MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine L. Fitch called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. 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 Board Attorneys Katie Cornetto and Laura Crumpler, Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison. Also present was *The Wilson Times* Reporter Brie Handgraaf.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch amended the agenda by changing the order of the action items so that the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) Annual Conference Voting would be discussed first. Dr. Fitch also added a closed session to the agenda to discuss Restart Applications. Dr. Fitch called for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board approve the agenda with the stated changes of moving the NCSBA Voting to the first item for discussion and action, then entertain a motion for closed session, and then come back and discuss the Restart Applications. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Under North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Conference Voting Delegates, the NCSBA Delegate Assembly will meet on November 18 during the annual conference in Greensboro. Based on the system's total current expenditures, the Board qualifies for three voting delegates. The deadline for submission of names to the NCSBA is October 15. The Board will need to officially identify the three voting delegates who will represent the Wilson County Board of Education. By a show of hands, the following Board members indicated that they plan to attend the annual conference: Velma Barnes, Gary Farmer, Dr. Christine Fitch, Henry Mercer and Debora Powell. Due to medical appointments, Ms. Barnes relinquished her duty to serve as a voting delegate in the event she is not able to attend the conference. Mr. Farmer, Mr. Mercer and Ms. Powell agreed to serve as voting delegates. Dr. Fitch will serve as the alternate.

Dr. Fitch advised that the Board must address legalities of the Restart Applications for Barnes Elementary and Hearne Elementary in closed session so that the attorneys can provide legal guidance.

At 4:06 p.m., Mr. Farmer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, 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; and to consult with the Board attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 5:02 p.m. by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to reconvene to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Mills advised that the Board was given information on Restart Applications for Barnes and Hearne Elementary Schools. The Restart Applications will allow the district flexibility in areas where we typically do not have flexibility. Barnes and Hearne Elementary are both in low performing status and are historically lower performing schools. The Restart Applications are a tool that Wilson County Schools can use to benefit the students at those schools. The Administration is asking the Board to review and provide support for the applications.

Ms. Barnes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the Board approve the Restart Application for Barnes Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boyette made the motion, seconded by Mr. Farmer, that the Restart Application for Hearne Elementary School be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Farmer extended an invitation to the Board to see the new $7,500 vision machine that the Luncheon Lions Club will be using during eye exams for four classes at New Hope Elementary on October 14 at 8:30 a.m. The vision machine can identify seven different disabilities a child may have with their sight in 15 seconds. He also informed the Board that a dedication of the monument for Coach Trevathan will be held at Fike High on October 11 at 6:30 p.m. A reception will be held prior to the dedication with a tailgate meal being catered by Parker's Barbecue. Please let Mr. Farmer know if you plan to attend.

There being no further business at 5:07 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