



Durham Public Schools Board of Education – December 15, 2017

Operational Services and Policy Work Session Highlights from December 14, 2017

The Durham Public Schools Board of Education met at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, and considered an agenda that included the following highlights:

Agenda:

The agenda was amended by adding the following after the Consent Items:

- 6.5. Restart Program
- 8e Teacher Housing
- 8f. Case 21 Purchase Agreement Contract

The agenda was amended and approved.

Public Comment:

There were two people signed up for Public Comment.

- Amanda Snyderman discussed the Health and Wellness Policy and asked the Board Members to consider reinstating the Wellness Coordinator position.
- Brian Callaway discussed his concerns regarding the custodial contract extension.

Reports of the Work Session:

6. Consent Items

- a. Bid for Little River Elementary School Chiller Replacement Project - **APPROVED**
- b. Bid for Hillandale Elementary School Chiller Replacement Project – **APPROVED**
- c. Lottery Project Closure – Southwest Elementary School - **APPROVED**
- d. School Nutrition Services Policies – 6200 Series – **APPROVED**

The consent items passed unanimously.

6.5. Restart Program

Dr. Mubenga recommended writing a letter to the State Board to reduce the 14 schools in the Restart Program to 3 or 4 schools because this will be a financial impact not being able to move money around. He stated a letter needs to be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction before the Holidays so it can be presented to the State Board in January 2018 for first reading. Then the letter will be submitted for approval in February 2018.

Chairman Mike Lee made a motion to instruct administration to craft a letter to the State Board of Education to allow us reduce the number of schools on our Restart Program, and this number will be determined by the administration. Before submission, this letter will be edited between Dr. Pascal

Mubenga, Superintendent, and Mr. Mike Lee, Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Xavier Cason.

Mr. Matt Sears stated he does not feel good doing this and worried about what message this is sending to the State.

Mr. Steve Unruhe stated the change in class size reduction had a fiscal impact and our fiscal flexibility has shrunk.

Natalie Beyer asked Mike Lee to amend his motion for it to include clear language to inform the State Board and the community that we are continuing to work with the remaining schools that are not on the list for the Restart Program.

Chairman Mike Lee agreed to amend his original motion to instruct administration to craft a letter to the State Board of Education to allow us reduce the number of schools on our Restart Program, and this number will be determined by the administration. Before submission, this letter will be edited between Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent, and Mr. Mike Lee, Chairman of the Board. The letter will also include language so the State Board and the community will know that we are continuing to work the remaining schools that are not on the Restart Program list. Mr. Xavier Cason seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. **Board Item**

- a. Joint Resolution Regarding K-3 Class Size Reduction Implementation by Durham County Commissioners and the Durham Board of Education

Mike Lee made a motion to approve the above-referenced resolution. Steve Unruhe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Operational Services**

- a. Custodial Contract Extension – APPROVED
- b. 2016-17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) – **APPROVED**
- c. Central Services Salary Study Update – **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**
- d. Mark III Contract Renewal – **APPROVED (Three-Year Term)**
- e. Proposed Project for Affordable Public Teacher Housing – **APPROVED** (Send draft memorandum to the County Manager.)
- f. Case 21 Purchase Agreement Contract – **APPROVED**

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Next Operational Services and Policy Services Work Session:

The next Operational Services and Policy Work Session of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education is set to be held Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in Room 307, 511 Cleveland Street, Durham, NC, 27701.

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