

Guilford County Board of Education
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 15, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Members Present: Linda Welborn, Darlene Garrett, Khem Irby

Members Absent: Pat Tillman

Staff Present: Sharon L. Contreras, PhD, Nora K. Carr, EdD, Angie Henry, Kim Hipp

The Committee approved the September 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

2020 Legislative Agenda Discussion

- Bus driver shortage – possible areas of Legislative Relief
 - The Superintendent asked staff to include an increase in bus driver pay (\$15.00 per hour) in the district’s 2020 Legislative Agenda.
 - Committee member Garrett will reach out to NC Senator Garrett about supporting proposed legislative item.
 - Committee member Garrett will reach out to NC Senator Garrett’s office about Guilford County Schools becoming a NCDOT approved site to administer the knowledge portion of the NC School Bus Driver Test.
 - The Committee asked staff to investigate utilizing vans to transport students, e.g., Students in Transition (SIT).
- Items to carry forward from the 2019 Legislative Agenda.
 - Nora Carr will incorporate the Committee’s recommended changes to the following 2019 Legislative Agenda items for carry over to the 2020 Legislative Agenda: Career and Technical Education; Teacher, Employee and Principal Pipeline; Early Childhood; Statewide Bond Issue; Transparency in Government; Lottery. The Committee approved the remaining 2019 Legislative Agenda items for carry over to the 2020 Legislative Agenda.
- Nora Carr will follow up on the following Legislative Agenda items per the Committee’s request:
 - K-3 Class Size – Have staff attend the November 21 Committee meeting to discuss current impacts to the district and the status of waivers.
 - Teacher, Employee and Principal Pipeline – Impacts of breaks in service, e.g., FMLA, maternity leave, etc.; status of student loans.
 - Bus driver pay increase.

North Carolina School Boards Action Center (NCSBAC) 2019-2020 Contribution

- Committee member Irby asked staff to obtain a detailed list of what the NCSBAC provides to districts that contribute.
- The Committee would like to review again at the November 21 meeting.

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Submitted by:

Nora K. Carr, EdD

Chief of Staff, Guilford County Schools