

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

The Randolph County Board of Education met in a special called work session on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 2222 South Fayetteville Street Asheboro, North Carolina in the Central Office Board Room. The following Board members were in attendance as follows: Chairman, Tommy McDonald, Vice-Chair, Emily Coltrane, Tracy Boyles, Gary Cook, Todd Cutler, Matthew Lambeth, and Gary Mason. Also present were Superintendent Elect, Dr. Stephen Gainey and Attorney, Jill Wilson.

Call to Order

Board Chairman, T. McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a Moment of Silence before beginning the meeting.

Alternative Education

Board Chairman, T. McDonald opened discussion by stating he would like to see Randolph County Schools have an alternative school which would give opportunities to place students without suspension. The Board had open dialogue with Superintendent Elect, Dr. Stephen Gainey and Attorney, Jill Wilson to review and consider the benefits of an alternative school environment for students. Dr. Gainey stated the importance in beginning an alternative school is to start with a firm program. There was continued dialogue and questions regarding facilities, funding, curriculum, providing a strong mental health component, community partnerships that include faith based partnerships, specialized services offered to assist students needs, state standards and state approval. At the end of review and discussion, Dr. Gainey stated in order to move forward he would need to meet with the staff to get a set plan in place with a strong memorandum of understanding for the Board's review and approval.

Policy – 4290 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Student Athletes

The Board and Dr. Gainey had opened dialogue to discuss and review Policy 4290 as previously presented to the Board for first reading at the April Board of Education meeting. Some members suggested consideration for the policy to include all extracurricular activities. The Board was advised that the intent of the policy was prevention. There was discussion of the cost and funding. The cost was stated to be \$16 - \$20 dollars per test. After review and discussion the consensus of the board was to begin with a policy for drug testing of student athletes. Dr. Gainey stated he would discuss the specifics of the policy with Mr. Trotter and Mr. Baxter to bring back to the Board for final approval.

Adjournment

T. Cutler made a motion seconded by T. Boyles to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried: 7-0.

Chairman

Secretary