

**Wayne Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
June 2, 2015
OPEN SESSION**

On June 2, 2015 at 4:05 p.m. the Wayne Preparatory Academy Board met for a regularly scheduled Board meeting. In attendance were all Board members: Dr. Ken Benton, Dr. Kathy Best, Jim Hull, L. J. Stanley, Mark Corbett, Sharon Thompson, and John Ankeney. School administration in attendance included Dr. Todd Forgette, WPA Managing Director; Melodie Blackmon, Academic Director; Treda Oates, WPA Data Manager and Bianca Guzman, WPA Executive Assistant. Banyan employees Jason Guffey and Shahera Batts, WPA Business Director were also present. Others in attendance included Dr. Marilyn Benton, Bob Jackson as well as WPA teachers - Rachel Moxley, Connie Wells, Amy Preskitt and Brenna Lingley. WPA parents in attendance were Cecil & Audrey McCrackin, Tammy Baugess, Tyler S. Elliott spouse of Miele Elliott WPA teacher, Melissa Asbun, Michelle Singleton, Randy Griffin, Melinda May, Mary & Michael Woodard, Summer Lancaster, Velma Lancaster (Grandparent), and David Evans. Also, Ophelia Grimes, Food Vendor was present.

Call To Order and Welcome – Dr. Ken Benton

Prayer – Dr. Ken Benton

A motion to accept today's agenda as the Business Order of the Day was made by Sharon Thompson and seconded by John Ankeney. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of May 19, 2015 – The minutes were forwarded to the Board by e-mail earlier for their review. Sharon Thompson made a motion to accept the Open Session minutes and the motion was seconded by Jim Hull. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Shaherah Batts presented the payables report to the Board, which was reviewed by Dr. Kathy Best. A motion was made by John Ankeney to accept the report which was seconded by Dr. Kathy Best. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Manager's Report – Shaherah Batts presented the lunch payables report indicating there was still an outstanding balance of \$836.71 owed on May lunches. Mrs. Batts continues to pursue the payment of lunches.

Academic Excellence Report – Dr. Todd Forgette

The school Nepotism Policy was approved by the Board at the last meeting and has been sent to the DPI in response to their request.

The school calendar for 2015-16 will be submitted to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

End of Grade testing is being done this week. A visit by the Regional Accountability Coordinator revealed WPA testing was well set-up and running smoothly.

Yearbook Sales are underway.

The administration is working with Banyan on end of year closing procedures for the buildings.

The administration is working with Banyan on obtaining faster background checks for new potential hires.

A fire drill on May 26th took 2 minutes to clear the buildings.

Technology – Mike Ramsey from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) visited the school to determine IT concerns and needs. He identified relevant concerns, made repairs and recommendations. He will continue to assist WPA in meeting IT needs.

External Development Leadership

On May 22nd the first grade students embarked on a Field Trip to Pine Knolls Shores Aquarium.

On May 27th approximately 35 members of the Goldsboro Three Eagles Rotary Club visited the school. WPA Scholar Ambassadors greeted members at the door and answered their questions about the school during a tour.

On June 6th WPA will participate in the Born Learning Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Herman Park. This festival is geared toward children birth to 5 years of age.

Wayne Before and After School Report – Sharon Thompson

There have been no changes since last month.

S.A.I.L. Enrichment Program Report – Sharon Thompson

There have been no changes since last month. The last S.A.I.L. class of the year is June 8th.

Discovery School of Wayne Report – Sharon Thompson

No report. Still considering an August opening for the Preschool.

Old Business

Bonds – The Bonds are pending closing.

New Business

E-Rate Funds - Dr. Forgette reported that there is money to help offset the IT cost and phones but this money has to be requested/applied for. Mike Ramsey is working with Dr. Forgette to secure these funds.

Open Discussion Period – Time was set aside for people who wished to address the Board. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who wished to speak. Dr. Ken Benton cautioned that this was to be a polite discussion and a 3 minute time period was allotted for each person. Jim Hull was asked to moderate this portion of the meeting. The following participants spoke:

Cedric McCrackin, Parent

Mr. McCrackin asked about facilities and personnel issues

Rachel Moxley, Music Teacher

Mrs. Moxley shared her experience at WPA this year

Tammy Baugess, Parent

Mrs. Baugess stated that her daughter was in the EC classes this year and remarked about the growth she has had and how happy she has been at school. She also asked about personnel issues.

Tyler Elliott, spouse of teacher Miele Elliott

Mr. Elliott shared his observations from his spouse's perspective this year

Melissa Asbun, Parent

Mrs. Asbun shared how much her child has enjoyed WPA this year and she asked about personnel issues

Connie Wells, Teacher

Mrs. Wells shared her experience as a parent of a Kindergarten student and asked that better communication be established for next year. She also discussed concerns about substitute teachers used due to teachers that had resigned.

Amy Preskitt, Teacher

Mrs. Preskitt shared her experience this year at WPA. She stated that she has enjoyed her year at WPA. She also commented on the leadership that Dr. Forgette and Ms. Blackmon have provided this year and how much she appreciated their hard work.

Treda Oates, Data Manager

Mrs. Oates discussed not being asked to return next year. It was noted that this position has been eliminated.

Randy Griffin, Parent

Mr. Griffin stated that his child had really enjoyed Mrs. Best's class this year. He also asked about personnel issues.

Melinda May, Parent

Mrs. May stated that her children love WPA. She also asked about personnel issues.

Michael Woodard , Parent

Mr. Woodard addressed issues with the Kindergarten this year. His concerns were related to teachers that had left for personal reasons or due to pregnancy. He also suggested that a better communication process be put in place for next year. Another concern was facilities for the future including a playground/playfield area.

Summer Lancaster, Parent

Mrs. Lancaster asked about facilities. She also stated that there needed to be better communication. She also asked about personnel issues in the Kindergarten.

David Evans, Parent

Mr. Evans shared that he has two children at WPA. He discussed the OCO and meeting policies for the separate committees. Other concerns he mentioned were substitutes and the P.E. classes due to the abrupt resignation of the P.E. teacher. He also asked that better communication be addressed by the school.

Mr. Jim Hull thanked the speakers for their concerns and comments. He reminded everyone that the Board's foremost interest is the welfare of the students and the school. He also addressed the personnel issues that were brought before the Board by sharing that the teachers have a one year, non-renewable contract. However, each staff member has the opportunity to reapply. Mr. Hull also stated that turnover can occur each year and it is the goal of the Board and administration to have the very best staff possible. He again thanked those that spoke and noted that parental concern and involvement is key to making the school work.

Dr. Ken Benton offered a five minute break before continuing into Closed Session.

Closed Session – Dr. Benton asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session. John Ankeney made a motion to enter Closed Session and it was seconded by L. J. Stanley. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Corbett made a motion to leave Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Kathy Best and passed unanimously.

Return to Open Session

Jim Hull made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Kathy Best and passed unanimously.

May 19, 2015 Closed Session Minutes

The Board was sent the minutes by e-mail for review. Dr. Kathy Best made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Sharon Thompson. No changes or corrections were made. The motion passed unanimously.

The next General Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at WPA.

Adjournment – With no further discussions, John Ankeney made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dr. Kathy Best. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment was at 6:05 p.m.

John D. Ankeney, WPA Secretary