



The Forsyth County Board of Elections listens to public comments during Tuesday's meeting.

Voting

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unpaid internships, she has little time to get to a voting site.

"And I don't drive because I don't have a car yet because I'm poor, so how do you expect me to get to a voting site?" said Johnson. "I work waitress jobs. Those are unscheduled hours that sometimes run late. I work all day sometimes and go to school, so I need to go to a voting site that's accessible to me."

Others spoke for more sites in general in East Winston, which has a large minority population. However, several speakers said they felt there were too many sites costing the taxpayers too much money. Only one speaker, James Knox, specifically spoke against WSSU.

"I feel real sorry for Winston-Salem State people, apparently they are, you know, real slow or something because ... Salem College, Wake Forest University and the School of the Arts do not have early voting sites, so why do they feel they

need to be one?"

His comment drew a loud, shocked reaction from students in the crowd. The on-campus voting was especially useful for WSSU students since freshman can't park on campus, unlike other local campuses, where they do let freshmen have access to their vehicles.

After the comment session, the four-member BOE quickly elected officers to the board, which put Republican Stuart Russell as chairman and Democrat Susan Campbell as vice chairwoman and Democrat Robert Dutrah as secretary. Then Democrats proposed two plans, one with 12 sites and one with 11 sites, both including WSSU. Both were voted down by Stuart and Republican BOE Member John Loughridge Jr.

Someone in the crowd yelled "Why?" each time, with Stuart responding that he felt the off-campus W.R. Anderson Recreation Center on Reynolds Park Road was better suited since, it's a local government facility, it doesn't have any conflicting activities like Homecoming and it wasn't as close to other sites, letting them



Jenna Johnson

cover more territory. He also cited an email sent by WSSU staff that promoted Democratic candidates in 2010 and 2012.

The eight-year-old incident involved the interim vice chancellor of student affairs at WSSU - who regularly distributes emails from students, student groups, faculty and staff - mistakingly sending an email to students and staff promoting Democrats, which violates state law. She had received the email from a student and said she didn't look at it before sending it. The university immediately sent out an email telling students to ignore the erroneous message and even sent out an email promoting Republican candidates at the urging of the local GOP to try to rectify the mistake, though that was retracted too. The Democrat-majority BOE at the time elected to keep early voting there in 2010.

If the Forsyth BOE didn't come to a unanimous vote, it would go to the also evenly split State BOE. In 2014, then Board Member Fleming El-Amin tried to appeal a plan with WSSU in it to the then Republican-majority State Board and failed. So the board's two Democrats com-

Early Voting 2018

Election Day is Nov. 6

Early Voting Days and Times:

Wednesday, Oct. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 3
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Locations:

BOE office at the Forsyth County Government Center
W.R. Anderson Recre-

ation Center

Kernersville VFW Post
Old Town Recreation Center
Miller Park Recreation Center
Brown-Douglas Recreation Center
Mazie Woodruff Center
Southside Library
Rural Hall Library
Clemmons Library
Lewisville Library

promised on a plan that had 11 sites and two Saturdays but no WSSU. They had the money for 12 sites with three Saturdays, but Russell said they should hold some money in reserve in case it's needed.

Russell told attendees, "These are not easy decisions" to which many shouted back "Yes, it is!"

He assured them that there were things in the plan that his fellow Republicans wouldn't like, too.

"That's the nature of a bipartisan plan, everyone is a little upset about it," said Russell.

Campbell told attendees that they compromised because having the State Board decide the plan would've delayed all the needed preparations for early voting.

"Delaying the decision makes it more difficult for everybody to get the work done to make an efficient election," said Campbell.

Many attendees were upset. Womble said he felt the board's Democrats caved and that the State BOE would've sided with a plan with WSSU.



Wanda Applewhite during the CurvyShe All White Fashion Show on Sunday, July 15. The show held at Footnote Café featured clothing from the "Oh My Gauze" Collection by Gaia Women's Clothing Store.

Curves

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of a larger frame, it's all about being able to carry that frame and being healthy at the same time."

The CurvyShe Fit2BU Weekend began on Friday, July 13, with the CurvyShe Fashion Show. The headlining event held at the Historic Broyhill Center in Clemmons, featured clothing from Ankara Kingdom African Clothing.

The show also featured fashion for men and a performance by Suah African Dance Theater.

Day Two was all about getting fit. On Saturday, July 14, more than a dozen women gathered at

Athletes Advantage to experience several different workout routines that infused music and dance into the exercises. Fit2BU weekend wrapped up on Sunday, July 15, with All White Fashion Show at the Footnote Café downtown.

The finale featured the "Oh My Gauze" Collection by Gaia Women's Clothing Store, a local business that carries unique patterns for women of all sizes. After the show, while enjoying brunch, attendees were treated to motivational words from local author and educator India Reaves, and Apostle Gloria Samuels, senior pastor of Great Commission Community Church.

Johnson said when he

started the event a decade ago, he had no idea it would grow to become what it is today. He said although he never imagined it would grow into a three-day event, he is already planning for future growth.

"My mind is to get it larger than this. The feedback I got this year is to include more days and to incorporate workshops and more vendors. They really loved it," continued Johnson. "Five years from now, I can see a whole CurvyShe Fashion Week and I also see it traveling around the country. I think it needs to be seen that we're not just having a fashion show for plus-size women."



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A male model shows off the designs of Ankara Kingdom African Clothing during the CurvyShe Fashion Show on Friday, July 13.

Arts

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nity. We sincerely thank Jim for all the good work he has done."

Moss said The Arts Council wanted to move quickly on a transition, since its annual Community Fund for the Arts drive is in a final, critical period, and choose a replacement for Sparrow who could hit the ground running. Eaddy fits the bill, he said.

"We are redoubling our

efforts on the fund drive in order to put Randy and The Council in the strongest possible position going forward," said Moss.

Eaddy made a 38-year career in business law with broad experience in many areas of corporate practice. He received his undergraduate degree from Furman University and then attended Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review. He had risen to the highest ranks of his profession. Over the years, he has contributed generously as a

volunteer for nonprofits and assumed leadership roles in the arts community, often using his professional skills on their behalf.

"Accepting this position - and the accompanying challenges," said Eaddy "was made easier by the fact that I have worked closely with Arts Council staff over the years and have great appreciation for their dedication and professionalism. I can certainly say the same for The Arts Council board."

Winston-Salem, known as a City of Arts and

Innovation, and Forsyth County have a robust arts community that enriches the lives of area residents every day and accounts in large part for the recognition they continue to receive as a great place to live, learn, work and play. Forsyth County's nonprofit arts industry supports 5,559 full time equivalent jobs; accounts for more than \$129 million in resident household income, and generates more than \$14.8 million in local and state tax revenues.



Photo by Alphonso Abbott Jr.

Jaleena Miller makes her way down the runway during the CurvyShe Fashion Show on Friday, July 13 at the Historic Broyhill Center in Clemmons.

Corrections

The Chronicle apologizes for an error made in the print edition on June 14. In the page A1 story with the headline "Board defers new Ashley school," it was said that a new

school for Hanes-Lowrance Middle School was on the 2016 Bond Project list. In fact, only Lowrance Middle School is on the project list. Hanes Middle School is currently housed at the former Hill Middle School. The Chronicle regrets any misunderstanding that may have resulted from this error. The Editor

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