



FORT BRAGG SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2012

Opening:

(Name removed) called the regular meeting of the Fort Bragg School Board to order at 10:06 a.m. in the DSO Board Room. (Name removed) welcomed the Board Members and guests and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

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| 1. (Name removed), President, Seat 7 | 6. (Name removed), Seat 8 |
| 2. (Name removed), Vice-President, Seat 3 | 7. (Name removed), Seat 9 |
| 3. (Name removed), Seat 2 | 8. (Name removed), Garrison Commander |
| 4. (Name removed), Seat 5 | 9. (Name removed), Assistant Superintendent, NC DDESS |
| 5. (Name removed), Seat 6 | 10. (Name removed), Recorder |

Absent:

1. (Name removed), Seat 4
2. Dr. Emily Marsh, Superintendent, NC DDESS

Vacant Positions:

Seat 1

A. Approval of Minutes:

(Name removed) made a motion, second by (Name removed) to approve the minutes of June 7, 2012. Motion carried.

B. Unfinished Business:

(Name removed) read the resignation letters from (Name removed) and (Name removed). (Name removed) family will PCS to Colorado and (Name removed) husband is retiring and the family is moving off post.

C. New Business:

Nomination was made to appoint (Name removed) as President. Being no further nominations, (Name removed) was appointed by acclamation. Nomination was made to appoint (Name removed) as Vice President. Being no further nominations, (Name removed) was appointed by acclamation.

School board training with (Name removed) will be on September 11. Training will last approximately 2 ½ hours.

D. Comments from Command, Dr. Marsh, (Name removed) and Board

Members:

(Name removed)

(Name removed) explained why Dr. Marsh was not in attendance.

North Carolina district currently serves 18 schools at Fort Bragg and Camp LeJeune. With approval from Ms Fitzgerald, DoDEA Director, the NC district will soon become two districts, Fort Bragg District and Camp LeJeune District. Each district will be assigned a Superintendent and an Assistant Superintendent and our Instructional Support Specialists, who currently serve both locations, will continually to do so. Vacancy announcement is currently open for the superintendent's position at Camp LeJeune. Ms Fitzgerald, will make the selection of the Camp LeJeune Superintendent within 45 days. Dr. Marsh and (Name removed) will remain at Fort Bragg.

Irwin Intermediate School dedication will be September 27 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Curtis, Senior Civilian and Deputy Director for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba will be attending.

The district office has had a lot of questions about the schools in Linden Oaks concerning growth in housing, our enrollment, and fifth grade children moving back and forth. Current enrollment at SES is at or above capacity. In the Shughart area no new housing is being built. (Name removed), Principal Gordon ES, (Name removed) and I are monitoring the new housing at Linden Oaks. (Name removed) stated that across the street from Gordon there is officer housing consisting of 14 houses supposed to come on line when school started. Seven of the homes have been occupied; the other seven will be occupied any day. Five townhouses are being framed will also be occupied soon.

(Name removed), Educational Operations Manager, 210 houses will be built in the Gordon attendance area. Picerne is turning over 15/20 houses each month. New elementary school will be open in SY 2016. Relocatables will be moved to Gordon ES to use until the new school is built. The contract has awarded to prepare the relocatables to move from Fort Bragg to Linden Oaks. There will be three relocatables with six classrooms. The award will go out next week to move the units to Gordon ES.

Enrollment: 2012-2013 Projected Enrollment = 5154. Currently at 5214, difference of 63.

Upcoming Events

11 September School Board / PTA-PTO Training w/(Name removed)

24 September 1st Interim Reporting Period

27 September Irwin Intermediate School Dedication

(Name removed):

Last year, Fort Bragg did an analysis of our housing situation. Results from that analysis suggested that Fort Bragg is about 600 houses short what we probably have to have at Fort Bragg. Don't know yet what will be done with the analysis. There are impacts for families on post and off post. When we do move forward in building more homes in the cantonment area, we will consider all the impacts to include the schools situation.

(Name removed) stated that when homes are built in the cantonment area, when McNair Murray replacement school opens 2014 at that point we will have the ability to serve many more students in

the cantonment area. Building in small pockets or where the decision is made we are prepared for that. We are behind the ball in the Linden Oaks area. The 5th grade students will stay at Shughart and will complete the year there, they will not be moved back to Gordon during the school year.

(Name removed) is excited to have the opportunity to be part of this process here at Fort Bragg. I appreciate all the flexibility with everyone working with the growth in Linden oaks. (Name removed) is pleased with solution of the fifth grade students moving to Shughart ES and the children were not being bussing back and forth to Fort Bragg.

Issues associated with Irwin traffic problems, pick-up, drop off problems, and crossing guards problems. All the problems are linked with families wanting to drive their children to school. We are in additional phases of planning an immediate campaign to design to influence our parents to walk their children to school. Benefits in walking their children to school are quality time with their child; it is faster than driving, and a great way to focus on fitness. There are real benefits.

Board Members

(Name removed) - excited to see the School Zone signs and blinking lights placed in front of Bowley and Albritton schools. Cars are starting to slow down during specific times.

(Name removed) - rumors about the high school now squashed. (Name removed) - correct. The high school was never a DoDEA initiative. A private firm was contacted, a charter school group. (Name removed) addressed that at the last meeting, Fort Bragg high school concept has stalled. (Name removed) stated as some of you may or may not know, the direct involvement of the Garrison with this process is not appropriate on the legal basis. There people in the community who are continuing to advance this cause on behalf of the Fort Bragg community. In addition to that, North Carolina school board has opened up the possibility for charter school nominations to be reassessed again next year. They are looking at additional 17 schools to be chartered next year. The packet has been resubmitted for consideration.

(Name removed) asked how is it different that the Garrison is not involved in the school but allow other private business to operate on Fort Bragg such as the banks, Burger King and Chili's? (Name removed) replied - it is AAFES contracted arrangement. AAFES is a partner organization with the Garrison; but it is not under the Garrison. Garrison cannot be the advocates for the school, we can provide support as long as we go through the approval process.

(Name removed) - Enforcement of Master policy 87 - many parents have children who ride the buses and have children walk to and from school do not have parent supervision. (Name removed) enforces policy. Concerned parents are encouraged to call the MP's to report violators. Discipline actions on the bus are handled through the schools.

E. Comments from the Public:

None

F. Adjournment:

Adrienne adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Next Board Meeting will be November 1, 2012.

Minutes submitted by: _____ (Name removed) _____
Type name here Signature

