

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
WITH THE  
ROWAN SALISBURY SCHOOL SYSTEM BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 29 2013 – 5:00 PM  
110 SOUTH LONG STREET  
EAST SPENCER, NC**

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Judge Willis Whichard, mediator, reconvened the joint meeting of the Rowan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and the Rowan Salisbury Board of Education (BOE) at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners present were Jim Sides, Chairman, Craig Pierce, Vice-Chairman, Jon Barber, Mike Caskey. Commissioner Chad Mitchell participated by telephone. County Manager Gary Page, County Attorney Jay Dees, Attorney Neil Yarborough, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Barger and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were also present.

BOE members in attendance were Chairman Dr. Richard Miller, Vice-Chairman Kay Wright Norman, Jean Kennedy (left the meeting early), Susan Cox, L. A. Overcash (arrived late), Joshua Wagner, and Charles Hughes. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Judy Grissom, Attorneys Richard Schwartz and Brian Shaw and Finance Officer Tara Trexler.

After the BOE took the liberty of conducting two (2) items of school business that were not part of the mediation process, Judge Whichard requested to meet with the attorneys of both parties.

Upon the return of Judge Whichard and the attorneys, Chairman Pierce moved at 5:26 p.m. for the Board of Commissioners to enter into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The BOC returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m. (The BOE did not return to Open Session at this time.)

Commissioner Pierce moved to reinstate the \$225,390 from sales tax revenue to the budget for the BOE for FY 2013-14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce moved the BOC return to Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The BOC and the BOE returned to the meeting chambers at 10:40 p.m.

Commissioner Pierce moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote for the BOC to return to Open Session at 10:40 p.m. passed 3-0 (Commissioner Caskey left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and Commissioner Mitchell was not participating by phone at this point).

Judge Whichard announced that both boards were willing to recess for now and were required to officially vote to continue the mediation past August 1, 2013.

Commissioner Pierce moved to continue the mediation process and to reconvene on August 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed 3-0.

The BOE also voted to reconvene to continue mediation on August 5, 2013.

Commissioner Pierce said the meeting should resume in the BOC's meeting chambers to which Dr. Miller responded would prove difficult for the BOE. Dr. Miller said the BOE already had a regular meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2013.

Judge Whichard left the meeting location open and to be worked out between counsel.

Chairman Sides declared the BOC to be in recess until August 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant to the County Manager