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**March 14, 2011 Board of Education Work
Session**
3/14/2011 4:00:00 PM
JP Knapp Professional Learning Center Meeting
Room
2966 Caratoke Highway
Currituck, NC 27929

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees - other

Dr. Bill Dobney	Chair
Jackie Simmons	Vice Chair
John Barnes	Board Member
Karen Etheridge	Board Member
Amy Innes	Board Member
Dr. Meghan S Doyle	Superintendent
Yvette Jones	Supt. Secretary
Mrs. Sandra Kinzel	Assistant Superintendent
Kelly McClellan	Finance Officer
Mr. Paul O'Briant	Chief Information Officer

A. 3:00 p.m. Closed Session- Personnel Discussion- Reason 1 & 6 of G.S. 143-318.11

B. Startups

C. Transportation

- Following consistent low ratings, an audit of the transportation department was conducted.
- Auditing the bus routes continues
- The system spent \$1.5 million to operate the department
- The most recent rating was 81.60%
- \$244,830. of local money was used to fund the department
- The transportation dept. could and should operate solely on state funds
- Ineligible and eligible expenses were shared. \$144,067 is eligible
- The geographic's of the county does not affect the rating formula.
- Information in the Transportation Information Management System (TIMS) was not accurate
- The TIMS system will provide optimization of the routes; however, the school district must decide the best option.
- Combining bus services to schools and reducing individual stops are ideas to consider
- Charging departments for student field trips can be considered- per mile for yellow school buses and activity buses
- Coaches could be asked to transport students to athletic events
- It takes 3 buses to transport students to and from the Knotts Island Ferry dock
- Transportation is at the option of the LEA; however, LEA's must follow state guidelines
- The Board discussed reducing the number of county cars. More fuel efficient cars should be purchased in the future.

- The county buys diesel from the county. The Board inquired about the school system selling diesel to the county - there are restrictions.
- The bus transports 16-18 student to College of The Albemarle
- A mini bus transports the swim team
- Passenger vans cannot be used to transport students
- When asked by Chairman Dobney, Mary Wolf, Assistant Principal of Moyock Elementary and bus coordinator, said the \$10.00 incentive pay helps to retain bus drivers
- Bus drivers also receive the 4% county supplement
- Using teacher assistants and child nutrition employees can help reduce costs
- Action on the recommendations will help administration develop a plan for the 2011-2012 school year.
- The Board inquired about principals driving the bus in case of emergency situations- Mr. Baldwin will verify.

D. Information Items

- Administration asked principals to provide information on staffing cuts
- Dr. Doyle will present the RIF policy and staffing cuts during the March 14th BOE meeting
- The Board and administration discussed the teacher dissatisfaction with the ranking process.
- The Board discussed meeting with the county commissioners before cutting positions.
- The Board discussed waiting to compile a figure before approaching the county commissioners
- The Board discussed the uncertainty of the state budget
- The Board discussed the validity of the ranking scale
- The individual ranking scales can be viewed during the individual's appeal hearing

Chairperson

Secretary