

FFHS Football Field Named for County Commissioner Warren Judge

Dare County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sue F. Burgess came forward at the Board of Education meeting on March 14 at First Flight High School to address those present with a special recognition.

“The Dare County Board of Education may choose to name facilities for individuals or groups who have exhibited extraordinary service to the field of education or to Dare County Schools,” began Burgess. “Warren C. Judge III was a dedicated public servant committed to improving the quality of life for all residents of Dare County. During his 16 years as a County Commissioner, Warren advocated to secure \$165 million in funding to enable Dare County Schools to build four new school buildings and to make extensive renovations at five existing schools.

“Warren served as the Board of Commissioners’ educational liaison for five years, attending almost every Board of Education meeting during that time. In recent years, Warren played an important role in making changes to the School Funding Formula, by initiating the Five-on-Five Committee, comprised of county commissioners and staff along with school board members and staff.

“Outside the boardroom, Warren was a lifetime sports enthusiast, frequently seen supporting athletic events throughout the district. He was practically a fixture at First Flight High School home football games. Warren will be greatly missed, but his contributions will be long remembered.”

Burgess then announced that the football field at First Flight High School will be known as the “Warren C. Judge III Memorial Field.”



Mrs. Tess Judge was in the audience. Surprised and overwhelmed, she joined the members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Burgess for a photograph.

From left - Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sue F. Burgess, First Flight High School Principal Tim Albert, Tess Judge, Board member Ben Sproul, Board Vice-Chair Margaret Lawler, with Board members Joe Tauber, David Twiddy, Charlotte White, and Mary Ellon Ballance. Board of Education Chair Bea Basnight had been called out of town with a family emergency.