



Charlotte, North Carolina

April 6, 2017

**REGULAR MEETING
of the
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education held a Regular Board meeting on April 6, 2017. The meeting began at 5:16 p.m. and was held in the Art Gallery at Myers Park High School located at 2400 Colony Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209.

Present: Mary T. McCray, Chairperson, Member At-Large
Elyse Dashew, Vice-Chairperson, Member At-Large
Ericka Ellis-Stewart, Member At-Large
Thelma Byers-Bailey, District 2
Dr. Ruby M. Jones, District 3
Tom Tate, District 4
Eric C. Davis, District 5
Paul Bailey, District 6

Absent: Rhonda Lennon, District 1

Also present at the request of the Board were Ann Clark, Superintendent; George E. Battle, III, General Counsel; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board.

Upon motion by Tom Tate, seconded by Thelma Byers-Bailey, the Board voted unanimously of those present to go into Closed Session for the following purpose:

- **To discuss with the Board's attorney certain matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, and**
- **To consider a specific personnel matters.**

The motion was made pursuant to Sections 143-318.11(a)(3) and (a)(6) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The Board held a Closed Session meeting from 5:16 p.m. until 5:32 p.m.

Also present at the request of the Board were Ann Clark, Superintendent; George E. Battle, III, General Counsel; Saniye Wilson, Senior at Providence High School, serving as Student Advisor to the Board; Julie Beck, Manager of Board Services; Members of Senior Staff; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board. Rhonda Lennon arrived at the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson McCray welcomed everyone to the April 6, 2017 Regular Board meeting which was being held in the Auditorium at Myers Park High School. Chairperson McCray thanked the principal, Mark Bosco and staff for hosting the meeting and recognized the JROTC cadets for doing an excellent job in greeting board members and staff and directing everyone around the campus.

They are led by Major (Doug) Willie and First Sargent (Kelly) Foy. Chairperson McCray also recognized Hiwatha Foster, long time teacher at Myers Park High School.

A. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairperson McCray called for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda.

Motion by: Paul Bailey **Seconded by:** Thelma Byers-Bailey **Vote:** 8-0

Rhonda Lennon was absent at the time of the vote.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson McCray called upon Tom Tate to introduce the student to lead those present and in the viewing audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and speak to the April character trait of *perseverance*. Mr. Tate introduced Israel Reyes Bermudez.

Israel is a fifth grade student at Merry Oaks International Academy. He is ten years old, a team member on the news crew, a participant in the dancing for diversity program and an avid tennis player. Next year, Israel will be a raider at Randolph Middle School.

Israel is joined this evening by his parents, Gregorio Reyes and Ivonne Reyes, Bermudez; sister, Genessis; and brothers, Gregorio and Estevan. Also joining Israel is Charity Bell, Northeast Learning Community Superintendent; Steve Esposito, Northeast Learning Community Executive Director; Brittany Slagle, Merry Oaks Principal; Pam Bland-Bostick, Assistant Principal, Kylene Collins, Dean of Instruction; Shannon Abernathy, Literacy Facilitator; Keara Williams, 5th Grade Literacy Teacher; and David Guion, 5th Grade Math Teacher.

Israel invited everyone to stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, he spoke about the character trait of perseverance.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairperson McCray reported the next items are public hearings on proposed amendment to six Board policies. Chairperson McCray provided an overview of the protocol for speakers and noted that each speaker would have up to two minutes to speak before the Board.

A. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Policy JFAC, *Reassignments and Transfers*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy JFAC, *Reassignments and Transfers*, and called upon the speakers scheduled to speak before the Board.

1. Jess Miller

Chairperson McCray said this concludes the speakers for this item and declared the public hearing closed on Policy JFAC at 6:16 p.m.

B. Public Hearing on Recommendation to Eliminate Policy IHBJ, *Magnet Programs*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy IHBJ and reported no speakers were scheduled to speak to this item and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

C. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Policy IL, *Research and Evaluation*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy IL and reported no speakers were scheduled to speak to this item and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

D. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Policy ILB, *Assessment of Students*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy ILB and reported no speakers were scheduled to speak to this item and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

E. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Policy IMDA, *Observance Honoring National Heroes*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy MDA and reported no speakers were scheduled to speak to this item and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

F. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Policy JHBB, *Attendance Monitoring/Accounting*

Chairperson McCray opened the Public Hearing on Policy JHBB and reported no speakers were scheduled to speak to this item and declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

III. REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairperson McCray reported the Public Requests section is an opportunity to hear from the public and provided an overview of the protocol for speakers. Each speaker will have up to two minutes for individuals and up to seven minutes for groups to address the Board on any topic of their choosing but personal and individual matters should not be addressed in this forum. CMS employees and their families should not be addressed in the comments and the use of inappropriate language should not be used. The Board reserves the right to cut off any speaker who violates these rules.

Chairperson McCray called on the following members of the public who requested an opportunity to address the Board.

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| 1. Shamaïye Haynes | 16. Mandy Lee |
| 2. Flynn O'Hagan | 17. Cynthia Haynes |
| 3. Crïsten Laffin | 18. Janelle Manning |
| 4. Elisa Wallace | 19. Ismael Hernandez |
| 5. Devonte Long | 20. Hayley Rowley |
| 6. Keymillie Perez | 21. Emeli Alvarez |
| 7. Jennifer Guzmann | 22. Ace Malolo |
| 8. Dee Rankin | 23. Mia Forty |
| 9. Blanche Penn | 24. Phoebe Levine |
| 10. Suzanne Beckman | 25. Earline Hicks Browning |
| 11. Alicia Rose Williams | 26. Matt Craig |
| 12. Erlene Lyde | 27. Randolph Frierson |
| 13. Arthur Griffin | 28. Vi H |
| 14. Dan Linsz | 29. Mark Hickman |
| 15. Wesley Fisher | |

Chairperson McCray called the Requests From The Public closed at 7:18 p.m.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes

1. Recommend Approval of Open Session Minutes.
 - *February 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting*
 - *March 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting*
 - *March 20, 2017 Joint Meeting*
2. Recommend Approval of Closed Session Minutes.
 - *March 14, 2017*
 - *March 16, 2017*
 - *March 20, 2017*

B. Human Resources

1. Recommend Approval of Licensed/Non-Licensed Hires, Promotions, and Separations through April 6, 2017.

The report includes prior hires not processed when the report was presented at the Board meeting on March 28, 2017.

- *Total Hires July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017: 3,501 (Licensed Hires: 1,661 / Non-Licensed Hires: 1,840).*
- *Total Promotions July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017: 927. (Licensed Promotions: 418 / Non-licensed Promotions: 509).*
- *Total Selected Positions Separations: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017: 11.*

2. Recommend Approval of Administrative Personnel Appointments.

Chairperson McCray called upon Superintendent Clark to present the personnel appointments. Superintendent Clark presented the following personnel appointments and recognized those in audience to stand and be recognized by the Board and audience. Superintendent Clark reported the recommendations for senior staff are recommendations of incoming Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox. Staff will remain in their current positions until June 30, 2017 and will enter into their new role effective July 1, 2017.

- Chief School Performance Officer, Kathleen S. Elling
- Chief of Staff, Laura Lockard Francisco
- Community Superintendent, Avery Mitchell
- Chief of Community Relations and Engagement/Ombudsman Officer, Earnest Winston
- Principal, Lake Wylie Elementary School, Jigna Patel

C. Recommend Approval of HVAC Controls Upgrade Project at University Park Elementary School.

The HVAC Controls Upgrade Project was bid on March 13, 2017. Staff recommends approval of the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Hoffman Building Technologies. All work is to be performed in accordance with the standard terms and conditions outlined in the contract. MWSBE participation: 0%. Fiscal Implications: Sustainment Funds - \$360,397.

D. Recommend Approval of Change to Board of Education Meeting Data from May 23, 2017 to May 24, 2017.

Due to the graduation schedule of CMS Middle College High Schools, the Board will be asked to approve a date change of the second regular meeting May, from May 23, 2017 to May 24, 2017.

Chairperson McCray: called to move to consideration of the Consent Items.

No Board member(s) asked to pull any item(s) for individual consideration.

Motion by: Paul Bailey **Seconded by:** Elyse Dashew **Vote:** 9-0

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of Proposed Amendments to Policy JFAC, "Reassignments and Transfers," are before the Board for action.

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs: Providing all students with the opportunity to perform to their fullest potential and ensuring that there is no discernible difference between the achievement levels of students by race, gender or economic level

Chairperson McCray called upon Tom Tate, Chair of the Policy Committee for an introduction and motion.

The current policy includes three reasons for which a student may request a reassignment or transfer: medical necessity, extreme hardship and child of employee. The proposed amendments add two reasons for reassignment or transfer requests: 1) student attends a school designated by the state as having a grade of D or F; and 2) the student attends a home school designated by the state as low performing for three consecutive years. These changes are intended to further the implementation of the Goals and Guiding Principles for Student Assignment adopted by the Board in 2016. In addition, for student transfer requests only, the policy permits applications for any school at which there are available seats, without requiring that the request be based on any particular reason.

Another significant proposed change applies to reassignment or transfer requests based on either extreme hardship or attendance at a D or F school. For these categories, if there are more applications than seats available in a particular school or grade level, the district will give priority to the applications of students whose socioeconomic status (SES) will increase the SES diversity of the school. This provision would be effective in the 2018-2019 school year.

The proposed amendments were considered by the Policy Committee at meetings on February 9 and February 20, 2017, and were approved by unanimous vote of the committee after further discussion on March 9, 2017. The policy was posted on the CMS website for public comment and the Board held a public hearing on March 28 and April 6, 2017.

Motion by: Tom Tate presented through the Policy Committee **Seconded by:** Not required
Tom Tate moved recommend approval of proposed amendments to Policy JFAC, "Reassignments and Transfers".

Substitute Motion by: Ericka Ellis-Stewart **Seconded by:** Thelma Byers-Bailey
Ericka Ellis-Stewart moved the Board accept proposed amendments to Policy JFAC with the following two (2) changes:

1. Page 3. Section 1. 3. C. ii, to read: transportation to the school to which a student is reassigned 'will' be provided by the district.
2. Page 6. Section II .3. C. i. to read: transportation to the school to which a student receives a transfer 'will' be provided transportation by the district.

Vote: 4-5. The motion failed upon hand vote.

Aye: 4 Board members

1. Mary McCray
2. Erick Ellis-Stewart
3. Thelma Byers-Bailey
4. Dr. Ruby Jones

Nay: 5 Board members

1. Elyse Dashew
2. Rhonda Lennon
3. Tom Tate
4. Eric Davis
5. Paul Bailey

Substitute Motion by: Paul Bailey **Seconded by:** Thelma Byers-Bailey
Paul Bailey moved the Board approve the proposed amendments Policy JFAC as presented and return the policy to the Policy Committee for consideration to include transportation

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2. Page 6. Section II .3. C. i. to read: transportation to the school to which a student receives a transfer 'will' be provided transportation by the district.

Amendment by: Ericka Ellis-Stewart to Mr. Bailey's Substitute Motion
Ericka Ellis-Stewart moved the Board amend the motion to bring back to the Policy Committee within thirty (30) days.

Paul Bailey added to his substitute motion that it be brought to the Policy Committee scheduled for April 17, 2017.

Chairperson McCray: called for the Board to vote on Paul Bailey's substitute motion

Vote: 9-0. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

B. Recommend Approval of Recommendation to Eliminate Policy IHBJ, Magnet Programs

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs: Operating effectively and efficiently with fiscal accountability.

Chairperson McCray called upon Tom Tate, Chair of the Policy Committee, for an introduction and motion

Mr. Tate reported Policy IHBJ is before the Board for action on the recommendation for it to be eliminated. Detailed information about school options, which include magnets and non-magnet school option programs, is included in Policy JCA, Student Assignment Plan, and Exhibit JCA-E, Student Assignment Plan School Options Lottery Guarantees and Priorities. Therefore, this policy is no longer necessary. The recommendation was discussed by the Policy Committee at the March 9, 2017 meeting and approved unanimously. The policy was posted on the CMS website for public comment and the Board held a public hearing on March 28 and April 6, 2017.

Motion by: Tom Tate

Seconded by: Not required

Tom Tate moved the Board approve recommendation to eliminate Policy IHBJ, Magnet Programs. The motion was presented through the Policy Committee.

Vote: 9-0. The motion passed upon unanimous vote.

C. Consider Approval of New Projects to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education's 2017 Bond Request

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs: Securing and allocating adequate resources according to the needs of each child.

Chairperson McCray called upon Thelma Byers-Bailey for an introduction and motion.

Motion: Thelma Byers-Bailey

Seconded by: Dr. Ruby Jones

Thelma Byers-Bailey moved the Board submit to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, a request to add the cost of replacement facilities for West Charlotte High School and Bruns Academy to the total amount sought in a 2017 school facilities bond referendum. Included in my motion, is the request that the cost of these replacement facilities for West Charlotte High School and Bruns Academy be added in addition to the approximately \$798 million already requested and not offset by altering the costs of any other project previously submitted.

Substitute Motion: Paul Bailey

Seconded by: Eric Davis

Paul Bailey made a motion that the Board defer this item until the next meeting to allow time to think this over and get a better plan in place and ask staff to reconsider the priority of the projects

Mr. Battle said this is a separate motion and will take precedence over the original motion. If passes the board will not vote on original motion.

Chairperson McCray called for the Board vote on Mr. Bailey's substitute motion

Vote: 3-6. The motion failed.

Aye: 3 Board members

1. Rhonda Lennon
2. Eric Davis
3. Paul Bailey

Nay: 6 Board members

1. Mary McCray
2. Elyse Dashew
3. Ericka Ellis-Steward
4. Thelma Byers-Bailey
5. Dr. Ruby Jones
6. Tom Tate

Chairperson McCray called for the Board vote on Ms. Thelma Byers-Bailey motion.

Vote: 6-3. The motion passed.

Aye: 6 Board members

1. Mary McCray
2. Elyse Dashew
3. Ericka Ellis-Steward
4. Thelma Byers-Bailey
5. Dr. Ruby Jones
6. Tom Tate

Nay: 3 Board members

1. Rhonda Lennon
2. Eric Davis
3. Paul Bailey

VI. REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Report on Budget Amendments for February 2017

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission, and Core Beliefs: Operating effectively and efficiently with fiscal accountability.

As required by the FY 2016-2017 Budget Resolution, Section IV, adopted August 9, 2016, a report of budget amendments shall be made to the Board of Education on a monthly basis.

Fiscal Implications:

Fiscal Year 2016-17 State Operating Revenue increased by \$3,841,668

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Federal Operating Revenue decreased by \$161,222

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Other Operating Revenue increased by \$588,880

Fiscal Year 2016-17 State Operating Expenditures increased by \$3,841,668

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Federal Operating Expenditures decreased by \$161,222

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Other Operating Expenditures increased by \$588,880

Chairperson McCray called upon Ann Clark to present Budget Amendments for February 2017. Superintendent Clark reported this is the monthly report and as presented.

B. Report on Financial Statements for February 28, 2017

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission, and Core Beliefs: Operating effectively and efficiently with fiscal accountability.

Section 115 C-436 of the North Carolina School Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires the Finance Officer to present statements of the financial conditions of the local school administrative unit to the Board and the Superintendent.

Chairperson McCray called upon Ann Clark to present the Report on Financial Statements for February 28, 2017. Superintendent Clark reported this is the monthly report and as presented.

C. Report on Superintendent’s Proposed Recommendation for 2017-2018 Board of Education Operating Budget

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission, and Core Beliefs: Operating effectively and efficiently with fiscal accountability. Securing and allocating adequate resources according to the needs of each child.

Chairperson McCray called upon Ann Clark to introduce Report on Superintendent’s Proposed Recommendation for 2017-2018 Board of Education Operating Budget.

Superintendent Clark provided comments and presented the proposed 2017-2018 Board of Education Operating Budget.

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg has a clear and unwavering mission: To maximize academic achievement by every child in every school.
- Strong public schools promote a prosperous community for everyone:
- It starts with an intentional focus on early grades and our North Star of literacy.
 - Greater focus on instructional excellence.
 - Greater academic choice and personalization.
 - Increased technology supports to enhance teaching and learning.
- Our efforts are having a positive impact
 - CMS graduation rate rose for seventh consecutive year to 89.6 percent. From 2010 to 2016 the percentage changed 19.7 points.
 - CMS graduation rate exceeds the state average and rates in other large districts in North Carolina.
- There is still much work to do as we continue to navigate challenging fiscal realities.
- 2017-2018 Operating Budget Recommendation:
 - The budget request represents four critical needs to help support our continued commitment to progress:
 1. Funding for continued student enrollment growth and sustaining operations.
 2. Consistent pay increases for all employees by matching proposed state salary increases for locally paid employees.
 3. More school and student support services.
 4. Additional Charter pass-through funding.

2017-2018 Recommended Operating Budget Increase from the County	
Student growth and sustaining operations	5.4 million
Matching proposed state salary increases for locally paid employees	10.3 million
More school and student support services	4.5 million
Requested increase for CMS	20.2 million
Charter pass-through funding	6.7 million
Total requested increase	\$26.9 million

2017-2018 Total Proposed Budget		
REVENUES	Proposed Budget	% of Total
State of North Carolina	\$828,757,458	58.6%
Mecklenburg County	\$440,479,845	31.2%
Federal and other grants	\$129,595,537	9.2%
Other and special revenue	\$14,032,500	1.0%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,412,865,340	100%
Capital Replacement	\$5,000,000	
Deferred Maintenance Capital Funding	\$18,000,000	
Enterprise Funds:		
Child Nutrition Program	\$70,337,763	
After School Enrichment Program	\$13,715,870	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$1,519,918,973	

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2017-2018 Proposed Operating Budget vs. 2016-2017 Adopted Operating Budget	
2017-2018 Proposed Budget	\$1,412,865,340
2016-2017 Adopted Budget	\$1,377,873,795
Increase	\$ 34,991,545
Change over Prior Year	2.5%

*Operating budget only – does not include capital or enterprise funds

- An additional investment opportunity: Making local salary supplement for teachers more competitive. Current CMS local supplement becomes less competitive with more years of experience.

• Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
April 6	Superintendent presents 2017-18 Budget Recommendation	BOE Meeting Myers Park HS
April 17 April 18 April 19 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Community meetings on Superintendent's Budget Recommendation	Bradley MS Eastway MS Jay M. Robinson MS
April 25 6:00 p.m.	Public hearing on Superintendent's Budget Recommendation	BOE Meeting, CMGC Meeting Chamber
May 9 6:00 p.m.	Board of Education approval of 2017-18 Budget Request	BOE meeting, CMGC Meeting Chamber

May 15	Board of Education's 2017-18 Budget Request submitted to the county	
May 23 3:00 p.m.	Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners workshop on budget	CMGC, Room 267
May 30 11:00 a.m.	County Manager's Recommended Operating and Capital Budgets presented to BOCC	CMGC Meeting Chamber
June 7	Public hearing on county's budget	CMGC Meeting Chamber
June 20	County adopts 2017-18 Operating Budget	CMGC Meeting Chamber
July-September	2017-18 Operating Budget finalized and approved by BOE	BOE meeting, CMGC Meeting Chamber

Chairperson McCray thanked Superintendent Clark, for the report and invited Board members to ask questions and provide comments.

D. First Reading on Proposed Amendments to Policy JCA-E2, Student Assignment Plan: Criteria for School Boundaries

Correlation to Board of Education Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs: Providing all students with the opportunity to perform to their fullest potential and ensuring that there is no discernible difference between the achievement levels of students by race, gender or economic level.

Chairperson McCray called upon Tom Tate, Chair of the Policy Committee, to present First Reading on Proposed Amendments to Policy JCA-E2, Student Assignment Plan: Criteria for School Boundaries.

Mr. Tate reported proposed Amendments to Policy JCA-E2 are before the Board for First Reading. The exhibit sets forth the criteria that the Board will consider in making decisions regarding adjusting current school boundaries and for establishing boundaries for new schools. The exhibit was discussed by the Policy Committee on March 14, 2017 and by the Board on March 28, 2017. The policy will be posted on the CMS for public comment, the Board will hold a public hearing on April 25, 2017 and May 9, 2017, and Board vote on May 9, 2017.

Student Assignment Plan: Criteria for School Boundaries

A. Student Assignment Goals

The Student Assignment Goals approved by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education in 2016 represent the Board's priorities for assigning students to schools:

- Provide choice and promote equitable access to varied and viable programmatic options for all children;
- Maximize efficiency in the use of school facilities, transportation and other capital and operational resources to reduce overcrowding;
- Reduce the number of schools with high concentrations of poor and high-needs children;
- Provide school assignment options to students assigned to schools that are not meeting performance standards established by the state; and

- Preserve and expand schools and programs in which students are successfully achieving the mission and vision of the Board.
- In making decisions regarding establishing or adjusting school boundaries or feeder patterns, the Board will consider how the decisions help the Board achieve the Student Assignment Goals.

B. Student Assignment Guiding Principles

In 2016, the Board also approved Guiding Principles for Student Assignment, which provide a more detailed blueprint for developing the student assignment plan. In the Guiding Principles are these definitions:

- Home Schools are schools with fixed, contiguous attendance boundaries. Every student will be assigned to a designated home school within proximity to where he/she lives.
- Partial magnets are schools where part of the seats are assigned to students residing within a fixed home school attendance area (the “home school guarantee”) and the remaining seats are assigned to students who apply via the school options lottery.

C. Decision Matrix for School Boundary Decisions

The Board desires that its decisions regarding school boundaries be objective and transparent. Therefore, in developing boundary recommendations for the Board, the superintendent is directed to develop a decision matrix based on the Goals and Guiding Principles that incorporates the following factors and to evaluate each school’s current boundaries using this matrix:

- the average home-to-school distance;
- the extent to which elementary attendance areas kept intact as part of middle and high school feeder patterns;
- the socioeconomic diversity of the student population; and
- the utilization of the school as compared to the building capacity.

D. Additional Factors for Consideration

The Board acknowledges that some factors may prove more difficult to quantify or may not be applicable to a particular boundary decision. Therefore, in addition to the decision matrix, the Board directs the superintendent to consider the following additional factors in developing boundary recommendations:

- the feasibility of achieving the board’s goals through other means, such as establishing partial magnet schools;
- keeping entire neighborhoods assigned to the same school;
- projections for population growth and demographic shifts;
- site limitations or legal restrictions that affect expansion capabilities; and
- whether the school has been identified for capital improvements through bond or other funding.

Chairperson McCray thanked Mr. Tate for the report and invited Board members to ask questions and provide comments.

VII. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Ann Clark reported on the following:

- Invited community members to attend budget meetings
- Encouraged Students to read over Spring Break
- Wished everyone a safe holiday

VIII. REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson McCray opened the floor to Board member comments and asked they not hold the floor for more than ten minutes.

- Ericka Ellis-Stewart recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Blue and white pinwheels are placed throughout the county to honor child abuse awareness. Review statistics. This issue must be lifted up throughout our community.
- Elyse Dashew thanked leadership students at Garinger, and enjoyed discussing the topics on budget and equity. Recognized South Mecklenburg High School students who created a silent gallery crawl.
- Thelma Byers-Bailey commended Olympic on winning the Blue Diamond Investment Award. Olympic is a national model and they are doing innovative things.
- Mary McCray recognized the students at Garinger and the CTE programs. She also visited Harding, and the 9th graders were doing an excellent job.

ADJOURNMENT

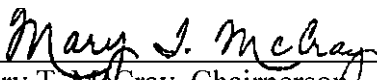
Chairperson McCray called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting.

Motion by: Rhonda Lennon


Seconded by: Thelma Byers-Bailey

Vote: 9-0. The motion passed upon unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.



Mary T. McCray, Chairperson



A. Yvette Blakeney, Clerk to the Board