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Leaders see Lynch as best for Court

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

When President Obama, Republican Majority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell (Ky.) and others briefly met at the White House Tuesday to discuss the political logjam casting a shadow on the president nominating a replacement for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, one thing was made very clear — Obama intends to carry out his constitutional duty to nominate a qualified candidate before he leaves office next January, whether McConnell and the Senate take up that nomination or not.



Analysis

The Republicans present reaffirmed their vow not to even consider it before the next president takes office, hoping that it will be a Republican.



Lynch

President Obama

If the president nominated either a moderate or progressive to fill the ultra-conservative Scalia's shoes, it would tip the ideological balance of the SCOTUS to the left, thus breaking the current four-four liberal to conservative tie, something that Republicans do not want.

Justice Scalia's right-wing leanings assured conservatives that they had at least one solid champion on the court. In the wake of his death several weeks ago, they do not want to hand Obama any advantages.

Among black leadership, though, the growing consensus of who the president should nominate to the High Court is clear — U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

"I would love to see him appoint Loretta Lynch," U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, told The Hill Newspaper. "She's already been vetted. She meets the criteria that he's laid out. She would certainly be my recommendation."

Even North Carolina's black leadership agrees. "She would be a powerful nominee," says N.C. NAACP President Rev. William Barber. Her credentials are phenomenal. She is from the South, a black woman, and someone who has already been confirmed."

The Greensboro native, 56, endured a prolonged five-month confirmation battle in 2015 before McConnell and his Republican U.S. Senate majority finally confirmed her

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

A group of parents make a list of changes they would like to be included in a new federal education model that will focus on literacy at Cook Elementary School next school year.

Cook administrators and parents unite to improve school

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

After years of posting test scores in the bottom five percent among elementary schools in the entire state, Cook Elementary School will see a number of radical changes ahead of the 2016-2017 school year.

Aside from changing the name of the school to Cook Literacy Model School, the school located on 11th Street just off Thurmond Street will also have a new principal, staff members and instructional design. According to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School officials, the changeover is part of a federal education model they have adopted called Restart.

During a meeting held last month to announce the changes, a number of parents voiced their issues with the proposed changes. While a number of parents took issue with the lack of communication, many more asked questions about current teachers who have built relationships

with students over the years.

Keisha Wisley said there are teachers at the school who have built strong relationships with the students and the fact that they have to leave just isn't right.

"I know something has to be done, but I don't think replacing staff members who have created bonds with these students is the answer," said Wisley. "It isn't fair to them or the students."

Superintendent Beverly Emory said that although the new model calls for an entirely new staff, teachers and faculty members who are currently at the school can re-apply for their positions. However, she did explain that because of the literacy model and its requirements, it's unlikely everyone would be brought back.

Emory also mentioned the new model will attract more teachers who have shown they have the ability to accelerate reading and help children who have fallen behind.

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Matthews' civil rights legacy set

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Carl Wesley Matthews, the leader of the local lunch counter protest in 1960 that became the state's first victory for the sit-in movement, passed away on Friday, Feb. 26.

A service for Matthews will be held today (Thursday, March 3) at noon at Russell Funeral Home, 822 Carl Russell Ave.

Matthews, 84, started the sit-in at the downtown Kress store that led to the desegregation of lunch counters in Winston-Salem. The graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University) started his sit-in on Feb. 8, just one week after the four students from NC A&T University started their sit-in at the Greensboro Woolworth.

"I knew from the time that I heard about the gentlemen in Greensboro sitting down, I knew from that moment that I would offer some support for them, that I would be a pinch hitter," said Matthews in a 1996 television interview for the local AAP show.

During the same interview, he said he discussed doing a sit-in with five of his co-workers at a local trucking company, but by the time he started the sit-in, it was just him.

Though alone with white patrons threatening him, he later said he was not afraid, saying he felt the presence of a higher power and kept repeating the 23rd and 27th Psalm. But he was not alone for long, as he was joined by students from Winston-Salem Teachers College the next day and for the rest of the 107-day protest.

"I knew he needed some help," said Victor Johnson Jr., one of the students who joined him.

Johnson, now a school board member, knew Matthews from the neighborhood. He described Matthews as being outspoken, adamant and even cocky.

Students from Atkins High School also participated in the sit-in, as did white students from Wake Forest College



Matthews

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