

**GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a special called meeting to hear presentations from search firms interested in helping with the search for the new Guilford County Schools Superintendent on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Jeff Belton, Walter Childs, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Darlene Garrett, Garth Hébert, Dot Kearns, Amos Quick (arrived at 6:54 p.m.), Nancy Routh (arrived at 6:41 p.m.) and Anita Sharpe. Board member Deena Hayes was absent. Also present was Attorney Jill Wilson.

Call to Order

Chairman Alan Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Board member Jeff Belton led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked board members to review the meeting agenda and called for a motion to approve or amend it. *Motion was made by Anita Sharpe, seconded by Darlene Garrett, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*

Search Firm Presentations

The following firms presented information to the board and answered questions from board members.

- Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd.
- Ray and Associates, Inc.
- Conway & Greenwood, Inc.
- Carney, Sandoe & Associates (This firm was unable to attend the meeting. However, materials were provided to board members.)

Closed Session

At 8:06 p.m., *motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Walter Childs, to go into closed session to preserve the attorney/client privilege and to discuss two lawsuits: (1) Alexia Oliver et al v. Guilford County Board of Education, and (2) Antonio Smith et al v. Guilford County Board of Education. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*

The board returned to open session at 8:29 p.m.

Continuation of Search Firm Presentations

Presentations from search firms continued upon return to open session. The following firms presented information to the board and answered questions from board members.

- The HR Group, Inc.
- North Carolina School Boards Association

Upon completion of the firms' presentations, Chairman Duncan stated that the next step is for the board to review the information and think through the discussions and materials that were offered with the hope of making decisions at the March 4, 2008 regular board meeting on the following items:

- Will the board employ a search firm?
- If the decision is made to use a search firm, which firm will the board choose?
- Will internal candidates be required to go through the same application process as external candidates?
- Will the board's search committee be a committee of the full board?

Adjournment

With no further business, at 9:45 p.m., *motion was made by Anita Sharpe, seconded by Kris Cooke, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*