



WALKERTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WALKERTOWN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, 5:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Kim Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Present were Kim, Dana Webster, Arlyn Wilson, Mary Hutchins, Lynn, Brenda Mabe, Sarah Welch, and Manager Bell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Kim Marshall.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Arlyn Wilson.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

- September 13, 2006

The minutes were approved after amending to add Mary Hutchins to the list of members present.

UPDATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING

- Scheduling of Forum with Dr. Martin
>> Wednesday, October 25, 2006
7:00 p.m. @ Walkertown Elementary

Kim Marshall said Dr. Martin's office had worked with him in trying to set a date for this forum. They held both the 18th and the 25th open until Kim could finalize his decision. Donna of the Chamber of Commerce and others had also helped. The main issue is to KEEP FOLKS INFORMED. Talk the forum up to everyone --- Get the word out.

- Communications with Bond Campaign Committee

Kim Marshall stated that the Bond Campaign is going good and volunteers are needed. The phone bank at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Winston-Salem needs people in two-hour slots. Helpers are also needed to stand at polling places on election day. These, too, are assigned in two-hour slots. **Please volunteer!!**

ACTION PLANS UPDATE / DISCUSSION

- Continued Support for Resolution of Support by Council

We should wait until the October Town Council meeting – just before the election – to request the Resolution of Support.

- Discuss Forum on the School Bonds
1. List of Invitees

Formal invitations for the meeting were discussed – we should mail invites to the School Board and to the County Commissioners. Mary Hutchins said she would be willing to work on the invites.

Flyers to be sent home with school children need to be at the school on Tuesday as information is sent home with kids on Wednesday. Send something out the week before school gets out for Thanksgiving. Work with the PTA.

2. How to publicize?

Flyers and newspaper articles are very important.

Dana Webster will take care of information for the elementary school.

Mary Hutchins will take care of information for the middle school.

Kim Marshall will talk to churches – get information put in church bulletins. He will ask Ideal Printing to donate their printing services. The school folks have a very good PowerPoint presentation.

Arlyn Wilson said we need to reach the older people – such as the past council, past Planning Board – people who will respond and will vote for the issue. Brenda Mabe said she had talked to some older people and they are telling others, their friends, co-workers, and that Kim is doing a very good job of getting the word out. Arlyn said that Dr. Martin will be at the Lions Club meeting this Thursday night. Kim mentioned articles by the Carolina Journal and others about school systems. The Carolina Journal article as much as said that what Forsyth County bond people promise, they deliver.

Kim said that we **need to get the word out about the forum.**

- Discuss Helping Bond Campaign Committee

>>Website: www.voteforourkids.com

Visit the website! You can get materials and other information off this site. As previously mentioned, phone bank and poll-sitting are other ways to help.

- Discuss Additional Signage Campaign

Kim has about 50 yard signs for the bond – they need to be put out.

Kim has started a list of signs and will contact the owners closer to voting day to see if we can put small amounts of information on.

Other discussion:

- Arlyn Wilson said Gloria Whisenhunt said that there were 17,000 more students than we have space for. We are going to have to put them somewhere!
- Kim Marshall said immigration is a factor, but not a driving force, in overcrowding of schools.
- Kim stated that the bond is money well invested.
- Arlyn said education is the number one attraction for business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Martin Forum - Wednesday, October 25, 2006
- Town Council Meeting – Thursday, September 28, 2006

UPCOMING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES @ TOWN HALL:

The committee concluded that the next meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 5:47 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS :

- Minutes from September 13, 2006 School Committee Meeting
- Article from Kernersville News by Kristen Johnson dated 09-19-06

Submitted by:

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