MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 13, 2022

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine Fitch called the public hearing 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
Blake Boykin
Rhyan Breen
Debora Powell
Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary

The public hearing was livestreamed through the Wilson County Schools (WCS) YouTube Channel. The public could also view the public hearing 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 Human Resources Dr. Norris Parker, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Dr. Ben Williams, Director of Public Relations Amber Lynch and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison, as well as Board Attorney Katie Cornetto and *The Wilson Times* Reporter Olivia Neeley. There were three citizens in attendance.

After calling the public hearing to order, Dr. Fitch welcomed everyone to the meeting. She led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Dr. Fitch stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to receive comments from the public concerning Policy 9125, *Participation by Minority Businesses*. The Board has to choose an aspirational verifiable percentage goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for each building project costing $300,000 or more paid entirely from local or other non-state funds. The Board wanted to hear the public's input on what they thought the percentage should aim to be by minority businesses. Dr. Fitch reported that no one signed up to address the Board. A draft policy will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

At 1:08 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

Lane Mills
Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary