



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2012**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Kevin L. Hill, Chair	Dr. Stephen Gainey, Acting Superintendent	Todd Wirt
Keith Sutton, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Marvin Connelly
Jim Martin	Cris Mulder	Joe Desormeaux
Debra Goldman	David Neter	Mark Winters
John Tedesco	Danny Barnes	
Chris Malone	Lloyd Gardner	Board Attorney Present
Deborah Prickett	Rose Anne Gonzalez	Jonathan Blumberg
Susan P. Evans	Andre Smith	
Christine Kushner	Jacqueline Ellis	

Chairman, Kevin L. Hill called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Gainey, Acting Superintendent, asked for nominations for Board Chair. Susan P. Evans nominated Keith Sutton for Board Chair and John Tedesco nominated Deborah Prickett for Board Chair. Jim Martin made a motion to close the nominations on the said two names.

Dr. Gainey closed nominations for Board Chair and Board Attorney, Jonathan Blumberg, distributed ballots to board members. Mr. Blumberg tabulated the ballots and shared that there were 5 votes for Mr. Sutton and 4 votes for Mrs. Prickett. Keith Sutton was selected as Board Chair.

Chairman Sutton sought nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Kevin L. Hill nominated Christine Kushner as Vice Chair and Debra Goldman nominated Deborah Prickett as Vice Chair. Jim Martin made a motion to close the nominations on the said two names.

Mr. Blumberg distributed ballots to Board members to select a vice chair. Mr. Blumberg tabulated the ballots and shared that there were 5 votes for Christine Kushner and 4 votes for Deborah Prickett. Christine Kushner was selected as Vice Chair.

Chairman Sutton thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve and the trust that they have proposed in him as Chair. Chairman Sutton stated that he looks forward to serving the Board well and to make the Board and the community proud.

Vice Chairwoman Kushner extended her thanks to her colleagues and the community. Mrs. Kushner shared that she looks forward to serving as Vice Chair; she and Mr. Sutton will make a great team and she looks forward to working with each of her colleagues.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY

Kevin L. Hill made a motion for Tharrington Smith to serve as the Board Attorney for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The Board voted 5 to 4 on the motion, with Kevin L. Hill, Susan P. Evans, Keith Sutton, Christine Kushner, and Jim Martin voting in favor of the motion and Deborah Prickett, Chris Malone, John Tedesco, and Debra Goldman voting against the motion. The motion to approve Tharrington Smith as the Board’s Attorney was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Annual Meeting at 5:42 p.m. and called for a ten minute recess before the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin L. Hill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Stephen Gainey, Acting Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary