MINUTES OF
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2019

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Dr. Christine L. Fitch called the meeting 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
Rhyan Breen
Debora Powell
Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary

Others present were Board Attorney Katie Cornetto, Associate Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Norris Parker, Administrative Assistant for Instructional Services Maureen Hooper and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison. Dr. Fitch advised the Board that Gary Farmer was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict with an event previously scheduled at his home and Henry Mercer would be leaving the meeting early due to an appointment and will return if possible.

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Fitch amended the agenda by removing Draft Policy, 7340, *Employee Dress and Appearance*. This policy was revised at the July 16, 2018 meeting of the Wilson County Board of Education and no additional changes are needed.
Dr. Fitch called for approval of the agenda. Ms. Powell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the agenda be approved as amended with removal of Policy 7340, *Employee Dress and Appearance*. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Fitch advised the Board that a request had been made to cancel the Special Meetings of the Wilson County Board of Education to review policies on June 5, 2019 and August 5, 2019. A Special Meeting to review policies was not previously scheduled during the month of July. Ms. Barnes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to amend the policy review schedule and cancel the June and August meetings that had previously been scheduled. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wilson requested to present revised and draft policies to the Board at the June 10, 2019 meeting of the Wilson County Board of Education. These policies will need to be approved to include in parent and student handbooks.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 26 proposed policy revisions and draft policies. Policy 7340, *Employee Dress and Appearance*, was removed due to being last revised on July 16, 2018. This policy is current with mandates and state statues. The Board reviewed the policies, which are necessary to align local Board policies with North Carolina General Statutes and North Carolina School Board Association (NCSBA) policies. Katie Cornetto provided legal guidance on the policies.

The Board requested minor changes in the verbage of the following policies, which will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read with the recommended changes:

- Draft Policy 3470/4305, *Alternative Learning Programs/Schools*

- Draft Policy 4115, *Behavior Standards for Transfer Students*
- Draft Policy 4201/7271, *Injury and Loss Prevention*
- Draft Policy 4210, *Release of Students from School*
- Draft Policy 4230, *Communicable Diseases - Students*
- Draft Policy 4240/7312, *Child Abuse - Reports and Investigations*
- Draft Policy 4300, *Student Behavior Policies*
- Draft Policy 4303, *Fair and Consistent Discipline Administration*
- Draft Policy 4310, *Integrity and Civility*
- Draft Policy 4328, *Gang-Related Activity*
- Draft Policy 4330, *Theft, Trespass and Damage to Property*
- Draft Policy 4331, *Assaults, Threats and Harassment*
- Draft Policy 4333, *Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats and Clear Threats to Safety*
- Draft Policy 4335, *Criminal Behavior*
- Draft Policy 4345, *Student Discipline Records*
- Draft Policy 5026/7250, *Smoking and Tobacco Products*
- Draft Policy 7425, *School Administrator Contracts*

The Board did not request any changes to the following policies, which will be presented at the next regular Board meeting as a second read:

- Draft Policy 4302, *School Plan for Management of Student Behavior*
- Draft Policy 4315, *Disruptive Behavior*
- Draft Policy 4340, *School-Level Investigations*
- Draft Policy 5025, *Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol*
- Draft Policy 5220, *Collections and Solicitations*
- Draft Policy 7300, *Staff Ethics and Responsibilities*
- Draft Policy 7550, *Absences Due to Inclement Weather*
- Draft Policy 7710, *Membership in Professional Organizations*

The Administration recommended creating an administrative regulation for Draft Policy 3470/4305, *Alternative Learning Programs/Schools*. The administrative regulation will provide details on significant or important reasons for the Superintendent to decline to offer alternative education services to any student who receives a long-term suspension or 365-day suspension.

Meeting break from 3:04 p.m. to 3:19 p.m.

There being no further business at 4:44 p.m., Mr. Mercer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Powell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary