

BOE Public Comment 5/3/2011

In regards, to Item 41 as written in your agenda--I am bewildered by the proposed change in Policy 1800 to limit participation as Board Advisory Council Reps to people who live in the voting district in which a school is located.

The board knows full-well that today many children attend school outside the district in which they live—and therefore many parents are **actively interested and involved** in schools outside the **IMAGINARY LINE** that forms a district. It **appears** that once again the board is taking steps to LIMIT parent and public engagement in our schools.

B-A-Cs are but one tool to **engage** parents in our school system—to get informed on topics of interest, for staff to collect ideas and inputs, and to maintain **OPEN LINES** of communication.

Superintendent Tata has done an admirable job thus far in words and action to open lines of communication with teachers, parents and the public. **WHY DOES THE BOARD WANT TO STIFLE HIS EFFORTS?**

Surely if any of you have individual members of your BAC that you find objectionable, you can ‘fire’ them and install cronies and yes-men that think like you do. Last fall, Ms. Prickett did just that! Her continued efforts to micro-manage the selection process fly in the face of democracy. Principals and PTAs are best suited to recommend nominees for BAC. This should not be changed.

Please be reminded that once elected, you are charged to serve Wake County as a whole, not just your own district, not just yourselves. **So**

why limit yourselves? Why limit the parent resources at your finger tips? There is no upside to doing this.

To deny parents who are involved in their children's school the right to represent that school, solely because of their zip code, is an egregious error. Please don't vote to do this.

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Per the BOE agenda 5/3/11.

41. REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 1800: BOARD ADVISORY COUNCILS

First Reading.

The Board discussed the recommended changes at the May 3 Board of Education Work Session. The Board of Education is currently considering a redistricting plan. The changes in Policy 1800, Board Advisory Councils, will make it mandatory for members of each Council to reside within the voting area. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.