

Guilford County Board of Education
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2:30 p.m.
Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Present: Linda Welborn, Darlene Garrett

Staff: Nora Carr, Kim Hipp, Tamara Holloway

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

2017-2018 Legislative Agenda – L. Welborn

The Committee reviewed the second draft of the Legislative Agenda 2018. Nora Carr will incorporate the following feedback:

- Career and Technical Education
 - Remove “specifically” from the second paragraph.
- Teacher and Principal Pipeline
 - In the first paragraph, clarify that removing the sixth-month waiting period will help to mitigate personnel shortages.
 - In the third paragraph, convey that allowing for local flexibility of principal salary schedules will be helpful.
- Quality Public Education Options
 - In the third paragraph, clarify that the educational management organizations mentioned are “not for profit;” that the local education agency (LEA) would maintain control and fiscal, policy and legal oversight of the school.
 - Add a “we oppose vouchers” statement addressing lack of accountability. Also note the financial impacts to district when children return to GCS after the 40th day – convey the need for a process to return funds to district in these situations.
- Discipline Disparities
 - Remove “high-quality” and “school-to-prison pipeline.” Convey that this statement is about providing support to students and that the district wants to ensure children struggling with emotional needs are receiving the necessary supports to succeed.
- School Funding Formula
 - Reword both paragraphs to convey that the district supports funding formulas that support public school districts’ efforts to ensure student success. *Nora Carr will touch base with Angie Henry and the Superintendent to ensure the wording in these statements provide the best impact.*
- Federal Education Issues
 - In the first paragraph, add a period after “concentrations.”

Next Steps – L. Welborn

- Linda Welborn and Darlene Garrett would like more information about LEAs that have contracted with education management organizations, and asked staff to provide specific examples of successful partnerships.
- Linda Welborn will follow up with Superintendent Contreras regarding the district’s restorative justice practices, e.g., how has this been implemented, which schools are utilizing, etc.
- Nora Carr will follow up with Carolyn Gilbert for low performing schools data (for the last three years) to share with the Committee.
- Nora Carr will follow up with Angie Henry to check on 401k options for district employees, and to investigate what Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is utilizing.

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- Linda Welborn will reach out to Leanne Winner, NCSBA, about obtaining a fact sheet that contains information about principal bonuses and school vouchers.
- The Committee asked to review the NCSBA's 2017 Legislative Summary at the November 21 meeting.
- The Committee would like to meet prior to the November 16 Board of Education meeting to review the 2018 Legislative Agenda a final time. Committee members in attendance proposed meeting on Monday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 10:00 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 21, 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Nora Carr, Chief of Staff