

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Special Called Meeting

May 8, 2009

Open Session Minutes

Board Chair, Ms. Tracy Norman called the 2nd Special Called Meeting of the day for the Burke County Board of Education to Order at approximately 4:16 p.m. in the Board room at the Office of Administrative Services. Other members of the Board who were present included Vice Chairman; Mr. Tim Buff, Mr. Buddy Armour, Mr. Rob Hairfield, Mrs. Karen Sain, and Mr. Sam Wilkinson. Also present for the meeting were Superintendent; Mr. David Burleson, Associate Superintendent; Mr. Rick Sherrill, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Tony Cox, Chief Finance Officer; Mr. Keith Lawson, School Board Attorney; Mr. Jon Jones, and Legal Counsel; Mr. Richard Schwartz.

At 4:17 p.m. Ms. Norman called for a Motion to enter Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel matters and consult with legal counsel as provided by N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (1) and (8), G.S. 115C-319 to 321, and G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3). Mr. Buff made the Motion with a Second by Mrs. Sain. The Motion carried 5-0; Mr. Hairfield was not present at the time of the vote.

Upon a Motion by Mr. Buff and a Second by Mrs. Sain the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

Ms. Norman entertained a Motion for the NCSBA to be retained for the purpose of immediately conducting a national search for a new superintendent, with a goal of having a new superintendent in place as soon as possible to the start of the 2009-2010 school year. The Motion was made by Mr. Buff with a Second by Mrs. Sain. The Motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Armour opposed.

Ms. Norman entertained a Motion that the Board expands the scope of services to be provided by Schwartz and Shaw to include matters involving the superintendent search and SACS CASI accreditation. The Motion was made by Mr. Buff with a Second by Mr. Hairfield. The Motion was approved 4-2 with Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Armour in opposition.

Board Chair, Ms. Norman, announced that the May 18th Board meeting would be held in the board room at the Central Office and that since public comment had already been allowed in the month of May there would be no public comments allowed at the May 18th meeting.

The Motion was made by Mr. Buff and Seconded by Mr. Hairfield to adjourn the meeting. Without opposition, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education