MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine Fitch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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

The meeting was livestreamed through the Wilson County Schools (WCS) YouTube Channel. The public could also view the meeting through links on the WCS Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages and the WCS website.

Others present were Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Robin May, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Dr. Ben Williams, Director of Public Relations Amber Lynch, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison, as well as Board Attorney Katie Cornetto and *The Wilson Times* Reporter Olivia Neeley.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch asked for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board approve the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Wilson County Board of Education for November 6, 2023. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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

Under Chairman's Comments, Dr. Fitch shared that the Board has been meeting to discuss facilities planning for WCS and there is still a lot of work to do. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a budget resolution to request approval from the Wilson County Board of Commissioners to transfer local current expense funds to capital outlay funds. As a result of a conversation between County Manager Ron Hunt and Dr. Mills, it was requested that the Board of Education submit a resolution to request the funds.

Under Budget Resolution to Request Approval from the Wilson County Board of Commissioners to Transfer Local Current Expense Funds to Capital Outlay Funds, this resolution is being drafted by the law firm of Poyner Spruill, LLP, regarding a request for approval of a budget amendment by the County Commissioners for the one-time transfer of current expense funds to capital outlay funds. At the October 16, 2023, Wilson County Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to request permission from the Wilson County Board of Commissioners to authorize the Board of Education to transfer $1,300,000 from the WCS current expense fund balance to capital funds. These capital funds will be used to

provide partial payment to complete the Beddingfield High School HVAC renovation project due to an unforeseen and unforeseeable cost increase to the project. It is recommended that the Board adopt this Resolution and submit it to the Wilson County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Dr. Mills shared that after his conversations with Mr. Hunt, the Administration and Board attorney drafted a resolution for the Board's review. The County Commissioners are meeting November 6 and November 13. The Administration is hoping to present the County Commissioners with a resolution prior to their November 13 meeting.

Ms. Cornetto shared that N.C.G.S. 115C-443 states that the Board is to communicate as an emergent nature why the funds need to be transferred and why the Board is requesting it. This information is stated in the resolution. Mr. Breen commented that the general statute states that that Board of Education may adopt a resolution, but it is not mandatory.

Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board adopt the resolution to transfer local current expense funds to the capital outlay funds for submission to County Commissioners for a vote at their upcoming meeting. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Breen casting the dissenting vote.

There being no further business at 5:42 p.m. Mr. Breen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Christine L. Fitch

Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman

Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary