

# RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Work Session

Monday, July 20, 2015

### Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, located at the 2222 South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present: Board Chair, Todd Cutler, Vice Chair, Gary Cook, Tracy Boyles, Emily T. Coltrane, Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, and Matthew Lambeth. Also present were Superintendent Stephen Gainey and the Leadership Team.

The work session started at 4:30 pm.

#### Operations Division

##### 1) Quarterly student assignment update

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented the fourth quarter student assignment update in comparison to the fourth quarter from 2014. The following are the 2015 fourth quarter numbers presented: reassignments 871, releases 321, and admissions 212 with a net transfer of -109. In comparison to 2014, reassignments were 917, releases 335, and admissions 211, with a net transfer of -124.

#### Finance & Budget Division

##### 1) Update on the state budget

The superintendent presented an update with regard to where we are with the 2015-2016 state budget. Dr. Gainey shared his appreciation to the Board of Education for their great work in 2014-2015. Due to some concerns received last year and the budget forecast for 2015-2016, Dr. Gainey shared how the school system had been preparing since August of 2014 with any vacant teacher assistant positions, by filling these positions through the end of the 2014-2015 school year only. The board, superintendent, and the leadership team reviewed and discussed the following "Key Parts of Continuing State Budget Resolution for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year in Relation to K-12 Public Schools":

1. It fully funds ADM growth (\$100.2 million) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
2. It reduces \$24.8 million from the "regular education" teacher assistant allotment. This money was one-time, non-recurring funding for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
3. It reduces \$20 million from the transportation allotment. This reduction was included in the House budget and the Senate budget due to lower fuel prices.
4. It maintains current funding for recurring expenditures at the current levels.
5. It raises beginning teacher pay to \$35,000. All other public school personnel salaries will be held at the same salary levels currently in place with no step increases.
6. It provides that no teacher will make less than he/she is currently making.
7. It maintains that school systems are required to fund driver's education with available funds

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and fees. However, it does not provide an appropriation to school systems for driver's education.

8. It expires on August 14.

Superintendent's Office

1) Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues

Dr. Gainey reviewed the Board of Education meeting dates for 2015-2016.

2) Staggered graduation dates and times

The board and the superintendent discussed the possibility of staggering graduation dates and times. After review, the consensus was to consider staggering other high school graduation times similar to the current graduations of THS and WHS. Feedback will be brought to the board after discussion with the high school principals.

Dr. Gainey distributed to each board member an AdvancED brochure that included a summary of information.

The work session ended at 5:52 pm.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary