



# FORT BRAGG SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2012

## Opening:

(name removed) called the regular meeting of the Fort Bragg School Board to order at 10:00 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      | 7. (name removed), Seat 9                              |
| 2. (name removed), Vice-President, Seat 3 | 8. (name removed), Deputy Garrison Commander           |
| 3. (name removed), Seat 2                 | 9. Dr. Emily Marsh, Superintendent, NC DDESS           |
| 4. (name removed), Seat 5                 | 10. (name removed), Assistant Superintendent, NC DDESS |
| 5. (name removed), Seat 6                 | 11. (name removed), Recorder                           |
| 6. (name removed), Seat 8                 |  |

## Absent:

1. (name removed), Seat 4

## Vacant Positions:

Seat 1

## A. Approval of Minutes:

(name removed) made a motion, second by (name removed) to approve the minutes of September 6, 2012. Motion carried.

## B. Unfinished Business:

## C. New Business:

(name removed) presented information about Red Ribbon Week, October 23 - 31.

(name removed) also presented a power point on "Creative Curriculum for Preschool". Following was a question and answer session. A copy of the Power point is included in the packet.

## D. Comments from Command, Dr. Marsh, Mr. Rozzi and Board Members:

### Dr. Marsh

Irwin School Dedication was a grand event. Dr. Curtis attended the ceremony and toured the new school.

(name removed), Education Operations Manager, updated the board concerning future projects. The new DSO building will be located on Bastogne Drive and is scheduled to open October 2013.

McNair School is being demolished this month. The McNair-Murray replacement school will be built on the old McNair site. The school will be open for grades Prekindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and will have a capacity of approximately 800 students. The school is scheduled to open fall 2014. The Pope/Holbrook replacement has been recited to Linden Oaks for the new elementary school which is scheduled to open fall 2016. Butner replacement is scheduled to start in 2016 and open the fall 2018.

National Walk your child to School Day - October 3 - Murray school had 138 walkers.

On Tuesday, Ms Fitzgerald, DoDEA Director will host her most recent School Talk. The website link can be found on the Fort Bragg Schools web page. (name removed), Principal Irwin Intermediate School will be featured discussing playground safety.

In the Safe Schools newsletter, October has many other observances in addition to Fire Prevention Month, Mental Health Awareness, National Cyber security Awareness, National Bullying Prevention.

Enrollment is above projection and will continue to grow. Outside the old Irwin school, two relocatables are being made to be moved to Linden Oaks and we have the funding to refurbish the units.

Holbrook ES 5<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment is higher than desired. (name removed) is addressing the situation where her Reading and Math instructional school specialists go into the classroom and work with the students.

A recommendation has been made for a kindergarten teacher at Shughart ES. We are working within the DoDEA staffing standards.

With approval from Ms Fitzgerald, DoDEA Director, the NC district will again become two separate 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. Ms Fitzgerald will make the selection of the Camp LeJeune Superintendent within 45 days. Dr. Marsh will remain at Fort Bragg.

Yearend funding - we closed out the year in exceptional way. We left \$286.00 on the table. Principals, Office Administrators and school support assistants worked with the budget officer to make sure we spent not only the budget but also a great deal of fall out money. Money was spent on playground equipment, physical education equipment; we are also getting additional technology, additional digital responders, document cameras and also getting new developmental appropriate materials and furniture for our second grade classes. Our administrators will be getting new laptop computers. All the Fort Bragg Schools are now wireless.

The Fort Bragg Facebook page was honoring Shughart and Gordon Schools yesterday.

The district is focusing on teaching and learning. Bowley and Holbrook will undergo accreditations in April 2013. We will continue to focus on Math. Have improved from last, but need to do better. Familiarize ourselves on the Common Core. Will have training for Administrators in the spring.

**Enrollment:** 2012-2013 Projected Enrollment = 5235. Currently at 5214, difference of 81.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 8 October - Columbus Day - Schools closed
- 26 October - End of first grade period
- 2 November - Teacher workday - prepare report cards

(name removed): Made a decision to cap expansion in Linden Oaks. Will expand housing in the cantonment area. We are land challenged at Fort Bragg, but will stay in the cantonment area. Dr. Marsh stated that when the new McNair/Murray replacement comes on line we will have space for the children to include those children projected in the cantonment.

(name removed) asked what is happening to the old Murray school when McNair/Murray School opens. Dr. Marsh replied the building will probably be turned back to the Army unless we have a need for it. (name removed) stated that at some point we will no longer have the metal buildings behind the old Irwin school which is currently being used by maintenance and the warehouse. Murray building might be used for the maintenance section and warehouse, but will have to talk with Master planning and the Garrison to determine if that is something we can do or if we relocate somewhere else or even if we relocate at all. We would not turn over the building if it was needed by the Fort Bragg Schools.

Dr. Marsh we need to talk about the name of the new McNair/Murray replacement school since McNair would be demolished and Murray would no longer be used as an elementary school. How do we decommission two buildings and how do we go about naming the new school? (name removed), if you are going to demolish a building previously named, you look at options to memorialize that name or transfer to another building or whatever we decide to do it is important that we contact the people that were connected to the memorialization so they don't come here one day looking for something they thought was named for them that is not there anymore. We need to this in a very thoughtful way.

### **Board Members**

(name removed) - with the time change at the middle schools starting school at 7:50, is that the time students are supposed to be in their chairs ready to learn, or when the doors open, or when home starts? There are issues with the buses and breakfast time. Dr. Marsh replied that is when the students are supposed to be in their chair and ready to work. Had a bussing concern, breakfast is served from 7:30-7:55. Students eating breakfast are released from the bus at approximately 7:30. The school doors are not open until approximately 7:45. Why are students remaining on the bus for approximately 15 to 20 minutes without supervision? Dr. Marsh stated it sounds like our practice is not connecting. Teachers arrive at 7:45 and leave at 3:15. If busses arrive before 7:45, we have no supervision for children. Teachers work day consist 7 ½ hours but are paid 8 hours under the MLA contract. Dr. Marsh will meet with Mr. Rozzi and Mr. Thornburg to make the breakfast program work better with the arrival of the busses. The information will be shared at the next board meeting of where we are with this situation. (name removed) will look at the breakfast line at Shughart Middle school.

(name removed) asked how are the Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) were assigned - some schools have their own consultant and some schools have to share. (name removed) stated that the MFLC are funded through the office of Secretary of Defense. Locally we can modify the assignment plan. (name removed) is the direct manager on MFLC. Take your concerns to (name

