

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, called a Special Meeting to discuss Carver Heights Elementary and Wayne County Public Schools in the Large Conference Room on the second floor of the City Hall Addition, located at 200 North Center Street, Goldsboro, NC at 8:00 a.m. on November 14, 2018 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding  
Mayor Pro Tem David Ham  
Councilmember Bill Broadway  
Councilmember Mark Stevens (arrived at 8:06 a.m.)  
Councilmember Bevan Foster

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Williams  
Councilmember Gene Aycock

**Call to Order.** Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Allen shared Councilmember Aycock shared his flight was delayed and he may not be able to attend.

Mayor Allen shared the school board asked that Council adopt a Resolution in support of the school board and Wayne County retaining its control of Carver Heights Elementary instead of giving it to the North Carolina Innovation School District (ISD). Council had some questions and we have asked Dr. Dunsmore to come in.

Dr. Dunsmore stated I am here to ask for Council's support in retaining Carver Heights Elementary. Dr. Dunsmore stated the ISD program was put in the general statutes I believe three years ago, it was implemented last year as the 115<sup>th</sup> school district. Dr. Dunsmore stated the purpose of that is to take continuing low performing schools, to takeover and do a turnaround model with them. The turnaround model has been around for a number of years, it started with the first Bush Administration with the No Child Left Behind. Here in North Carolina, the school system started doing some similar work about 3 years ago, we are part of a 28 county consortium that is already doing that work. The restart work is what we are doing at Goldsboro High School which we are in the third year of and we are having an extreme amount of success at Goldsboro High School. Dr. Dunsmore shared they regrouped the schools a couple of years ago. Dr. Dunsmore shared information regarding the regrouping of the schools and the Apple Connected Grant. Dr. Dunsmore stated we know we have a lot of work to do. We know what we need to do to change this school. We started the process doing incremental steps slowly, at Goldsboro High School and Dillard, now we are putting in place what we need to do at Carver Heights. Dr. Dunsmore stated that's what we are asking your support for, we have brought in two fantastic people who have done this work very successfully in Wake and Guildford County. I am very confident we are going to turn this around.

Additional discussion included the following:

- Performance and Growth
- Staffing
- Suspension Numbers
  - In-School Suspension
  - Out-of-School Suspension
- Teacher Supplements

Councilmember Foster expressed concerns stating I do not see an actual plan for Carver Heights or any of the inner city schools. He stated I think Southern Wayne and Brogden are experiencing problems as well.

Dr. Dunsmore stated when you dig down in the numbers, Southern Wayne was a low performing school and now it is off the list. Goldsboro High School is trending up and both the Brogden's are trending up. Dr. Dunsmore stated when I came here 14 schools were on the list, 4 have been

removed. Dr. Dunsmore stated I will be more than happy to bring the people in that can dig down into what we are doing.

Dr. Dunsmore shared if they vote on December 6<sup>th</sup> to take Carver Heights, we have till February 1<sup>st</sup> to make a decision, either give it to them or close the school. If we close the school, we would have to look at schools adjacent to the attendance line, which would be Meadowlane, Rosewood and Tommy's Road.

Councilmember Foster stated I just want what's best for the kids at the end of the day. I think we should remain neutral. Thank you for coming.

Mayor Allen stated there has been a lot of conversation. The focus is what are we going to do to make it better for the kids. Mayor Allen stated there are some credibility issues. I think what everyone is looking for is a plan of action with measurable goals. We also need the community to be in this school.

Dr. Dunsmore stated I will gladly bring that in, I have the people around me on the front lines that can speak better to that, down to the details you need. We can have a work session. I think with the urgency, I would ask Council for their support.

Mayor Allen stated we have two members out today, we will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Chuck Allen  
Mayor

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Melissa Corser, MMC  
City Clerk