

Guilford County Board of Education
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Members Present: Linda Welborn, Darlene Garrett, Khem Irby

Members Attending Via Conference Call: Pat Tillman

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

The Committee approved the May 30, 2019 meeting minutes.

2020 Legislative Agenda Discussion

- The Committee discussed the current budget stalemate in Raleigh.
- The Committee asked staff to plan a NC Legislative Delegation breakfast or luncheon sometime in February 2020, prior to the start of the 2020 legislative short session in March.
- The Committee discussed the Board of Education's 2020 Legislative Agenda and possible issues that might warrant inclusion or further discussion, including: strategies to address the bus driver shortage; additional funding and/or teacher allotments to address negative local budget impact and overcrowding in upper grades caused by K-3 class size mandate; technical corrections or proposed changes to the Testing Reduction Act of 2019; and the feasibility of shifting allocation of lottery funds for capital to school districts rather than county commissioners.
- The Committee asked staff to provide additional information regarding the root causes of the statewide bus driver shortage at a future Committee meeting.
- The Committee requested additional information regarding the impact of the K-3 class-size mandate on the GCS budget and GCS classrooms in the upper grades.
- The Committee discussed the feasibility of advocating that lottery funds for capital go to school boards rather than to county commissioners, as commissioners have historically chosen to use lottery proceeds for debt service/tax reduction.

Proposed 2019-2020 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule

- The Committee approved the proposed 2019-2020 Legislative Committee Meeting schedule.

Next Meeting

October 15, 2019

Submitted by:

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