



## WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2009

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Kevin L. Hill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	
Horace Tart, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	
Beverley Clark		
Patti Head	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>	
Lori Millberg	Ann Majestic	
Ron Margiotta		
Eleanor Goettee		
Anne McLaurin		

Chair Kevin L. Hill called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. Mr. Hill reviewed the agenda. He stated that the meeting would include the Board reaching consensus regarding the District 4 Board Member Selection voting procedures, reviewing the structure of the interview process for the District 4 seat, and determining what questions the Board will use during the interview process.

### Interview Structure

Mr. Hill shared that each applicant would be given 2-3 minutes to introduce himself/herself. The Board Chair will give an overview of the process after Board members introduce themselves. The overview will include the criteria for how the Board members will select an applicant.

Mr. Hill stated that Board members will rotate questions to the applicants clockwise, beginning with Ms. Clark. Mr. Hill reiterated that the questions will be the same for each applicant, there will be no room for spontaneous questions or follow-up questions. Board members were encouraged to watch their non-verbal body language. Each applicant will be given 30 minutes total for the interview, 2-3 minutes at the beginning of the interview for the applicant to provide a brief introduction of themselves.

### Voting Process

It was suggested that the Board have three rounds of voting. The first round would consist of Board members' ranking and weighing their top four applicants. The second round would consist of Board members' ranking and weighing their top two applicants. The final round would consist of Board members selecting their top applicant.

### Applicant Questions

The Board reached consensus on the following questions for applicants of the District 4 Board seat:

- Currently, our system allocates resources based on need, ranging from Academically Gifted to high needs students. Do you support this position? How would you prioritize for allocation of resources, particularly in this difficult economic time?
- What steps should/could the Board of Education be taking to close the achievement gap?
- What is your understanding of the difference between the role of the Board of Education and the role of the Superintendent and staff?
- Fulfilling the requirements of service requires 20-30 hours per week, many during the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. How will your current commitments and responsibilities allow you time for Board meetings and responsibilities?
- Magnet schools have been used as a tool for avoiding high concentrations of poverty in our classrooms. What is your position on the magnet schools and what other approaches should the district explore?
- What are your plans to gain knowledge of the opinions and concerns of your constituents and how will that affect your decision-making process? How will you balance the needs and desires of your constituents with the needs of the system as a whole?

The Board agreed that each applicant would receive the same questions and that a copy of the questions would be taped to the applicant's table for their referral during the interview process. Each applicant was given 30 minutes to answer the Board's questions. The interview included 2-3 minutes for applicant's to introduce themselves.

Candidate interviews began at 10:00 a.m. The Board of Education interviewed the following individuals for the District 4 Board seat:

- Lynette S. Aytch,
- Doris S. Burke,
- Johnnie M. Darden, Sr.,
- Alice J. Garrett,
- Keith A. Sutton,
- Samuel L. Greene,
- Lillian S. Lee,
- Venita Peyton, and
- Jonica Rowland

Applicant interviews concluded at 3:45 p.m. and the Board began to deliberate if they should make a selection on August 5th or recess and come back on August 6th to make the selection of the District 4 Board member. After much discussion, the Board voted 5 to 2 to stay and make a selection with Lori Millberg, Horace Tart, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "to stay" and Beverley Clark and Patti Head voting "to come back on August 6th". The Board took a 15 minute break.

The Board returned from their break at 4:05 p.m. to begin the selection process. The following individuals, with weighted ranking, were selected in Round 1:

- Keith Sutton – 22
- Lillian Lee – 13
- Alice Garrett – 9

➤ Lynette Aytch – 8

The following individuals were selected in Round 2:

- Keith Sutton – 10
- Lillian Lee – 7

In the final round, Keith Sutton received 5 votes and Lillian Lee received 2. Mr. Keith A. Sutton was selected as the District 4 Board Member.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin L. Hill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary