MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 15, 2019

The Wilson County Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine L. Fitch called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Others present were Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Norris Parker, as well as Board Attorney Brandon McPherson. Also present were Director of Public Relations Amber Lynch and Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services Martha Cayton.

1. After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Fitch called for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to approve the agenda for July 15, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Dr. Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance that was followed by a moment of silence.

3. Dr. Fitch presented for approval the minutes of the June 10, 2019, Regular Board Meeting, and June 28, 2019, Special Board Meeting.

   Ms. Barnes made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, that the Board approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019, Regular Board Meeting and June 28, 2019, Special Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Under Chairman's Report, Dr. Fitch complimented Drew Wilson on the story he wrote for *The Wilson Times* on the Beddingfield High Agricultural Education Farm. He highlighted the good work and dedication of the students who assist during the summer so that can the program can continue with no detriment to the animals and the farm.

   Dr. Fitch announced that the Board is invited to assist at Operation Backpack scheduled for August 17 from 9-11 a.m. at Fike High. She stated that she was sad that a Thank You note table would not be setup this year. Ms. Lynch advised the Board that Thank You notes are being placed in the packet that each family receives when they arrive, and students can complete the notes while they are waiting in the

auditorium. Dr. Fitch encouraged students to complete the notes so the businesses and individuals who contribute can be thanked by the students.

Dr. Fitch also challenged the Board, Mr. McPherson, Schwartz & Shaw and the Administration to contribute to Operation Backpack.

5. Under Superintendent's Report, Dr. Mills shared that he presented to the Wilson County Commissioners on the progress of securing $20 million funding for the new Wilson Academy of Applied Technology (WAAT) building on the Lee Campus of Wilson Community College. If approved, the state will provide $15 million. After the presentation, the County Commissioners were very supportive and agreed to provide the $5 million match. Dr. Mills appreciates the contributions of County Manager Denise Stinagle, President of Wilson Community College Dr. Tim Wright, the Wilson Community College Foundation and other partners who made this happen. For the $5 million investment locally, Wilson County Schools (WCS) can have a $20 million property. The application is due August 31. Dr. Mills said the district had received letters of support from parents and students.

   Dr. Mills also shared details about upcoming events:

   - The WCS Teacher Job Fair is scheduled for July 17 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Central Office. We are looking for the best teachers to guide and inspire our students – especially in the areas of math, science, Exceptional Children and leadership positions. Interviews with principals, as well as contingency contracts, may be offered onsite. We are asking interested teachers to bring a resume and recent transcript.
   - Our eighth annual Operation Backpack event is scheduled for August 17 from 9-11 a.m. at Fike High. Since 2012, we've been able to provide backpacks to students in need because of the community's incredible generosity. Dr. Mills thanked everyone who has donated funds or backpacks so far – especially Chick-fil-A Owner Christy Proctor for holding her Bucks for Backpacks event on June 14 to support our efforts. More than $7,000 was raised at this event. The money is used to purchase backpacks that will be given out to students at Operation Backpack. We have information on our website and social media if you would like to donate prior to the August 12 deadline.
   - The first day of school for our early colleges is August 5, and we are looking forward to another great year.
   - Our Teaching and Learning Conference is scheduled for August 15 and 16. For the past few years, we have offered this conference to provide professional development for our staff. The majority of the sessions are led by our folks. We have so much talent here, and this conference highlights the knowledge and skills of our teachers, support staff and Administrators. We are excited about the sessions and seeing everyone again. August 15 is the first day teachers are back at work.
   - The first day of school for traditional students is quickly approaching on Monday, August 26.

6. Under Public Input, no one addressed the Board during this portion of the meeting.

7. Under Discussion/Action Item – Revised 2019/2020 Early College Calendar, there was an error on the Early College Calendar that was approved on February 18, 2019. On that calendar, five days were inadvertently left off, showing a total of 178 instead of 215 instructional days. The Administration proposes the following changes and additions:

   - May 19-22, 2020 will be added as four teacher workdays;
   - May 25, 2020, the Memorial Day Holiday, will be added as the fifth additional day;
   - The annual leave day previously scheduled on May 18, 2020, will move to May 22, 2020;
   - Graduation at WAAT has been moved from May 14, 2020 to May 13, 2020, to avoid conflict with Graduation at the Wilson Early College Academy (WECA).

   The Administration recommends adoption of this revised calendar. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breen, to approve the revised 2019-2020 Early College Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

8. At 5:46 p.m., Mr. Farmer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, that the Wilson County Board of Education go into closed session to consider confidential personnel matters as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (6) and 115C-319 through 321; to consider confidential student matters as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and N.C.G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; and to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion passed unanimously.

   At 7:11 p.m., Mr. Farmer made the motion to reconvene to open session. The motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, passed unanimously.

9. Reporting from closed session, Mr. Farmer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Boyette, to approve the closed session minutes of the June 10, 2019, Regular Board Meeting, and June 28, 2019, Special Board Meeting, and/but do not release the minutes for public inspection because of confidential student and personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

   Under Personnel Recommendations, Mr. Farmer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by the administration. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the following certified and classified positions, as well as the attached list of Substitutes to be Reapproved and Coaches.

Administrative – For Information - Transfers

Franks, Jr., Fate T. (FT)-Interim Principal (Forest Hills)

Certified

Erice, Francesco-Music
Hawley, Elizabeth-Band
Hyacinth, Leeanna-Math
Joyner, Matthew-Chorus
Schans, Leia-Exceptional Children
Shaneyfelt, Sarah-4th Grade
Sulkowski, Heather-8th Grade Math
Thompson, Charles-Band

Classified

Barnes-Williams, Yolanda-12-Month Custodian
Barnes, Michael-12-Month Custodian
Gardner, Jason-Computer Tech II
Pegues, Willard-Interim 12-Month Custodian
Pulenskey, Linda-12-Month Custodian

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board received the following personnel list as information.

Certified

Blackmon, Anne-Resignation
Brewington, Renata-Resignation
Brown, Deborah-Resignation
Evans, Tiffanie-Resignation
Froning, Jennifer-Resignation
Grant, Ashley-Resignation
Green, Tia-Resignation
Groh, Elizabeth-Resignation
Heath, Ashley-Resignation
Jackson, Kathryn-Resignation
Jones, Annette-Resignation
Le, Vick-Resignation
Murphy, Flora-Resignation
Nimmo, Donna-Resignation

Nowell, Keisha-Resignation
Pisarski, Margaret-Resignation
Purvis, Amanda-Resignation
Shirk, Jennifer-Resignation
Van Cott, Eric-Resignation

Classified

Barnes, Tyliyah-Resignation
Bullock, Alexis-Resignation
Davis, Shemika-Resignation
Edwards, Jonas-Retirement
Jones, Alberty-Resignation
Jones, Daeja-Resignation
Jones, Penny-Resignation
Kearney, Amy-Resignation
Letchworth, Katelyn-Resignation
Moore, Ernestine-Retirement
Phillips, Kelsi-Resignation
Ruffin, Warren-Resignation

Dismissals

Tucker, William Blake-Counselor

12. There being no further business at 7:15 p.m., Mr. Farmer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine L. Fitch
Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman

Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary