

Guilford County Board of Education
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 2:30 p.m.
Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Present: T. Dianne Bellamy Small, Pat Tillman, Linda Welborn

Staff: N. Carr, B. Gantt, A. Henry, K. Hipp, S. Morrison, R. Bergeron

Other: M. Brandon, J. Wilson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 5, 2016 meeting were approved.

Review 2016 Legislative Agenda – L. Welborn

Committee members will review the 2016 Legislative Agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

Using the 2016 Legislative Agenda as language as a guide, Nora Carr will create a motion, for reading at the February 28, 2017 Board of Education meeting, outlining the Committee's desire for the district to have more local control/flexibility of school calendars.

Possible 2017 Priorities – A. Henry, S. Morrison, R. Bergeron, B. Gantt

K3 Class Size Mandate: HB13

Jill Wilson/Nora Carr will create a draft letter/resolution, for the Committee to review prior to the February 28, 2017 Board of Education meeting, outlining the Committee's concerns and requests:

- Committee wants to note that there will be negative impacts to district if funding is cut.
- Committee would like the district to have the flexibility to make decisions on a school-by-school basis.
- Committee would like the State to delay implementation until 2018-19 school year at the earliest.

Pat Tillman will share Senate and House representatives for the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Education – K-12 Committee. Committee members will reach out to representatives with whom they may have a relationship. Any remaining representatives will be divided among the Committee for contacting.

Teacher/Principal Pipeline

Committee asked Shirley Morrison to prioritize, summarize, and gather information and associated costs for the following items:

- Strong base pay (to attract teachers/principals to district)
- Teaching fellows type programs
- Retirees (provide retirees with more flexibility/incentive for returning to work)

State Bonus Plan for Teachers

Committee asked Shirley Morrison and Angie Henry to provide recommendations regarding a district-wide bonus plan, so that everyone has an opportunity to earn a bonus.

School Nurses

Committee recognized the need for more school nurses and that adding school nurses needs to be prioritized with other district needs. Committee will review this topic at a future meeting.

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PTEC HS/Career & Technical Education

Committee asked Bob Gantt to define a CTE model program and associated costs. The Committee determined that it is too late in this legislative session to make this type of program a priority; they agreed that now is the time to start preparing for next year.

Other:

ESSA Core Requirement Overturn

Committee decided to table this topic for now. Nora Carr will review requirements more closely. Jill Wilson will have someone from her staff provide additional ESSA information for the Committee to review.

Other Business Items

Employee compensation topic needs to be added to a future Board retreat or work session agenda, per the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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