



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

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

Chairwoman Kushner called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Merrill delivered comments related to thanking the John Rex Endowment for bringing a program called the Positive Parenting Program to Project Enlightenment, ten teachers receiving the “Bright Ideas” grant, thirty-five teachers receiving grants through the “Donors Choose” program, 109 teachers renewing their certification for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Vance Elementary teacher Tonya Wicker being presented with a Friends of NCAAPERD Grant from the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the North Carolina Education Athletic Association awarding its highest honors to four Wake County educators, the North Carolina English Teachers Association naming Hunter Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher Angela Parham the Outstanding Literacy Teacher of the Year, the North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers awarding first place in the “Broadcast Programs” Division for a video produced by Renee McCoy and James Banks from the Communications Department, Garner High School being named a “Breakthrough School” by Metlife Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, written minutes of the last few board meetings being posted by the end of January 2014.

Board Members’ Comments

Individual Board members offered comments related to visiting Millbrook High School and visiting with the Beijing Education Commission and the relationship that Millbrook High School with schools in Beijing, visiting a Paideia class at Knightdale High School for two days, visiting a teacher cadet class at Enloe High School, welcoming new members, participating in Apex Middle School’s Veteran Recognition Service, attending the North Carolina School Boards Association Conference in Greensboro, the District 8 Board Advisory Council Meeting, being elected as the President-Elect of the North Caucus of Black School Board Members, four football teams participating in the final eight, the District 9 Board Advisory Council Meeting, thanking colleagues for being elected Vice Chair, thanking Keith Sutton for the work he has done, honoring the voices that elected new board members into office, attending a ribbon cutting at York Elementary, attending the STEM Expo at Hilburn Academy, the District 5 Board Advisory Council Meeting that recently occurred.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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

- Beverley Clark

RECOGNITION ITEM

6. PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION PLAQUE TO DR. MERRILL

Stella Shelton, Interim Chief Communications Officer introduced Michelle Gray from the American Heart Association who shared highlights from the 2012-2013 school year in Jump Rope for Hearts (JRFH)/Hoops for Hearts (HFH) and presented Dr. Merrill with a plaque.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Winters, Finance Officer introduced Sarah Martin, Chair of the Audit Committee who shared highlights of the Audit Report which showed no significant findings. The committee voted unanimously to accept the Audit Report. Jay Sharpe, Senior Auditor of the Raleigh Office of Rives and Associates shared results of the audit which included an unmodified opinion on the financial statements with no deficiencies or findings during the audit. The three major federal programs that were tested for the single audit were the Child Nutrition Cluster, Improving Teacher Quality, and Race to the Top; the three major state programs that were tested were state public school funds, textbooks, vocational education. The result for the single audit was no deficiencies.

8. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mark Winters, Finance Officer reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with the Board highlighting several areas of the report; including the statistical section and the financial sections. The staff responsible for creating the report were recognized. Ms. Kushner thanked the staff for their work and the information.

CONSENT ITEMS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

21. AIG PLAN

Cathy Moore, Deputy Superintendent for School Performance shared information regarding the local AIG Plan that is approved by the local board of education and submitted to the State Board of Education/DPI for comment. Wake County Public Schools received an extension on submitting the local AIG Plan due to a comprehensive AIG audit that was conducted in the Spring of 2013. The new plan was presented by staff for feedback and discussion on November 5, 2013 and at the Joint Student Achievement and Policy Committee Meeting on November 24, 2013. Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. After some discussion, the Board voted 8 to 1, with Jim Martin casting the dissenting vote. The

motion passed.

22. POLICY 6230: ASSURANCES OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR ACADEMICALLY OR INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED STUDENTS

Revised; First Reading

Cathy Moore, Deputy Superintendent for School Performance shared information regarding the revisions to the Policy. Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

23. 2014-2015 STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN

Laura Evans, Senior Director of Student Assignment presented an assignment proposal that continues the 2013-2014 assignments for the 2014-2015 school year with no changes. The recommendation is based on the knowledge that no new schools with base attendance areas will open in 2014-15. Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

24. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: 3600 WAKE FOREST ROAD

Betty Parker, Director of Planning and Construction presented a recommendation for the Board to consider terms and conditions of an offer to purchase and contract to sell the tract of land located at 3600 Wake Forest Road to Local Government Federal Credit Union at a purchase price of \$6,800,000. Keith Sutton made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:00 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)(30) due to current litigation, Panther Creek-Raleigh, LLP, and Cary Park Associates, Plaintiffs, vs. Town of Cary and Wake County Board of Education, Defendants. Wake County Superior Court Case #11-CVS-18623, to consult with the Board of Education attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11, 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. 143-318.11 (a)(5). The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

25. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Doug Thilman, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented the personnel report. Jim Martin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

26. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT:PROPERTY (E-38B)

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Betty Parker, Director of Planning and Construction shared that terms and conditions of an offer to purchase and contract have been reached with Comstock Acquisition Partners LLC, to acquire approximately 1.55 acres located on Comstock Road adjacent to the E-38 site on Pleasant Grove Church Road for a future elementary site. Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the offer to purchase and contract – Northwest Cary Brier Creek site subject to approval by attorney. Tom Benton seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kushner, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary