

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Called Work Session

Thursday, February 6, 2014
Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a special called work session on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room. Board Members in attendance were as follows: Emily Coltrane-Board Chair, Todd Cutler-Vice Chair, Tracy Boyles, Gary Cook, Matthew Lambeth, Tommy McDonald and Gary Mason. Also present were Superintendent, Stephen Gainey, and the Leadership Team.

The work session began at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Gainey delivered an overview of the work session as follows: Marty Trotter will review all questions/comments along with the answers to the questions received from the public hearing held on 1/23/14. Upon review, a letter received on 2/5/14 would be distributed for the board's review.

Operations Division

- Randleman Middle School "5th Grade Academy Project"/Review of feedback from the public hearing held in the Randleman Elementary School auditorium on 1/23/14

Marty Trotter reviewed the questions/comments along with the answers to the questions received at the public hearing held on 1/23/14.

Superintendent, Stephen Gainey, shared the importance of making sure we are transparent in sharing any information. A letter was then distributed to board members for their review. This letter was received at central services on 2/5/14 addressed to each board member and the superintendent. He stated this is the only information that has been received regarding the "5th Grade Academy Project."

Catherine Berry stated our team will continue to be available and do the necessary things that need to be accomplished on this project.

Board members had a time of discussion regarding the project. The majority of the board stated they had not received any information in opposition of the project. Only one board member expressed being contacted by an individual who was not in favor. Board members discussed the idea and thoughts of holding another meeting for public input. After much review and discussion, the final consensus from the board felt that ample time had been given, along with proper notice to the parents and community. Ms. Sypole, Principal of Randleman Elementary shared she had not heard of any comments since the public hearing on 1/23/14. She stated out of all the options, the 5th Grade Academy is the best option. The students need to stay in tiger nation and for safety purposes, the students need to be inside the building. Ms. Sypole applauded the board, Dr. Gainey and staff for starting the process to give relief of overcrowding at Randleman Elementary. Some of the 5th grade staff present at the work session spoke of the positives of the 5th Grade Academy.

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Emily T. Coltrane, Board Chair stated that the appropriate notice was given for the public hearing.

The Superintendent discussed the different options with the board. He stated he and the staff would follow the board's lead and do what is needed for the board to be successful.

The Board Chair requested comments from Board members regarding a second hearing.

After review and discussion, based on the consensus of the board, the Board Chair stated there would be a formal recommendation brought to the board at the regular meeting scheduled for 2/17/14. Public comments may be made during the public comments portion of the regular monthly meeting.

Gary Mason made a motion to adjourn the work session. The motion was seconded by Matthew Lambeth. The work session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary