

MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2019

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine L. Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman
Henry E. Mercer, Vice-Chairman
Velma Barnes
Beverly Boyette
Rhyan Breen
Gary Farmer
Debora Powell
Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary

Others present were Board Attorneys Katie Cornetto and Grace Sykes, Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson, Executive Director for Technology Donna Malloy, Executive Director for Exceptional Children Dr. Robin Wright, Administrative Assistant for Instructional Services Maureen Hooper and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison. There was one citizen in attendance. Dr. Fitch advised the Board that Board Members Gary Farmer and Velma Barnes would be leaving the meeting early due to appointments.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch called for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board approve the agenda for the Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Special Meeting of the Wilson County Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 11 proposed policy revisions and draft policies. The Board reviewed the policies, which are necessary to align local Board policies with North Carolina General Statutes and North Carolina School Board Association (NCSBA) policies. Katie Cornetto provided legal guidance on the policies.

Under Draft Policy 3120, *Lesson Planning* – First Reading, the Board requested minor changes in the verbage of this policy that included emergency lesson plans in the event of an unexpected absence. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 3130, *Grouping for Instruction* – First Reading, the Board requested changing the title of this policy to *Grouping Students for Differentiated Instruction*. The Board suggested that an administrative regulation might be helpful to implement this policy. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 3210, *Parental Inspection of and Objection to Educational Resources* – First Reading, the Board requested minor changes in the verbage of this policy on educational resources. Legal counsel recommended adding a sentence on blanket challenges for parental objection to resources. The Administration shall develop the necessary administrative procedures to implement this policy. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Revised Policy 3230/7330, *Copyright Compliance* – First Reading, the Board did not request any changes. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3300, *School Calendar and Time for Learning* – First Reading, the Board requested keeping language from current policy 5032, *School Day*, on providing supervision of students for 30 minutes in the morning and 15 minutes in the afternoon. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 3400, *Evaluation of Student Progress* – First Reading, the Board requested minor changes in the verbage of this policy. The Administration shall develop the necessary administrative procedures to implement this policy. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 3405, *Students at Risk of Academic Failure* – First Reading, the Board requested minor changes in the verbage of this policy on notifying parents/guardians in writing as soon as possible of students who are at risk of academic failure and who are not successfully progressing toward grade promotion and graduation. The Board also requested that the students be provided with additional assistance. Once posted online, this policy will include a hyperlink to the *NC Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities and Parent Rights & Responsibilities in Special Education Notice of Procedural Safeguards*. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 3520, *Special Educational Programs/Rights of Students With Disabilities* – First Reading, the Board requested minor changes in the verbage of this policy on ensuring that additional copies of information are available upon request on rights of the parents, students and responsibilities of the school system. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 4000, *Focus on Students* – First Reading, the Board did not request any changes. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 4202/5029/7272, *Service Animals in Schools* – First Reading, the Board requested a minor change in the verbage of this policy. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes.

Under Draft Policy 4307, *Disciplinary Action for Exceptional Children/Students With Disabilities* – First Reading, the Board did not request any changes. Once posted online, this policy will include a hyperlink to the *NC Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities and Parent Rights & Responsibilities in Special Education Notice of Procedural*

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There being no further business at 2:31 p.m., Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman



Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary