MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 10, 2021

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. The meeting was conducted virtually using the Zoom video conferencing platform. Chairman Dr. Christine Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:05 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

Dr. Fitch, Ms. Boyette, Mr. Boykin, Mr. Breen, Mr. Mercer and Ms. Powell participated in the meeting at the Administrative Offices. Ms. Barnes participated in the meeting offsite.

The meeting was televised on Spectrum and Greenlight Channel 22; and 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. Dr. Fitch announced that in keeping with Executive Order #180, attendees would wear face coverings for the duration of the Board meeting.

Others present or participating virtually were Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Dr. Ben Williams, Director of Maintenance Mark Letchworth, Assistant Director of Maintenance Greg Woodard, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison, as well as Board Attorney Brandon McPherson and *The Wilson Times* Reporter Drew Wilson.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch asked for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board approve the agenda for the Special Meeting of May 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barnes was experiencing technical difficulties and responded by giving a thumbs up.

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

Under Chairman's Comments, Dr. Fitch shared that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss long-range facilities planning for WCS. She commented that this item can be quite an undertaking and as the Board moves forward, the Administration will provide necessary information to make a decision at a future date. Dr. Fitch thanked everyone for their attendance, diligence and hard work on this upcoming process.

Under Long-Range Facilities Planning for WCS, the Board has begun the process of determining the long-term facility needs and priorities for WCS. The Operations Research and Education Lab (OREd), which is a company through North Carolina State University,

completed an Integrated Planning for School and Community (IPSAC) Study for WCS and shared the report with the Board of Education in September 2020. The Administration shared the district's five and ten-year facilities plan, school building historic facts and WCS Facilities Plan for Athletics. The purpose of today's discussion is to share trends and discuss next steps.

Dr. Mills shared information with the Board that included a membership forecast; athletics and capital projects; current trends; capacities and usage; issues; status of the buildings; maintenance funding; "what if" scenarios; recommendations; and first steps. The presentation is attached.

After discussion, Dr. Mills advised that additional information would be presented at the next meeting for Board approval prior to sharing with the Wilson County Commissioners. Dr. Mills also recommended contacting OREd for a meeting with the Board to assist with recommendations and answer questions from today's meeting. Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board have the Superintendent contract with an entity for the purpose of reassignment and organization. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barnes responded with a thumbs up.

There being no further business at 2:43 p.m., Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine L Fitch

Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman

Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary