

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OPERATIONS

MINUTES

September 30, 2002 — 8 A.M.

☐ PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY BY CHUCK DULANEY

Chuck Dulany, Senior Director, Evaluation and Research, made a presentation on School Accountability. He discussed the development and purpose of End-of-Grade and End-of-Course testing, and showed the various levels of growth and performance that have been achieved in Wake County.

☐ PRESENTATION ON COUNTY APPROPRIATION HISTORY BY DEL BURNS

Del Burns, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services, made a presentation on the history of county funding to the school system since the mediation agreement of 1997. Performance in Wake County Public Schools has outpaced other school districts in North Carolina at a lower per pupil cost, showing a great efficiency in the use of county funds.

☐ PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT BY KEN BLACK, DUDLEY FLOOD, AND JOHN LEASTON

Ken Black, Dudley Flood, and John Leaston presented to the committee their observations on MGT's recommendations regarding school system organization and management:

- Regarding recommendation # 4-12, creation of a Deputy Superintendent position would "bifurcate the leadership team and create potential gaps in communication and effectiveness."
- Regarding recommendation # 4-18, MGT's recommendation of a formula of one Area Assistant Superintendent for each 18 schools or fraction thereof is not relevant to 2001-2002. Campus clustering and electronic communication allow for a higher school count per area assistant superintendent, and the subcommittee supports the school system's response to add only one area superintendent at this time.
- Regarding recommendation # 4-27, assignment of assistant principals should not be strictly formula driven, and all schools should be staffed with a full time principal and assistant principal.
- Regarding recommendation # 4-30, increasing student diversity through magnet school programs will result in a cost savings purely through transportation savings. WCPSS should "continue to focus in a creative and subjective manner on maximization of diversity within the system."

- Regarding recommendation # 4-31, reorganization of the Office of Student Assignment is not necessary, but “continued analysis of the various functions performed within the new Office of Growth Management” should “ensure optimal organizational effectiveness.”

MATERIALS DISSEMINATED FOR YOUR REVIEW

Handouts were the County Appropriation History presentation given by Del Burns, “Reaching the Goal” Executive Summary and two attachments distributed by Superintendent Bill McNeal and worksheets prepared by the School System Organization and Management subcommittee.

OTHER, INCLUDING NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting will be Thursday, October 10, at 8:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Holbrook

Approved:

Jim Talton, Co-chair

Cressie Thigpen, Co-chair

Membership Present:

Cressie Thigpen (co-chair), Gary Ackley, Ken Black, Dudley Flood, Barbara Goodmon, John Leaston, Jeff Leiter, Tom Owen, Marjorie Salzman, and Billy Wilder.

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