

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Committee Members

Ms. Deborah Napper, Chairperson

Ms. Deena Hayes

Ms. T. Dianne Bellamy Small

Ms. Bettye T. Jenkins

Staff Present

Superintendent Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D.

Mr. Marshal Matson, Chief of Schools, Committee Liaison

Mr. Travis Seegars, Principal, Middle College at A&T

Ms. Sharon Jacobs, Interim Principal, Middle College at Bennett

Ms. Michelle Reed, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Kimberly M. Funderburk, Director of Board Relations

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Napper called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Chairperson Napper led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. Approval of February 25, 2021 and November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 25, 2021 and November 23, 2021 meetings were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Deborah Napper, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 and November 23, 2021 meetings.

Motion made by: Ms. Deena Hayes

Motion seconded by: Ms. Deborah Napper

Voting:

Unanimously approved

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

IV. Nominations for Naming

A. Middle College at NC A&T

Superintendent Contreras provided a brief summary of the nomination and introduced Travis Seegars, principal of the Middle College at North Carolina A&T, to share remarks.

Principal Seegars shared comments in favor of the renaming. He commented on the sentimental value and impact the renaming would have on the students, school and the community.

Board Chairperson Hayes reflected on a time in 1993 when Woolworth was still open. She was involved as an administrator with Woolworth.

Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Deborah Napper, to approve the renaming of the Middle College at North Carolina A&T State University to the "A&T Four Middle College at North Carolina A&T."

Motion made by: Ms. Deena Hayes

Motion seconded by: Ms. Deborah Napper

Voting:

Unanimously approved

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

B. Middle College at Bennett

Superintendent Contreras summarized the nomination and introduced Sharon Jacobs, principal of the Middle College at Bennett, to share remarks.

Principal Jacobs shared comments in favor of the renaming and mentioned that the school has implemented many activities to build awareness of the proposed renaming. Students have also signed a petition in favor of the school renaming.

Board Chairperson Hayes made remarks in favor of the naming as one of the individuals who submitted the nomination. She recognized Ms. Coleman for her contributions to public education and community service.

Bettye Jenkins also made comments about Ms. Coleman honoring her legacy in public service.

Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Bettye Jenkins, to approve the renaming of the Middle College at Bennett College to the "Carolyn Q. Coleman Middle College at Bennett College."

Motion made by: Ms. Deena Hayes

Motion seconded by: Ms. Bettye Jenkins

Voting:

Unanimously approved

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

Motion was made by Chairperson Napper, seconded by T. Dianne Bellamy Small, to present both nominations to the full board at its March 8 meeting for consideration.

Motion made by: Ms. Deborah Napper
Motion seconded by: Ms. T. Dianne Bellamy Small
Voting:
Unanimously approved

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

V. Other Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, at 3:48 p.m., *motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Bettye Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*