

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OPERATIONS

**Minutes
November 12, 2001 — 8 A.M.**

☐ Consultant Presentations (*Board Room*)

Representatives from KPMG, The McKenzie Group, and MGT of America, Inc. made presentations to the committee detailing proposals they had submitted to do a management audit of the Wake County school operations.

☐ Committee Discussion (*Board Conference Room*)

Committee members discussed the presentations made by the three firms under consideration. The consensus was that MGT of America, Inc. was best suited to perform the audit, and there were several issues to be negotiated before finalizing a contract. A subcommittee comprised of Jim Talton, Cressie Thigpen, Ken Black, Ben Goldstein, Tom Owen, and Marjorie Salzman will pursue the following details of the proposal:

- Request a meeting with Dr. Joanne Cox, project director

- Request a stronger financial element in the proposal

- Contact previous clients of MGT's for recommendations

- Negotiate the scope of the proposal

- Request a more detailed budget, specifically to itemize costs for individual tasks

Jim Talton will look into the legal details of entering into a contract with MGT of America, Inc.

☐ MATERIALS DISSEMINATED FOR YOUR REVIEW

Handouts were letters to KPMG, The McKenzie Group and MGT of America, Inc. listing questions about their proposals, and each firm's response. Each firm distributed copies of their presentation.

❑ OTHER, INCLUDING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 16, at 8:00 a.m. It is anticipated that Dr. JoAnn Cox, who will be project director, will be present to meet the committee. The subcommittee will discuss results of reference checks and details of proposal they would like to consider for negotiation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Holbrook

Approved:

Jim Talton, Co-chair

Cressie Thigpen, Co-chair

Membership Present:

Jim Talton (co-chair), Cressie Thigpen (co-chair), Ken Black, Cathy Crossland, Dudley Flood, Ben Goldstein, Barbara Goodmon, John Haley, Jeff Leiter, Vernon Malone, Tom Owen, Tom Oxholm, Marjorie Salzman, Rod Webb, and Billy Wilder.

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