

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 29, 2001 MINUTES

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, October 29, 2001, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Randy Royal, Commissioner
Glenn Bowen, Vice Chairman
Eugene James, Commissioner
Mark Owens, Commissioner
Beth Ward, Commissioner
David Hammond, Chairman
Terry Shank, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner

Staff present:

Tom Robinson, County Manager
Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney

Call to Order

Chairman Hammond welcomed everyone and said that Commissioner Shank was running late but would be here soon.

Invocation and Pledge

Summary of Information

Chairman Hammond provided the invocation.

Commissioner Johnson led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Vice Chairman Bowen asked to add to the agenda the resolution on equality of educational programs in the Pitt County Schools after the closed session.

Motion to approve agenda with requested addition of the resolution on equality in educational programs in Pitt County Schools.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Commissioner Shank arrived at this time.

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson Yes

Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Mark Owens	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Terry Shank	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 9
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Motion:

Motion made to have only the staff person being evaluated in the room while meeting with the Board.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson	Yes
Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Mark Owens	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Terry Shank	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 9
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed.

Closed Session

Summary of Information

Performance Evaluations

Clerk to the Board

County Attorney

County Manager

Ms. Burgdorff informed the Board and public of the General Statute regarding personnel which the Board could go into closed session as: G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Motion:

Motion to go into closed session.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Vote Record:

Beth Ward	Yes
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David Hammond	Yes
Terry Shank	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes
Tom Coulson	Yes
Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Mark Owens	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 9
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Return to open session

Motion:

Motion to return to open session.
Motion made by Vice Chairman Glenn Bowen.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson	Yes
Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Mark Owens	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Terry Shank	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 9
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Motion:

Motion to adopt Resolution in Support of Equality of Educational Programs in Pitt County Schools.
Motion made by Vice Chairman Glenn Bowen.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Vice Chairman Bowen presented the resolution and asked for the Board's support. Commissioners Johnson, Shank and Owens spoke in opposition of the resolution stating that the curriculum and providing the courses to the students is the responsibility of the Board of Education. Commissioner Owens said he supported part of the resolution but not the entire resolution. The Board continued discussion and Commissioner James called for the question.

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson	Yes
Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes

Eugene James Yes
Mark Owens No
Beth Ward Yes
David Hammond Yes
Terry Shank No
Tom Johnson No

Total Yes Votes: 6
Total No Votes: 3
Motion Passed.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
EQUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS**

THAT WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has voted, on a regular basis, that providing proper and thorough education to the children of Pitt County as their number one priority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has provided \$28.45 million in Fiscal Year 2001-2002 over and above what is provided by the State and Federal Governments to the Pitt County Schools to be used to assure that the children in Pitt County receive the best instruction available; and

WHEREAS, Pitt County students should not be faced with lack of educational programs or courses offered or be discriminated against in any way; and,

WHEREAS, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners desires to go on record that each student in Pitt County should have available to them the same opportunity for courses and programs regardless of what school they attend or where they live in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the Pitt County Board of Education to take action to guarantee that all of the students in the Pitt County School System have equal and alike opportunities for courses and instruction without suffering additional costs, fees or requirements to the students, parents or guardians because of the location of the school that the courses or programs are offered.

ADOPTED this the 29th day of October, 2001.

David Hammond, Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Adjourn

Motion:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson	Yes
Randy Royal	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Mark Owens	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Terry Shank	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 9

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board