

**GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Kris Cooke, Carlvena Foster, Paul Daniels, Alan Duncan, Darlene Garrett, Deena Hayes, Garth Hébert, Amos Quick, Nancy Routh. Also present were Superintendent Maurice Green and Attorney Jill Wilson.

Call to Order

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Board member Amos Quick led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Recognitions

A. GCS Employee of the Month for May 2009

The board recognized James Reid, teacher for homebound students, as the May 2009 Employee of the Month. Board member Nancy Routh presented Mr. Reid with a certificate of recognition. Mr. Reid also received a \$50 gift card from Sam's Club, which has generously partnered with GCS to support the employee recognition program.

B. GCS Volunteer of the Month for May 2009

The board recognized Betty McCarn, volunteer at Oak Hill Elementary, as the May 2009 Volunteer of the Month. Board member Garth Hébert presented Ms. McCarn with a certificate of recognition. Ms. McCarn also received a gift bag and \$25 gift card from American Express. American Express recognizes the important role that volunteers play in our schools, and American Express has generously partnered with GCS to sponsor the volunteer recognition program.

C. Dr. Martha A. Sharpless Mentor of the Year and Finalists

The board recognized five finalist as the 2008-09 Martha A. Sharpless Mentor of the Year and Finalists. The award is made possible by the Endowment for Excellence in Education of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro. Its president, Walker Sanders, presented the Mentor of the Year award to Stephen Lee of Northern Middle School as well as a \$1,000 award. The finalists, Cathy Danford (Parkview A+ Elementary), Lou Ann Gaffney (Jones Spanish Immersion), Julie Nichols (Southwest High), and Frances Szafran (Southern High) all received cash awards. The award is named in honor of Dr. Martha Sharpless, a retired developmental pediatrician who was a tireless advocate for children and their families in Guilford County.

Public Comments

Chairman Duncan called on members of the public who requested an opportunity to address the board.

Kate Cummings, 2102 Briarwood Drive, Greensboro, NC 27403
Oluwatobi Olofintuyi, 6000 Black Willow Drive, Greensboro, NC 27405
Marcellous Williams, 2729 Cottage Place, Greensboro, NC 27455
John Reardon, 1 Red Fern Court, Greensboro, NC 27455
Kenneth Martin, 1513 Walnut Street, Cary, NC 27511
Gary Palmer, 1822 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403
Tom Berry, 4323 Four Farms Road, Greensboro, NC 27410

Joe Stafford, 5465 Liberty Road, Greensboro, NC 27406

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 Darlene Garrett, seconded by Carlvena Foster to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

Superintendent Maurice Green presented the following consent agenda items:

A. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 7 and April 23 regular meeting were presented for approval.

B. Personnel Reports

The consent agenda included personnel actions as noted in the monthly personnel action report and addendum requiring board approval.

C. Renewal of Contract with Blackboard Connect, Inc. for Connect-ED

The consent agenda included a recommendation to approve a contract renewal with Blackboard Connect Inc. for Connect-ED services in the amount of \$213,237 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with the option of renewing for one additional year. GCS utilizes Connect-ED services to record, schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to parents and/or employees. The Connect-ED service offers a bundled set of emergency communication, survey and community outreach notification tools designed to help schools improve awareness, increase involvement and audit communication on a regular basis. The Connect-ED service requires no hardware; no software and no additional phone lines. Messages can be sent to all defined recipients or to targeted subgroups.

During the July 24, 2008 meeting, the board approved a contract with Blackboard Connect Inc. for Connect-ED services for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 with the option of renewing for two additional years. The contract provides the option to terminate on the annual anniversary of the effective date (July 1, 2009 for period 2 and July 1, 2010 for period 3) by providing 30-days prior written notice.

The \$3 per student message fee is a fixed annual fee for unlimited use. The negotiated \$3 message fee per student has not increased since the district began using Connect-ED services in 2004. The annual message fee is paid from our telecommunication budget. Blackboard Connect has waived the annual support fee of \$12,200; therefore, the cost of the contract for the 2009-10 fiscal year is \$213,237 (\$3 x 71,079 students), which is a decrease of \$4,173 [(08-09 contract was \$217,410 based on 72,470 students) x \$3]. The cost of the contract for fiscal year 2010-11 will be calculated by multiplying the projected student enrollment by the \$3 per student message fee.

D. Proposed Revisions to the 2009-10 Extended Year and Year Round Calendars

The consent agenda included a recommendation to approve revisions to the 2009-10 extended-year and year-round calendars. The goal is to bring these two calendars into alignment with the traditional academic calendar that was approved by the board on April 7, 2009.

The requested changes for the extended-year calendar are:

- Move the January 4 optional teacher workday to February 19. This would increase the number of instructional days in this quarter from 53 days to 54.
- Move the mandated teacher workday from February 19 to February 18.
- Move the early release day on February 18 to February 17.
- Make June 24 an optional teacher workday.

The requested changes for the year-round calendar are:

- There will be no school on January 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11. On the previous calendar, all of those days, with the exception of January 4, were designated as school days or workdays. This change would reduce the grading period for the third quarter from 50 days to 45 days. Instead, there will be instructional days on April 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the fourth quarter. As a result of this adjustment, each quarter of the school year will have 45 instructional days, bringing the total number of instructional days to 180.
- Designate January 12, February 19, April 5, May 28 and June 11 optional teacher workdays. June 10 would be a protected teacher workday.
- Move the February 18 early release date to February 17 to better align with the district's traditional calendar.

Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Nancy Routh to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

A. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for Title I, Part A

Dr. Beth Folger, chief academic officer, and Dr. Barbara Zwadyk, interim chief curriculum and organizational development officer, presented to the board an update on the ARRA of 2009 for Title I, Part A.

In addition to the annual Title I, Part A allocation, Guilford County Schools will receive almost \$16 million additional Title I, Part A designated funds as part of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The US Department of Education states that the use of the Title I, Part A ARRA funds is guided by four principles:

- (1) spend funds quickly to save and create jobs;
- (2) improve student achievement through school improvement and reform;
- (3) ensure transparency, reporting, and accountability; and
- (4) invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the "funding cliff".

Under the current Board of Education (BOE) established thresholds for Title I funding, there are 41 designated Title I Schools for 2008-09. According to Section 1113 of NCLB, an LEA must serve all of its schools with a poverty rate (Free and Reduced Lunch) above 75%. However, an LEA may designate as eligible any school in which at least 35% of the children are from low-income families. Below are the three options discussed at the April 23 BOE meeting:

1. Option #1 – Maintain the current thresholds, as established by the BOE on March 8, 2005, at 60% for elementary schools, 67% for middle schools and 75% for high schools. With these thresholds, there will be 46 Title I schools for 2009-10.
2. Option #2 – Lower the current threshold from 60% for elementary schools to 50%, from 67% for middle schools to 60%, and maintain high schools at 75%. The number of Title I schools would increase to 50 schools for 2009-10.

3.Option #3 – Lower the current threshold from 60% for elementary schools to 40%, from 67% for middle schools to 50%, and maintain high schools at 75%. The number of Title I schools would increase to 65 schools for 2009-10.

	Option #1 Elementary: 60% Middle: 67% High: 75%	Option #2 Elementary: 50% Middle: 60% High: 75%	Option #3 Elementary: 40% Middle: 50% High: 75%
Elementary	34	36	47
Middle	6	8	12
High School	0	0	0
Special High Schools	6	6	6
Total	46	50	65

Staff reviewed performance data, state comparisons, and projected Title I planning allotments. Option #1 permits the focus of funding to remain on our neediest schools, some of which are identified as the state's lowest performing schools and where Free and Reduced Lunch rates are as high as 98.88%. Additionally, Option #1 will permit district LEA Improvement funding to remain at a level sufficient to provide specific support to non-Title I schools where we have not been successful improving performance of children in specific identified sub-groups. It is unclear whether sanctions could be imposed for any schools added under Options #2 and #3. Option #1, which provides Title I funding to 46 schools, must occur in conjunction with a redesign of Title I plans. Utilizing a collaborative model, regional superintendents, curriculum officers, executive directors, director of Title I, and the chief academic officer will assist principals in an intense evaluation of current plan strategies and in the major revision of plans to optimize funds and improve achievement. Monitoring teams will conduct quarterly reviews to evaluate plan implementation outcomes.

Option #3 would result in decreasing funding to current Title I schools by as much as \$111,000 (current Title I plus ARRA funding) and spreading funding to schools that are already performing relatively well.

Board discussion followed.

*Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Carlvena Foster to approve Option #1, which maintains the current thresholds, as established by the Board on March 8, 2005, at 60% for elementary schools, 67% for middle schools and 75% for high schools. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 8-3 as follows: **AYES** – Alan Duncan, Deena Hayes, Darlene Garrett, Nancy Routh, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Jeff Belton and Carlvena Foster; **NAYS** – Kris Cooke, Sandra Alexander and Garth Hebert.*

Break 8:00 pm
Resume 8:30 pm

B. Academic Update: Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)

Dr. Michelle Ungurait, director of magnet and choice schools, presented to the board an academic update on the impact of the MSAP grant on GCS schools. Scott Winslow, principal of Northwood Elementary was present.

Positive measurable differences in terms of teacher professional development, curriculum revisions, recruitment of students, and student achievement can be documented in the second year of grant funding at Washington Montessori, Hairston IB, Northwood IB, and Ferndale IB.

All four schools have implemented overall curricular changes. Both the International Baccalaureate Organization and American Montessori International require their partner schools to implement holistic curricular and pedagogical change. Specific curriculum changes for Washington Montessori include multiage grouped classrooms with a differentiated and hands-on curriculum. The IB participating schools have to show development of units of study that incorporate local, state, and federal requirements blended with IB curriculum expectations.

Both attendance and enrollment have measurably improved since grant implementation. Immediate growth in student achievement has been seen as a result of curricular changes and teacher professional development supported by the MSAP. Examples include Northwood's 9% improvement on the ecosystems benchmark, representing scores above the district level. Northwood's 3rd quarter reading benchmarks in grades 3, 4, and 5, were above district level for the first time, and Washington Elementary's data also shows growth in math and reading. Ferndale's overall achievement on district-wide benchmarks is up a full 7% higher than last year's scores. Ferndale's attendance is at a record high of 95%, last seen 8 years ago. Additionally, Ferndale is predicted to make AYP and ABC targets for 2008-09. Hairston's average benchmark scores are up more than 10% on most tests compared to last year's totals. Additionally, Hairston is predicted to make AYP and ABC targets this year.

All three IB schools have met the requirements of teacher professional development to move from Candidate to Prospective status. Each school has documented that their teachers have received 174 hours of IB professional development. A reduction of teacher requested transfers may indicate that the professional development and focus on student achievement improves employee fulfillment. In 2007-08, 18 teachers transferred from Hairston Middle School, whereas only eight have requested transfers this year. Ferndale experienced 29 staff departures from 2004-2008, however, only two teachers have tendered their resignations this year.

C. City of Greensboro Request for a Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement at 505 W. Sycamore Street

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board a request from the City of Greensboro (City) for a permanent drainage easement and temporary construction easement located at 505 W. Sycamore Street. The District received a letter dated April 3, 2009 from the City offering to pay \$47,805 to purchase certain property rights on District property located at 505 W. Sycamore St., subject to approval by the City Council or their designated representative. This work is in conjunction with Guilford County's new jail construction project whereby the City is planning to upgrade a portion of its existing downtown storm water drainage system.

The City is planning to add a 60" storm drain pipe and is proposing to acquire from the Board of Education a 30' permanent drainage easement and a temporary construction easement. An easement currently divides the property, and this additional easement would partially overlap and generally run parallel to the existing easement.

The City has agreed to restore any areas that are disturbed by construction or other activities related to this request at its sole expense. In addition, this property mainly serves as a parking lot for the YMCA under a Shared Use Agreement with the District, and the City has agreed to coordinate this work with the YMCA and the District and to provide any necessary temporary parking for authorized user. The City plans to phase this work in order to ensure that roughly one-half of the width of the overall paved parking area will always be useable for vehicular traffic by YMCA members and other authorized users. The City anticipates the

construction period for each phase should not exceed two weeks, and that construction can commence not later than August 1, 2009 and can be completed by September 1, 2009.

Kim Thore, property manager for the City of Greensboro, was present to answer questions. In light of several questions which Ms. Thore was unable to give a response, the board tabled this item until the May 28, 2009 meeting.

D. Continued 2009-10 Budget Discussion

Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, led the board in continued discussion regarding the 2009-10 budget.

Sandra Alexander leaves 9:25 pm

Ms. Ozment reviewed questions raised by board members at the April 29 meeting which were presented in hard copy. The board of education is required to submit its budget to the board of county commissioners by May 15, 2009.

*Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Nancy Routh to approve the 2009-10 budget with the following caveats. The board of education reserves the right to return to the county commissioners for additional funding depending on the state's budget and staff will not enter into any long term contractual agreements over \$100,000 until the stated approves its budget. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: **AYES** – Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes, Darlene Garrett, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Paul Daniels, Jeff Belton and Carlvena Foster; **NAYS** – Garth Hebert.*

Board Discussion

A. Proposed Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2009-10

Chairman Duncan led the board in a discussion regarding the proposed board meeting schedule for 2009-10. This schedule follows the same format of the meeting schedule for the current year in that two meetings are scheduled each month, generally the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday. Some meetings have been moved from the normal practice of the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday so as to not have meetings scheduled for back-to-back weeks or to avoid conflicts with holidays. Also the dates for the fall and winter retreats and budget meeting are included in the proposed schedule.

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Deena Hayes to approve the proposed board of Education meeting schedule for 2009-10. The motion passed unanimous electronic vote.

*Break 10:24 pm
Resume 10:32 pm*

B. Architecture Selection Committee Update

Chairman Duncan, convenor of the architect selection committee, presented to the board an update from the architect selection committee. Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, and Andy LaRowe, executive director of facilities were present to answer questions.

The Architecture Selection Committee met on May 4, 2009 to develop recommendations for the selection of architects and construction management at risk contractors for several projects included in the 2008 school construction bond. The committee reviewed proposals submitted by each of the firms and heard presentations from the architectural firms.

There are three more presentations to be made on additional projects. The entire board is encouraged to hear those presentations.

Architect Selection

Northeast Greensboro Area Elementary School

*Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Paul Daniels, to approve CBSA Architects to design North Greensboro Area Elementary School. The motion failed by a vote of 4-6 as follows: **Ayes:** Garth Hebert, Paul Daniels, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick and Deena Hayes.*

*Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to approve TFF Architects & Planners to design North Greensboro Area Elementary School. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 6-4 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Carlvena Foster and Deena Hayes; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett.*

*Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Kris Cooke, to rank Pierce Brinkley Cease & Lee, PA second to design North Greensboro Area Elementary School. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 7-3 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Carlvena Foster and Deena Hayes; **Nays:** Garth Hebert, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett.*

Northwest Middle and High School

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Garth Hebert to approve Triad Design Group to design Northwest Middle and High Schools.

*A substitute motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Kris Cooke to approve Triad Design Group and rank HH Architecture, PA second to design Northwest Middle and High Schools. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Carlvena Foster, Darlene Garrett and Deena Hayes; **Nays:** Paul Daniels.*

Allen Jay Middle School

*Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded Deena Hayes, to approve Millennium 3 Design Group and rank TFF Architects & Planners second to design Allen Jay Middle School. The motion passes by a majority electronic vote of 6-4 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Amos Quick, Carlvena Foster, Darlene Garrett and Deena Hayes; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Garth, Hebert, Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels.*

McLeansville Elementary School

*Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Garth Hebert, to approve the recommendation of the committee as presented ranking (1) MacRae-Joyce Associates Architects, (2) Efird Sutphin Pearce & Associates, PA, (3) Obsidian Group. The motion passes by a majority electronic vote of 6-4 as follows: **Ayes:** Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

*A substitute motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Carlvena Foster, to approve the ranking as (1) Obsidian Group, (2) Efird Sutphin Pearce & Associates, PA, (3) MacRae-Joyce Associates Architects to design McLeansville Elementary School. The motion fails by an electronic tie vote of 5-5 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Jeff Belton, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Garth Hebert, Kris Cooke, Paul Daniels, Alan Duncan and Darlene Garrett.*

Construction Management at Risk Contractor Selection

Ragsdale High School

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Garth Hebert, to approve the recommendation of the committee ranking (1) D.H. Griffin Construction, (2) Samet Corporation, (3) Barnhill Contracting Company for the construction management at risk as contractor for Ragsdale High School. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 7-3 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.

A substitute motion was made by Carlvena Foster, seconded by Deena Hayes, to approve the rankings as (1) Samet Corporation, (2) D.H. Griffin Construction, (3) Barnhill Contracting Company for the construction management at risk as contractor for Ragsdale High School. The motion failed by electronic tie vote of 5-5 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels.

Southeast Middle and High School

Motion was made by Garth Hebert, seconded by Kris, to approve the recommendation of the committee as presented ranking (1) Barnhill Contracting Company, (2) Bovis Lend Lease, (3) Turner & MM Construction for the construction management at risk as contractor for Southeast Middle and High School. The motion passes by a majority electronic vote of 7-3 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.

Summerfield Elementary School

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Carlvena Foster, to approve the recommendation of the committee as presented ranking (1) Samet Corporation, (2) D.H. Griffin Construction, (3) Shelco, Inc. for the construction management at risk as contractor for Summerfield Elementary School. The motion passes by unanimous electronic vote of 10-0.

Southwest High School

Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to approve the rankings as (1) Turner & MM Construction, (2) Bovis Lend Lease, (3) D.H. Griffin Construction for the construction management at risk as contractor for Southwest High School. The motion passes by a majority electronic vote of 7-3 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert and Darlene Garrett.

Northwest Middle and High School

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Paul Daniels, to rank (1) Barnhill Contracting Company, (2) The Morganti Group, Inc., (3) Bovis Lend Lease for the construction management at risk as contractor for Northwest Middle and High Schools. The motion failed by electronic tie vote of 5-5 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett; **Nays:** Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.

A substitute motion was made by Carlvena Foster, seconded by Deena Hayes, to rank (1) MM Construction, (2) The Morganti Group, Inc. (3) Bovis Lend Lease for the construction management at risk as contractor for Northwest Middle and High Schools. The motion failed by electronic tie vote of 5-5 as follows: **Ayes:** Nancy Routh, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Kris Cooke, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett.

Motion by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to rank as recommended by the committee (1) The Morganti Group, Inc., (2) Bovis Lend Lease (3) Barnhill Contracting Company for the construction management at risk as contractor for Northwest Middle and

*High Schools. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 8-2 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Kris Cooke and Darlene Garrett.*

Special Education Center West and Jamestown Middle

Staff recommends that the change the delivery method of Special Ed West from single prime to construction management at risk and to negotiate a contract with New Atlantic Contracting.

*Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Deena Hayes, to negotiate a contract with New Atlantic Contracting for construction management at risk for the Special Education Center West project. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: **Ayes:** Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Darlene Garrett.*

Closed Session

At 12:15 am, motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Kris Cooke to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege to discuss personnel matters protected by state law. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The board returned to open session at 1:44 a.m.

Reports from the Superintendent

High Point University announced today a new \$2M scholarship program for first generation college bound students. Two \$100,000 scholarships will be awarded over a two year period beginning in 2010.

Reports from the Chairman

The Guilford County delegation will hold a meeting on May 20, 2009 at noon in Raleigh. Kris Cooke encouraged board members to attend.

Motion was made Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, for the board draft a statement of support of the efforts for the African American Male Leadership Summit to be held on August 28-29, 2009. The motion passes unanimously upon electronic vote.

Deena Hayes acknowledged the passing of a member of the construction advisory committee, Allana Muhammed.

Shirley Frye, chair of the board of trustees of GTCC, requests that the board of education support the recommendation to re-appoint Dr. Janice Brewington to the board of trustees. *Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to approve the request for re-appointment. The motion passes unanimously by electronic vote.*

Board Comments

Board members were each allowed two minutes to make remarks, as they deemed appropriate.

Adjournment

With no further business, at 1:47 a.m., *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Jeff Belton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*