

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

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 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 1:03 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Others present were Board Attorney Katie Cornetto, Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson, Administrative Assistant for Instructional Services Maureen Hooper and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison. There were two citizens in attendance. Board Member Gary Farmer was not able to attend the meeting.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch called for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, that the Board approve the agenda for the Wednesday, February 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 twelve 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. Ms. Katie Cornetto provided legal guidance on the policies.

Under Draft Policy 1710/4021/7230, *Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying* – Second Reading, a typo was corrected on page 4. Ms. Barnes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to approve Policy 1710/4021/7230, *Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying*, and remove current Policy 3902/4802, *Staff Protection Against Sex Discrimination – Title IX*, Policy 4035/3035/8306, *Sexual Harassment*, Policy 3037/4037/6904/8311, *Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying* and Policy 6903, *Sex Discrimination/Title IX*. The motion passed unanimously. This policy will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda as an information item.

Under Draft Policy 3000, *Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program* – First Reading, Ms. Boyette made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board accept as a first read Policy 3000, *Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program* and bring it forward to the next Board meeting as a second read for possible approval. The motion passed unanimously.

(It is noted that a motion isn't required for the Board to accept a policy as a first read and to

bring it forward to the next Board meeting as a second read for possible approval as previously stated).

Under Draft Policy 3101, *Dual Enrollment* – First Reading, the Administration will create an Administrative Regulation to provide details on the required forms that students must complete to take courses. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3110, *Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3115, *Curriculum and Instructional Guides* – First Reading, the Board requested a minor change in the verbiage of this policy on the establishment of a curriculum committee as stated in Policy 3100, *Curriculum Development*. This policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3135, *Homework* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3200, *Selection of Educational Resources* – First Reading, the Board tabled this policy to the next Policy Review Meeting. Policy 3200 references Policy 8220, *Gifts and Bequests*. The Board asked that both policies be reviewed and discussed at the same time.

Under Draft Policy 3530, *Citizenship and Character Education* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3540, *Comprehensive Health Education Program* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3565/8307, *Title I Program Comparability of Services* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 3620, *Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations* – First Reading, this policy is being tabled to allow legal counsel to obtain more information from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association on the ineligibility for a student to participate in interscholastic athletics for a period of one calendar year, if being assigned or reassigned to a school based upon the transfer of legal guardianship to a third party without a change in residence.

Under Draft Policy 4050, *Children of Military Families* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Under Draft Policy 5050, *Emergency Closings* – First Reading, this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read.

Mr. Breen asked if draft policies could be added to the website for the public to review prior to the Policy Meetings. Dr. Fitch advised that this was the Board's decision and a motion was needed. Mr. Breen made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, that the proposed

policies be posted in PDF format on the system's website. The motion passed 5:1, with Dr. Fitch casting the dissenting vote. Dr. Fitch casted the dissenting vote because she is concerned that everyone in the community does not have Internet access. The Board discussed providing a copy of the draft policies that will be discussed during future Policy Meetings to each school for the public to view if they do not have access to the Internet.

Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breen, that in addition to having the draft policies placed on the system's website, that copies would be made available at each school. The motion passed unanimously.

The following announcements were shared with the Board:

The Special Meeting scheduled in April to review Board policies has been rescheduled to Monday, April 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., based on the Board's consensus. The Administration asked the Board to reschedule due to a conflict.

Board members can purchase their Wilson County Schools issued iPad to use as their personal device. The district does not use iPads anymore. These devices cannot be updated to the latest Apple operating software and technical support is no longer provided.

Board members can now receive a Wilson County Schools issued Chromebook. Please advise Ms. Horrison if you are interested.

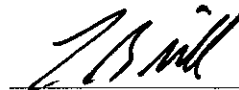
The County Manager and Commissioners have scheduled a facility walk through at our three traditional high schools on February 20, 2019, for additional capital funding.

Ms. Barnes thanked Dr. Mills for assisting Hampton University students recently when their bus caught fire on Interstate 95. Dr. Mills thanked Emergency Management Director Gordon Deno for making us aware of the situation so that we could assist.

There being no further business at 3:27 p.m., Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Powell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman



Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary