

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Board of Education Meeting****2/13/2014 4:00:00 PM**

Knapp Professional Learning Center

Campus of Knapp Early College

**Attendees - voting members**

Dr. Bill Dobney     Chair  
Jackie Simmons     Vice Chair  
Dwan Craft          Board Member  
Karen Etheridge     Board Member  
Darnell Gaddis      Board Member

**Attendees - other**

Allison Sholar      Superintendent  
Alexandra Carter    Student Board Member  
Rick Lage            Student Board Member  
Thomas Poston      Student Board Member  
Katie Traylor        Student Board Member

**A. Call to Order**

1. Invocation  
The Board remembered Sarah McManus. Mrs. McManus was a child nutrition assistant at Shawboro Elementary.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight  
Due to inclement weather the school spotlight was rescheduled.
4. February 10th Work Session Update  
Items discussed during the February 10th Work Session:
  - Review of District's Strategic Plan
  - Presentations of School Improvement Plans- SES, KIES, CCMS & JP Knapp Early College
  - Revisions to School Calendars for Make-up Days
  - 1st Reading of Policy 3420 Student Accountability & Promotion
  - New Board Meeting Dates and Time
  - Revision to the District's Identification Process to meet requirements in Teacher Employment Law
5. Approval of Agenda (Action)  
The agenda was amended to move the public comment session to the beginning of the meeting.  
Motion made by: Dwan Craft  
Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved

**B. 21st Century Professionals**

1. Knights of Columbus Donation  
Due to inclement weather the presentation was rescheduled.

**C. Globally Competitive Students**

1. Student Board Member Reports  
Student Board Members reported on school activities, student competitions, and athletic events. It was announced that both Rick Lage and Thomas Poston were selected into the Scholars Program at UNC-Chapel Hill.
2. Overnight Field Trip Requests (Action)
  1. CCHS- All District Band, Greenville, NC - Jan.30 -Feb. 1 2014 - polled BOE

1/27/14

2. CCHS - Regional Swim Meet, Cary, NC - Feb. 1-2 2014 - polled 1/31/14

3. CCHS - State Indoor Track, Winston Salem, NC - Feb. 7-8 2014- polled 1/27/14

4. CCHS- East Regional Wrestling, Greenville, NC - Feb. 14-15 2014

5. CCHS - DECA State Competition, Greensboro, NC - Feb. 27- March 1 2014

6. CCHS - FCCLA State Leadership Conf., Greensboro, NC - March 31- April 2 2014

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **D. 21st Century Systems**

##### **1. Audit Approval (Action)**

Pete Catalfamo of Catalfamo & Associate provided a brief review of the audit report. He added that a resubmission of the data collection form was required at the time of the January work session. The resubmission has since been completed. Mr. Catalfamo guided the Board through the various funds and the status of each. Each year the board adopts a budget based on the expected expenditures and expenses. He added that 1.6 million of last year's fund balance was used to balance the budget. Mr. Catalfamo gave a word of caution because this practice steadily decreases the fund balance. The audit report also shows losses in various funds. The income statement for the Child Nutrition account showed a loss.

Motion made by: Darnell Gaddis

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **E. Consent Agenda (Action)**

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated February 10, 2014

2. Board Minutes for January 13, 2014

3. Board Minutes for January 21, 2014

4. Banking Reconciliation

5. School Calendar Revisions for CCS & JP Knapp

6. District Strategic Plan

7. School Improvement Plans:

a. Shawboro Elementary

b. Knotts Island Elementary

c. Currituck County Middle School

d. JP Knapp Early College

8. Revision to Policy 3420 Student Accountability & Promotion (1st Reading)

9. Revised -Teacher Employment Law and 25% Identification Process

10. Amended Audit Contract - Catalfamo & Associate

#### **F. Public Comment Session**

Janet Rose, Currituck County Schools teacher, thanked Superintendent Sholar for thinking of students and staff when making the decisions to cancel school due to inclement weather. As president of the local NCAE chapter, Mrs. Rose spoke about the concerns with the 25% teacher employment law and provided the Board with a list of

staff members who will decline to sign. Mrs. Rose asked the Board to adopt a resolution opposing the legislation.

Will Crodick, parent and resident of Knotts Island, spoke about the 38 million dollar school budget and the 14 combination classes in the district. Mr. Crodick spoke negatively about the combination classes. He felt the classes caused low self-esteem in students and forced teachers to multi-task. He suggested that 1% of the budget be used to fund a teacher for each classroom and put an end to combination classes.

Christine Kasten, guidance counselor at JP Knapp Early College, invited parents to the school's March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will provide parents and interested students with information on attending the early college next school year.

#### **G. Information Items**

#### **H. Board Member Comments**

Karen Etheridge publically thanked Janet Rose for her work in NCAE and urged people to contact their legislators about raises for all teachers.

Jackie Simmons visited JES and was impressed with the students presenting the wax museum. He attended a recent meeting on Common Core that was very informative and he also thanked those that showed support by opposing the proposed tolls on the Knotts Island Ferry.

Dwan Craft recognized the CCHS track team for placing second in the state. Mrs. Craft has been out visiting schools and visited several combination classes. She was very pleased with the schools.

Darnell Gaddis attended the staff development with Eric Jensen who spoke on student stresses and the support of teachers. She too was thankful for the support against tolls on the Knotts Island Ferry.

Dr. Dobney congratulated Rick Lage and Thomas Poston on their accomplishments. He added that legislators omitted approximately 68,000 teachers from the proposed salary increase. During his recent visit to schools, he was very impressed with student engagement

#### **I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)**

Motion made by: Darnell Gaddis

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary