

Miller To Serve As NCHSAA President

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Dr. Bill Miller, superintendent of the Polk County schools, will serve as president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2013-14 academic year. Miller, who was slated to be vice-president this year, was elevated to president when Kathy Spencer, the superintendent of Onslow County, retired. Spencer was the vice-president in 2012-13 who had been approved by the Executive Committee and then the membership for president for the coming year.

Maurice Green, superintendent of the Guilford County schools, will serve as vice-president. Former president Allison Sholar, superintendent of the Currituck County schools, will return to be the past president.

The new Board president is a 1980 graduate of Wingate University and did graduate work at both UNC Charlotte and the University of South Carolina.

After serving on the men's basketball staff at Wingate, Miller was a teacher and coach at the high school level for five years, serving as head men's basketball coach at the old Tryon High School as well as coaching tennis and golf at various times.

He went on to serve as principal at Polk County High School before moving into the Polk central office, where he was personnel director and assistant superintendent before assuming the superintendent's role.

Miller has previously served on the NCHSAA Realignment Committee, has been president of the WRESA Superintendents' Council and is currently chairman of the North Carolina Small Rural Schools Consortium.

New Board members were recommended by the NCHSAA's Nominating Committee, based on the requirements of the Association's constitution and by-laws. The member schools at eight regional meetings select nominees for consideration across the state, then from among those nominees individuals are selected by the Nominating Committee to fill the available slots. They are approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The new Board members nominated were either filling vacancies produced by members going off the Board due to completion of their terms or those who are off due to retirement or leaving public school work.

Class 2A, Region 3—Eddie Ingram, superintendent, Franklin County schools; Class 1A, Region 7: Sandy George, principal, Mount Airy; Class 1A, Region 8: David Gentry, athletic director, Murphy; Class 4A, Region 4: Paul Hoggard, coach, Richmond. Re-elected for full four-year terms were Carla Black, principal of Concord representing Class 3A, Region 6, and Ron Butler, athletic director for the Pitt County schools, representing Class 2A, Region 1 for full four-year terms.

The elevation of Green to vice-president and the retirement of Ingram left two vacancies on the Board that were later filled. Brad Craddock, principal of Glenn High School, and Dennis Sawyer, superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids City School system, will now be joining the Board.

"These individuals will continue to provide outstanding leadership," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "We look forward to Bill Miller serving as president and the direction he will provide.

"We are also excited about those who will be joining the Board of Directors, which should help us to maintain an outstanding Board to serve our membership."