



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

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Keith Sutton, Chair	James G. Merrill, Superintendent	Marvin Connelly
Christine Kushner, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Karen Hamilton
Tom Benton	Stella Shelton	Joe Desormeaux
Monika Johnson-Hostler	David Neter	Mark Winters
Kevin L. Hill	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	

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. and turned the gavel over to Superintendent Dr. Jim Merrill. Dr. Merrill reviewed the procedures for the Election of Officers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair

Bill Fletcher nominated Christine Kushner as Chair of the Wake County Board of Education. Monika Johnson-Hostler nominated Keith Sutton as Chair of the Wake County Board of Education. Keith Sutton made a motion to close the nominations on the said two names. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion to close the nominations. Board Attorney, Jonathan Blumberg announced that Christine Kushner received 7 votes and Keith Sutton received 2 votes. Christine Kushner was voted Chair of the Wake County Board of Education. Mr. Sutton shared comments as did Ms. Kushner.

Vice Chair

Susan P. Evans nominated Tom Benton as Vice Chair of the Wake County Board of Education. Bill Fletcher made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. Jim Martin made a motion to approve the nomination by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY

Keith Sutton made a motion to appoint the law firm of Tharrington Smith to continue as the Board Attorney. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, Keith Sutton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill and unanimously approved. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Board recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kushner, Board Chair

James G. Merrill, Superintendent

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary