MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 9, 2022

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Fike High School, 500 Harrison Drive. Chairman Dr. Christine Fitch called the public hearing to order at 7:00 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

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* Reporters Olivia Neeley and Drew Wilson.

After calling the public hearing 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 Public Hearing on May 9, 2022. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0. Dr. Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Under Public Hearing Pursuant to G.S. § 115C-72 for the Board to Receive Comments from the Public Re: Possible Permanent Closure of Winstead Elementary School and Toisnot Middle School, Dr. Fitch stated that to pursuant to G.S. § 115C-72, the Wilson County Board of Education is holding a public hearing to receive the public's input regarding the possible permanent closure of Winstead Elementary School and Toisnot Middle School at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Presentations will be limited to three minutes per person. An organization or delegation representing the same concern about the potential school closures are encouraged to select one individual to make a presentation on its behalf. Obscene or vulgar statements, personal attacks and statements reasonably perceived to be disruptive or imminently threatening to the orderly operation of the public hearing shall not permitted. Individuals who willfully interrupt, disturb, or disrupt this meeting and do not leave after being asked to do so by the Board Chair will be referred to law enforcement in according with G.S. § 143-318.17.

At 7:04 p.m., 16 people addressed the Board. Public input ended at 7:48 p.m.

At 7:49 p.m., Mr. Breen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman

Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary