

Approved by the Charlotte-  
Mecklenburg Board of Education  
July 26, 2011  
Regular Board Meeting



Charlotte, North Carolina

June 6, 2011

**REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on June 6, 2011. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. and was held in Room CH-14 of the Government Center.

Present: Eric C. Davis, Chairperson, District 5;  
Tom Tate, Vice-Chairperson, District 4;  
Kaye Bernard McGarry, Member At-Large;  
Trent Merchant, Member At-Large;  
Joe I. White, Jr., Member At-Large;  
Richard Allen McElrath, Sr., District 2;  
Dr. Joyce Davis Waddell, District 3; and  
Timothy S. Morgan, District 6

Absent: Rhonda Lennon, District 1

Also present at the request of the Board were Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent; George E. Battle, III, General Counsel; Hugh Hattabaugh, Chief Operating Officer; Dan Habrat Chief Human Resources Officer; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board.

**Upon motion by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Ms. McGarry, the Board voted unanimously of those present for approval to go into Closed Session for the following purposes:**

- **To consider student assignment matters that are privileged, confidential and not a public record; and**
- **To consult with our attorney on matters covered by the attorney-client privilege concerning a pending workers' compensation claim by *J. Sanchez*.**

**The motion was made pursuant to Section 143-318.11(a) of the North Carolina General Statutes.**

The Board held a Closed Session meeting from 5:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. in CH-14.

Chairperson Davis reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:02 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Government Center. CMS-TV 3 televised the meeting.

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Trent Merchant, Member At-Large;  
Joe I. White, Jr., Member At-Large;

Richard Allen McElrath, Sr., District 2;  
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Absent: Rhonda Lennon, District 1

Also present at the request of the Board were Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent; George E. Battle, III, General Counsel; Members of Executive and Senior Staffs; Judy Whittington, Manager of Board Services; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the Board's first meeting of the month. He noted the date of this meeting had been adjusted from the original date of June 14<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the graduation schedule. Chairperson Davis reported in addition, the Board will hold a Special Meeting on June 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber to address budget issues and he hopes the public will join the Board for that meeting.

### A. Adoption of Agenda

Chairperson Davis called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Dr. Waddell moved, seconded Mr. Tate, that the Board adopt the agenda as presented, and the motion passed upon a 8-0 voice vote of the Board.**

*Ayes: Board members Davis, McGarry, Merchant, White, McElrath, Waddell, Tate, and Morgan.  
Absent: Board member Lennon.*

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Davis invited everyone present to stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairperson Davis reported no speakers were signed up to speak and he called the Request from the Public Closed at 6:05 p.m.

## III. CONSENT ITEMS

### A. Recommend approval of Closed Session meeting minutes:

- May 10, 2011.
- May 12, 2011.
- May 19, 2011.
- May 24, 2011.
- May 26, 2011.

### B. Recommend approval of Open Session meeting minutes:

- February 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

### C. Recommend approval of Career and Technical Education 2011-2012 application for State and Federal funding.

*This is an annual entitlement/formula grant application for Federal (Carl D. Perkins IV Act) and State Career-Technical Education funding. Application is submitted to North Carolina*

*Department of Public Instruction in electronic format. Print copy is retained and on file by Director of Career and Technical Education. The application request totals \$28,082,751 from PRCs 13, 14 and 17. Fiscal Implications: \$28,082,751.*

D. Recommend approval of Licensed/Non-Licensed Hires and Promotions for March 2011.

*Monthly hire report includes prior month(s) hires not processed when report was presented to the Board of Education last month.*

- *Total Hires July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011: 3,108. (Licensed Hires: 1,512/Non-Licensed Hires: 1,596).*
- *Total Promotions July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011: 269. (Licensed Promotions: 108/Non-Licensed Promotions: 161).*

E. Recommend approval of resolution for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Interim Appropriations as required by North Carolina General Statute §115C-434.

*Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to continue paying salaries and the usual ordinary expenses of the school district until adoption of the FY 2011-2012 Budget will be requested. Fiscal Implications: Any such interim appropriations made and expended shall be charged to the proper appropriation in the 2011-2012 Budget upon adoption. The exact dollar amount will depend on length of time lapsing before budget adoption.*

F. Recommend approval of primary banking services contract extension with Wells Fargo for one year to June 30, 2012.

*The current contract for primary banking services with Wells Fargo is scheduled to end on June 30, 2011. Administration recommends that CMS extend this contract for one year to June 30, 2012 under the existing contract terms. Fiscal Implications: None.*

Chairperson Davis called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Mr. Tate moved, seconded by Mr. Merchant, that the Board adopt Consent Items A. through F. as presented,** and a discussion followed.

Ms. McGarry pulled Consent Item E. for discussion.

Chairperson Davis called for a motion to adopt Consent Items A., B., C., and F., excluding E.

**Mr. Morgan moved, seconded by Mr. Tate, that the Board adopt Consent Items A., B., C., and F., excluding E., and the motion passed upon an 8-0 voice vote of the Board. Ayes: Board members Davis, McGarry, Merchant, White, McElrath, Waddell, Tate, and Morgan. Absent: Board member Lennon.**

The Board discussed Consent Item E: Ms. McGarry said she understands an interim appropriation is required because the budget is not finalized but she wants to ensure this item does not include raises or bonuses for staff even if that is with grant funding. Dr. Gorman said the Board approval of this item would continue until the Board adopts a final budget. He would assume the budget would be adopted in a timely manner but in the fall strategic staffing bonuses are distributed and that would be a part of the interim appropriations. CMS will continue with its normal functions until the budget is adopted.

Chairperson Davis called for the Board vote regarding the adoption of Consent Item E.

**The motion to adopt Consent Item F. passed upon an 8-0 voice vote of the Board.**

*Ayes: Board members Davis, McGarry, Merchant, White, McElrath, Waddell, Tate, and Morgan.*

*Absent: Board member Lennon.*

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Recommend approval of Citizen Appointments to Board Approved Groups

Chairperson Davis reported the three Action Items are Board citizen appointments to Board approved groups or committees. The Board voted upon the following recommendations.

1. Recommend approval of citizen appointment to Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. *The appointment is a four-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015. Carlos Sanchez is the current appointment, he has served one term, and is eligible for reappointment. Mr. Sanchez was the only applicant.*

Chairperson Davis reported Carlos Sanchez is eligible for reappointment and Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees would like for Mr. Sanchez to continue in this capacity.

Chairperson Davis called for the Board vote to reappoint Carlos Sanchez as the Board citizen appointment to Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

**The Board voted 8-0 in support of the reappointment of Carlos Sanchez as the Board citizen appointment to Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees to serve a four year term ending June 30, 2015.**

*Ayes: Board members Davis, McGarry, Merchant, White, McElrath, Waddell, Tate, and Morgan.*

*Absent: Board member Lennon.*

2. Recommend approval of citizen appointment to Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Broadcasting Authority. *This appointment is a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014.*

Chairperson Davis reported the Board received two applications for this appointment, from Sue Kemper and Donald Tate, and the person receiving the majority vote will be appointed to the committee. Chairperson Davis called for the Board vote, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. White asked if there was an incumbent for this position. Chairperson Davis said, no, this is a new appointment.
- Dr. Waddell asked what is the length of terms a person can serve? Chairperson said this is a three-year term and appointments can serve two terms. Ms. McGarry provided information in which a person could serve a third term.
- **Sue Kemper received two votes (Board members McGarry and McElrath voted in support of Ms. Kemper).**
- **Donald Tate received six votes (Board members Davis, White, Merchant, Waddell, Tate, and Morgan voted in support of Mr. Tate).**

3. Recommend approval of citizen appointment to Citizens' Transit Advisory Group. *The appointment is a two-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013. Samuel Spencer is the current appointment to the committee, he has served one term, and is eligible for reappointment. CMS received two applications: Samuel Spencer and Colvin Edwards.*

Chairperson Davis reported the Board received two applications for this appointment, from Samuel Spencer and Colvin Edwards, and the person receiving the majority vote will be appointed to the committee. Mr. Spencer is the incumbent and is eligible for reappointment for another term. Chairperson Davis called for the Board vote and a discussion followed.

- Ms. McGarry noted that the Board likes to know the attendance record and Mr. Spencer was absent from two of six meetings.
- Dr. Waddell asked is there a governing rule in which appointees must attend a certain number of meetings in order to remain active on the committee? Dr. Gorman said the guidelines include if a member does not attend three consecutive meetings or attend at least 75% of the meetings they can be removed.
- **Colvin Edwards received five votes (Board members McGarry, McElrath, Merchant, Waddell, and Morgan voted in support of Mr. Edwards).**
- **Samuel Spencer received three votes (Board members Davis, White, and Tate voted in support of Mr. Spencer).**

**The Board appointments were as follows:**

- **Carlos Sanchez appointed to Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.**
- **Donald Tate appointed to Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Broadcasting Authority.**
- **Colvin Edwards appointed to Citizens' Transit Advisory Group.**

## **V. REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Report on Budget Amendments for April 2011**

Chairperson Davis called upon Dr. Gorman to present the report. Dr. Gorman reported agenda items A. and B. are the monthly reports and are as presented.

### **B. Report on Financial Statements for April 2011**

Agenda Item B. was presented with A.

### **C. Report on Privatization Advisory Committee, as Requested by Eric Davis, Board Chair, District 5 Board Member**

Chairperson Davis reported the Board approved the establishment of a Privatization Advisory Committee at the March 22, 2011 Regular Board meeting and adopted a Board of Education Charter for Privatization Advisory Committee at the April 12, 2011 Regular Board meeting. The guidelines of the Charter provide that the Privatization Advisory Committee shall be comprised of nine members, each one to be appointed by a member of the Board. The initial term of service shall be three years and subsequent appointments

shall be for two years. Chairperson Davis reviewed the Board appointments.

- Joan E. Belk by Joe White
- Sylvia L. Grier by Richard McElrath
- Barry Hall by Tim Morgan
- Robert E. Harrington by Eric Davis
- Michael L. Murdock by Trent Merchant
- Betty Newsam by Joyce Waddell
- Kathleen Rose-Bellot by Rhonda Lennon
- Cassandra Harris Tydings by Tom Tate
- Susan Walker by Kaye McGarry

Chairperson Davis reported Robert Harrington would serve as the Chairperson on the committee. Chairperson Davis said the Board is pleased these citizens are willing to serve on the committee and we believe this will be a beneficial role in support of CMS. Chairperson Davis thanked the citizens for their willingness to serve and he recognized Susan Walker who was attending the meeting.

## **VI. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Gorman reported he did not have a report.

## **VII. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Kaye McGarry invited everyone to join her for “Kaye about Town” on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Mugs Coffee Shop located at 5126 Park Road from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. to discuss school related issues. She reported she visited Huntersville Elementary School and she commended the principal and media specialist for their good work. She thanked all the teachers in CMS for their hard work and the parents for parenting their children.

Joyce Waddell reported she visited Thomasboro Elementary School and she commended staff as they prepare for the school to transition to a K-8 program. The renovations are going well and staff and students are upbeat about the changes. She also visited Bishop Spaugh Community Academy and she commended staff for their community involvement as they prepare for the school closing. She announced Ashley Park Elementary School will hold a Garden Dedication on June 8<sup>th</sup> and she looks forward to participating in the event. She enjoyed attending the Metro School graduations and she congratulated the students and parents on their success.

Eric Davis attended the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Celebration on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Queens College and he commended the students at Rama Road, Mountain Island, and Beverly Woods elementary schools for showcasing their Robotic skills. Chairperson Davis said on behalf of the Board members and Dr. Gorman we want to congratulate the 2011 Graduates for their good work and their families.

Chairperson Davis reported the Board would hold a Special Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber to discuss the budget and its impact on personnel.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Mr. Morgan moved that the Board adjourn the Regular Board meeting, and by consensus, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting.**

The Regular School Board Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Eric C. Davis, Chairperson

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Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board