

**May 9, 2011 Board of Education Work
Session**

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JP Knapp Professional Learning Center Meeting
Room
2966 Caratoke Highway
Currituck, NC 27929

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees - other

Jackie Simmons Vice Chair
Karen Etheridge Board Member
Dr. Bill Dobney Chair
Amy Innes Board Member
John Barnes Board Member

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

B. Startups

C. 2011-2012 Budget Discussion

Paul O'Briant, Interim Superintendent, reviewed with the Board proposed budget cuts for the 2011-2012 school year. The list was noted as possible reductions, because administration is still waiting on the final state budget.

Mr. O'Briant said the current proposal does not include a reduction to the local supplement; however this could change. There has been discussion of using furloughs to save money. Mr. O'Briant said administration will also use the flexibility of moving positions to save money.

The Board discussed other ways to save money including the options of using Child Nutrition funds. The department is currently self-supporting.

Dr. Dobney noted this proposal was very different from the one discussed several months ago where approximately 25 positions may have been cut.

Mr. O'Briant asked staff to continue to send cost saving ideas to administration. The Board discussed the uncertainty of the state's budget.

The Board discussed the cost savings by increasing the temperature in the schools to 75 degrees.

D. Moving Knotts Island 6 Grade to Mainland Schools

Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, informed the Board that over the past 2 years there has been discussions about moving the 6th grade class from Knotts Elementary to one of the middle schools on the mainland.

Mrs. Kinzel shared with the Board results from a parent meeting held at Knotts Island School on May 3rd. Based on the feedback there is support to move Knotts Island 6th and 7th graders to Moyock Middle School. This would eliminate young middle school students on the ferry. The moved

Mrs. Kinzel presented the benefits of being in a middle school environment. She explained that rising 8 graders from Knotts Island would be allowed to finish attendance at Currituck County School. Eventually this option would be phased out and the start and ending times for the school would change accordingly.

The Board discussed eliminating the ferry and the concern of the bus routes on narrow roads. The move would only drop the school's attendance by 30 students.

The Board discussed the impact of moving staff.

E. Exchange Student Policy

Develop a policy to include a statement that the Board would make the final decision.

The Board discussed speaking with teachers to get their input.

Administrators will handle the pending request administratively.

F. Informational Items

Chairperson

Secretary