-Schematic Design and Discussion around renovation vs. demolition of Green Elementary School as an Information Item, (2) add a resolution to Request to Name the CTE High School in Recognition of Vernon Malone to the Action Items, (3) remove from the Agenda Item #24 (Name for New High School in Cary H-7) and send it back to the Facilities Committee for further study and review. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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

- Larry Nilles
- Ann Rouleau

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **6. NAME FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NORTHWESTERN RALEIGH (M-8)**

Betty Parker, Director of Planning and Construction, presented the following names for consideration to name the new middle school in northwestern Raleigh; Sycamore Creek Middle, Bartram Place Middle, and North Leesville Middle. After some comments, Chairman Sutton sent the name for the new middle school to the Facilities Committee to review the process for naming schools.

#### **7. 2012-2013 STUDENT OUTCOMES**

Brad McMillen, Senior Director of Data and Accountability, provided an update on the upcoming release of data from the new state assessments that were implemented in 2012-2013. Resources were shared that will be available to schools and parents that will assist with the transition to the new standards and assessments. The Board shared comments, asked clarifying questions, and thanked staff for their work with the new assessments.

#### **8. PRE-SCHEMATIC DESIGN-DEMOLITION VS. RENOVATION AT GREEN ES**

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, shared that staff received a pre schematic design report from the architect presenting two new options for Green Elementary. One option continues to retain the 20,000 square feet of the 1995 structure and the second option demolishes the structure. Mr. Desormeaux reviewed each of the options in detail for the Board. The Board shared comments, asked clarifying questions, and thanked staff for their work.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **25. NAME FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHEASTERN WAKE COUNTY/ GARNER AREA (H-8)**

Betty Parker, Director of Planning and Construction, presented the following names for the new high school in southeastern Wake County/ Garner Area; South Garner High School, Clifford

Road High, Cade Springs High, and Buffaloe High. John Tedesco made a motion to name the new facility South Garner High School. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**26. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: SCOTTS RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-32)**

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, presented the schematic design documents that were prepared by Small Kane Webster Conley Architects, PA, for the construction of Scotts Ridge Elementary to the Board. After some discussion, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**27. REQUEST TO NAME THE CTE HIGH SCHOOL IN RECOGNITION OF VERNON MALONE**

Chairman Sutton shared that the County Commissioners are currently working on the property on S. Wilmington Street preparing it for the school system's use as a Career and Technical Education high school. The County Commissioners are interested in naming the school after Vernon Malone and the Board would like to be a partner in the endeavor. Chairman Sutton read the Resolution to request that the name of the new CTE High School be named in recognition of Vernon Malone. Members of the Malone family were in attendance. Keith Sutton made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**CLOSED SESSION**

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 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 establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-218.11 (a)(5). The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONTINUED**

**27. 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 Bill Fletcher and unanimously approved.

**28. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT: PROPERTY IN SOUTHWEST CARY (E-37)**

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Betty Parker, Director of Planning and Construction presented information regarding an offer to purchase and contract with River Birch Management LLC to acquire 22.38 acres of land located on the western side of White Oak Church Road for a future elementary school site. Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton and unanimously approved.

**29. RESOLUTION: CIP 2013 APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR STARTUP DESIGN**

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities presented a resolution requesting that \$1,800,000 of the funds from the recent sale of 2/3 bonds be appropriated for initial design work on two 2015 opening elementary schools and the partial funding of the initial design work on another 2016 elementary school. Bill Fletcher made a motion to amend the resolution to remove E-36 and approve the resolution for E-37 and E-38 only. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Susan P. Evans made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted 8 to 1, with John Tedesco casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keith A. Sutton, Board Chair

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James G. Merrill, Superintendent

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Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary