



# FORT BRAGG SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
3 January 2008

## Opening:

Mrs. Laura Rhodes in the absence of Melanie Cox called the regular meeting of the Fort Bragg School Board to order at 10:00 a.m. in the CSO Board Room. Laura welcomed the Board Members and guests and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Present:

1. Laura Rhodes, Vice President, District 7
2. Shannon Rasmussen, District 1
3. Teresa Steel, District 2
4. Bette McKnight, District 4
5. Christy Taylor, District 5
6. Tomi Rdesinski, District 6
7. Major Cowen, Pope AFB
8. Dr. Emily Marsh, Assistant Superintendent, NC DDESS
9. Terry Lawrence, Recorder

## Absent:

1. Melanie Cox, President District 9
2. Eura White, District 3
3. Dr. Tom Hager, District Superintendent, NC DDESS
4. Mr. Dale Young, Schools Officer

## Vacant Positions:

District 8

## A. Approval of Minutes:

Bette McKnight made a motion, second by Teresa Steel to approve the minutes of 1 November 2007 as printed. Motion carried.

## B. Old Business:

## C. New Business:

- **Warrior Transition Battalion Partnership - Mr. Howle, Principal, McNair Elementary**

The objectives of this program is to (1) provide a rewarding experience for wounded soldiers at Fort Bragg through coaching and mentoring students and (2) provide a unique experience in which the students and staff of McNair School can give back to the soldiers. Some of the activities include: Lunch buddy program; serving as mentors and to participate

with students and teachers during Field Day, Science Day and Read Across McNair Day. The program has been a great success.

• **What's Happening - Holbrook Elementary School, Mrs. Priscilla Joiner, Principal**

The Holbrook community is focusing on literacy and problem solving skills this year. The staff and students launched the home reading program with a Reading Round-Up. A local DJ and Ryan Daniel, a country music singer, helped the Holbrook staff excite the students about the importance of reading. Many students begin each day by hearing a good story in "Good Morning, Good Books!" Students listen to books on tape to improve fluency and enjoy independent reading time each day. Problem solving skills are being developed across the curriculum. Students use manipulatives, work collaboratively and use technology to assist in solving problems. UPSL (Understand, Plan, Solve and Look Back) provides a great problem solving approach.

**D. Comments from Dr. Marsh and School Board Members:**

Dr. Marsh reported on the following:

**Highlights -**

- 7-11 January, Administrators attend DDESS Leadership Conference

**Staffing/Enrollment**

- The projected enrollment for SY07-08 is 4540. Currently we are below the project enrollment by 164 students.
- 205 Students from Linden Oaks attend Butner ES & McNair ES.

**Upcoming Events**

**January**

- 18- Professional Development Day, Non-student Day
- 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
- 25 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reporting Period

**February**

- 1 - Three-Hour Early dismissal For Students Grades K-9, Non-Student Day for PK

**E. Comments from the Public:**

None

**F. Adjournment:**

Laura adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The next general meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Minutes submitted by: Terry K. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved by: Mrs. Laura Rhodes \_\_\_\_\_  
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