



## MEETING MINUTES

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### **Committee Members Present**

Ms. Deborah Napper, Committee Chair  
Ms. Deena Hayes  
Ms. Bettye Jenkins

### **Committee Members Absent**

Ms. T. Dianne Bellamy Small

### **Staff Present**

Mr. Marshall Matson, Chief of Schools & Staff Liaison  
Dr. Kendra March, Principal Supervisor for Learning Area 5  
Mr. Weaver Walden, Principal Supervisor for Learning Area 1  
Ms. Lisa Nolen, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff

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### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Napper called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **Approval of April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion was made by Bettye Jenkins, seconded by Deena Hayes, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting.*

Motion made by: Ms. Bettye Jenkins

Motion seconded by: Ms. Deena Hayes

Voting:

Ms. Deena Hayes - Yes

Ms. Bettye Jenkins - Yes

Ms. Deborah Napper - Yes

*The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Nomination for Renaming the Visual and Performing Arts School**

Weaver Walden reported that a committee to recommend a name for the new visual and performing arts school met on September 9. Staff presented a review of the Board of Education's policy regarding the naming or renaming of facilities. The committee then broke up into small groups to research the nominees being considered, and then voted on the top candidates. Ballet dancer Misty Copeland received the most votes, followed by dancer and choreographer Alvin Ailey; a third candidate, artist Romare Bearden, received no votes.

Ms. Hayes expressed concerns that North Carolina-born jazz musician and composer John Coltrane, who was raised in High Point, may have been excluded from consideration due to past drug use. She stated that the City of High Point and Guilford County both support the John Coltrane International Jazz and Blues Festival which takes place in High Point. Mr. Weaver stated that the committee expressed concerns about a school being named after a person with a history of drug use.

*Motion was made by Bettye Jenkins, seconded by Deena Hayes, to forward the nomination to name the new visual and performing arts school for ballet dancer Misty Copeland to the full Board for its consideration.*

Motion made by: Ms. Bettye Jenkins  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Deena Hayes  
Voting:

Ms. Deena Hayes - Yes  
Ms. Bettye Jenkins - Yes  
Ms. Deborah Napper - Yes

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. by unanimous consent.