

MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Special Called Meeting
June 4, 2015**

MINUTES

The Moore County Board of Education met in the Board Room of the Moore County Schools Central Office in Carthage, North Carolina, on Thursday, June 4, 2015 for a special called meeting.

The following Board members were present:

Bruce Cunningham, Jr.
Sue Black
Ben Cameron
Ed Dennison
Kathy Farren
Charles Lambert
Becky Carlson
Laura Lang

Also present were members of senior staff, Board Clerk Cathy McRae, and Board Attorney Neal Ramee.

Board Chair Bruce Cunningham called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Laura Lang made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Ms. Becky Carlson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Cunningham described the format for the meeting.

Vice Chair Kathy Farren made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), -(a)(6), and G.S. 115C-319 for confidential personnel matters and to consult with the Board Attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege. Mr. Dennison seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board went into closed session at approximately 8:05 a.m.

The Board exited the closed session shortly after 9:00 a.m. Chair Cunningham announced that, due to the large number of people in attendance and safety concerns raised by the fire marshal, the meeting was recessed and would reconvene at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Carthage. Staff posted signs and otherwise gave directions to the Historic Courthouse to those in attendance.

Board Action

A. Personnel

The meeting reconvened in open session at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Carthage.

Ms. Lang made a motion to exercise the unilateral termination provision in Section 16 in Superintendent Grimesey's employment contract and to authorize the use of fund balance in the amount of \$165,500 for this purpose pursuant to G.S. 115C-271. Mr. Cameron seconded. After some discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 5-3, with Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dennison, and Mr. Lambert dissenting.

Chair Cunningham and Ms. Farren spoke to the need to appoint a temporary superintendent until such time as a permanent superintendent could be appointed and offered their support for the appointment of Dr. Larry Upchurch as temporary superintendent.

Ms. Sue Black made a motion to appoint Dr. Larry Upchurch as temporary superintendent in accordance with the terms of the proposed temporary superintendent contract. Ms. Farren seconded. After some discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Lambert dissenting and Mr. Dennison abstaining.

There being no further business, Ms. Farren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Black seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0, with Mr. Lambert abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Bruce T. Cunningham, Chair
Moore County Board of Education

Dr. Robert P. Grimesey, Jr., Superintendent
Secretary to the Board