

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Education (“Board of Education”) has entered into a contract with Keith Sutton to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Warren County Schools effective July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, G.S. 115C-271 requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules that establish the qualifications to serve as Superintendent;

WHEREAS, G.S. 115C-271 states that the minimum qualifications for Superintendent include having been a principal in a North Carolina public school or other leadership, management, and administrative experience for the position;

WHEREAS, G.S. 115C-271 requires the State Board to adopt rules that include the minimum credentials, educational prerequisites, and relevant experience requirements that would qualify a person to serve as a Superintendent without having direct experience or certification as an educator;

WHEREAS, the State Board’s rules qualifying a person to serve as a Superintendent without having direct experience or certification as an educator require the Superintendent to have earned at least a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university and five years leadership or managerial experience considered relevant by the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has met with Mr. Sutton and reviewed his letter dated June 3, 2021, and its attached resume (letter and resume are attached as Exhibit A), and concluded that Mr. Sutton has the requisite qualifications to serve as Interim Superintendent;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education specifically finds that Mr. Sutton has five years of relevant leadership experience as clearly evidenced by the following:

1. twelve years of service on the Wake County Board of Education, including two and one-half years as Chair;
2. four years as the founder and principal of FocusED (Education Innovation Consultant) where he led and managed multiple client engagements, and managed finances and human resources (See Exhibit A); and
3. three years as a policy development analyst for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice) where he managed and supervised a team of professional programs staff, planners, and support personnel (See Exhibit A);

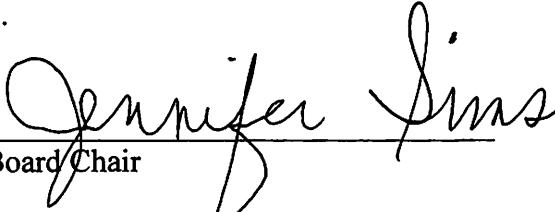
WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that Mr. Sutton possesses a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a highly recognized and accredited institution in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that Mr. Sutton earned a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania, a recognized and accredited university in Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks the State Board's approval for Mr. Sutton to serve as Interim Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Education that the Mr. Sutton's June 3, 2021 letter, including its attached resume, and the above findings by the Board of Education be submitted to the State Board for approval of Mr. Sutton to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Warren County Schools effective July 1, 2021.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2021.


Board Chair

ATTEST:


Board Vice-Chair