

Guilford County Board of Education
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Committee Members: Linda Welborn, Chairperson Nora Carr, Staff Liaison
Darlene Garrett
T. Dianne Bellamy Small
Pat Tillman

| AGENDA | |
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| Welcome and Introductions | <i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i> |
| Review of Minutes (March 14, 2018) | <i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i> |
| Council of the Great City Schools Legislative Conference and Advocacy Day Update | <i>Discussion Leaders: Linda Welborn and T. Dianne Bellamy Small</i> |
| Advocacy Contacts Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB866 – School Bond Proposal• State/Federal Funding for School Safety and Security | <i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i> |
| Principal Pay Issues | <i>Discussion Leaders: Shirley Morrison and Steve Foster</i> |
| Other Business | <i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i> |
| Next Meeting: May 31, 2:30 p.m. | |
| Adjournment | |

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Members Present: Linda Welborn, T. Dianne Bellamy Small, Pat Tillman

Staff Present: Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D., Nora Carr, Scott McCully, Kim Hipp

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 19, 2018 meeting.

2018 Legislative Delegation Meeting Debrief and Next Steps

- The Committee asked staff to prepare and mail letters of appreciation to attendees for their participation and support. (Completed March 23, 2018.)
- The Committee asked staff to share information on the following: safety, mental health needs, HB90. The Committee also asked that GCS request to have representation on the newly established NC House Select Committee on School Safety if possible.

Business – High Point and Greensboro Chambers of Commerce

- The Committee asked staff to prepare a letter of appreciation to send to the High Point and Greensboro Chambers of Commerce for their support.

State School Bond Proposal

- The Committee asked staff to write a support statement to the Board of Education regarding HB866, which includes the state school bond proposal, and ask the Board approve adding this legislation to the 2018 Legislative Agenda as an item of support. (Approved by the Board of Education on March 22, 2018.)
- The Committee asked staff to reach out to the Guilford County Commissioners, the Greensboro City Council and the High Point City Council and ask them support the HB866 legislation. Committee members will follow up with personal contacts.
- Nora Carr will ask Angie Henry to follow up with Pat Tillman about how the proposed school bond is repaid.
- The Committee asked staff for ways to communicate information about this legislation to their constituents.

School Safety Legislative Request and Next Steps

- Nora Carr will incorporate the Committee's feedback on the proposed update to the Board of Education's 2018 Legislative Agenda.

Council of the Great City Schools Legislative Conference and Advocacy Day

- Nora Carr will provide informational packets to Committee members attending the Council of the Great City Schools Conference to share with legislators.

Other Business

- Nora Carr is working on the Board of Education's Resolution Relating to School Shootings in the United States, which will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting. (Approved by the Board of Education on March 22, 2018.)

The next Committee meeting is April 25, 2018.

Submitted by:

Nora Carr, Chief of Staff

BOARD OF EDUCATION

2018 Legislative Agenda

STATE ISSUES

K-3 Class-Size Reduction-Mandate

- Repeal the K-3 class-size reduction-mandate (HB 1030 and HB 13), restore flexibility in adjusting class sizes to meet local staffing needs and concerns, and fully fund enrichment teachers.

Career and Technical Education

- Strengthen economic development by providing funding to GCS and Guilford County to pilot a P-TECH school in advanced manufacturing to meet high-growth industry needs.
- Streamline process to use skilled industry and trade professionals as teachers or co-teachers in K-12 schools.
- Expand paid internships and apprenticeships for high school and community college students in high-growth career and technical professions; incentivize industry to provide STEM employees on-loan to K-12 public schools to serve as co-teachers.

Teacher and Principal Pipeline

- Address personnel shortages by removing the six-month wait-period and health insurance penalty for state retirees.

- Increase teacher and principal pay to the national average within four years and provide incentives to recruit and retain personnel for difficult-to-fill positions.
- Hold veteran teachers and principals harmless from salary reductions.
- Create student loan forgiveness program and other financial incentives to encourage top-performing high school and college graduates to pursue teaching as a profession, particularly in STEM subjects.

Pre-Kindergarten

- Expand high-quality pre-kindergarten programs to serve all four-year-olds.

School Funding Formula and Tax-Free Status

- Provide adequate funding for strong public schools, including adequate funding for classified employees.
- Provide a simplified, flexible and more streamlined approach to funding schools that weights allocations based on poverty, disability, English Language status and other student needs without reducing current levels of funding.
- Restore tax-free status to all local education agencies and traditional public schools.

- Oppose portability proposals that leave too few dollars in schools with the highest concentrations of student poverty.

School Safety

- Increase state funding to secure facilities, upgrade safety-related technologies, provide more training, and add more safety- and security-related personnel.
- Increase state allocations for school-based and community-based mental health personnel and services.
- Oppose arming teachers or other school personnel other than sworn law enforcement officers.
- Strengthen background checks and processes for all firearm purchases.
- Restrict access to automatic weapons, bump stocks and related equipment to on-duty military and law enforcement personnel.

Facilities

- Support the proposed \$1.9 billion statewide bond issue, which if approved by voters, would add nearly \$38 million to the GCS budget for school facility improvements.

FEDERAL ISSUES

- Fuel economic growth by providing low-interest bond dollars or other federal infrastructure funding for public school capital needs; prioritize funding by student poverty rates.
- Maintain and increase funding for Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV based on high concentrations of poverty, disability, English Language Learners and other student needs.
- Maintain public schools' ability to seek Medicaid reimbursement for IEP-required health and related services for students with disabilities.
- Oppose portability proposals that leave too few dollars in public schools with the highest concentrations of poverty, disability, English Language learners and other student needs.
- Oppose any dismantling of key protections and rights provided to students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Oppose policies that reduce funding for public schools that serve the highest concentrations of poverty and other student needs, or that negatively impact public school educators, students or families.
- Streamline the pathway to citizenship for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or similarly situated students.
- Oppose the use of federal funds for private school vouchers and private school tuition tax subsidies.
- Retain local flexibility and formula grants as part of the Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) Reauthorization.
 - Oppose reserving additional Perkins funds at the state level or watering down state maintenance of effort requirements.
 - Oppose proposals to mandate joint applications from school districts and community colleges for these formula grants.
 - Oppose shifting from formula (need-based) funding to competitive grants.
- Increase federal funding to secure facilities, upgrade safety-related technologies, provide more training, and add more safety- and security-related personnel.
- Increase federal allocations for school-based and community-based mental health personnel and services.

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