



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 17, 2013

Board of Education Work Session – 3:00 P.M.

Overview of Existing Alternative Options Update

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery

Review of Assessments

Board Quarterly Forecast

New Equity Position Discussion

Overview of NC DOT Fortify Project and Implications for WCPSS

OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. QUORUM DETERMINATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

Board Members' Comments

5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 P.M.

Citizens who sign up to address the Board during public comment will be called on in priority order first for items on the agenda and then for items not on the agenda. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks. Issues or concerns involving personnel matters are not appropriate for this public comment setting. After 30 minutes of public comment, any speakers remaining will be recognized at the end of the agenda for their comments.

RECOGNITION ITEMS

HUMAN RESOURCES

6. EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Eight (8) employees were nominated for this month's Employee Excellence Award. Fiscal Implications: The cost of the awards for this presentation was \$148.60. Funds from the Human Resources Department's supplies budget were used to cover this cost. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: None.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

7. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Twenty students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners at 6:30 p.m. Fiscal Implications: N/A. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: N/A.

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8. February 7, 2013 - Joint Policy & Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- February 19, 2013 - Board of Education Meeting
- March 14, 2013 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- April 18, 2013 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- June 13, 2013 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- June 14, 2013 - Facilities Committee Meeting
- August 15, 2013 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- September 12, 2013 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- November 12, 2013 - Knightdale Area Education Work Group Meeting

FINANCE

9. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Fuquay-Varina Middle. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action:

10. RATE INCREASE FOR WCPSS GENERAL COUNSEL

The Board's General Counsel, Tharrington Smith, has proposed a rate increase effective January 1, 2014. The rate increase is \$5 per hour across each billing rate including partner, associate, and paralegal. General Counsel's rates, subsequent to an approval of the proposed rate increase, will continue to be below comparable market value for services provided. The retainer with General Counsel will continue to provide a 30-Day termination clause. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FACILITIES

11. DESIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 3: H-7 HIGH

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 3 to H-7 High School. This change order, in the amount of \$334,490, is for off-site road design. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the amount of \$2,907,961 is currently available, of which \$2,407,531 is from CIP 2006 and \$500,430 is from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

12. RESOLUTION: BUDGET REQUEST FOR FURNISHING VERNON MALONE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

The Vernon Malone College and Career Academy is currently under construction and is being funded and managed by Wake County. It has been agreed by Wake County, Wake County Public School System, and Wake Technical Community College staff that the school system will procure the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for this school. This resolution requests approval to create budget in the 860 program code, in the initial amount of \$3,100,000, to allow WCPSS to begin purchasing the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for this school with funds that have

already been appropriated by the County. An additional \$300,000 will be requested at the April 8, 2014 Board meeting to complete the procurements. The attachment from Wake County staff supports this request. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available from the recent sale of 2/3 bonds by the County. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

13. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: E-37 ELEMENTARY

A new elementary school designated E-37, and located in Cary, is planned in CIP 2013. Negotiations have been completed with MBAJ Architecture, P.A., for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$700,000, has been requested from the Wake County Board of Commissioners (BOC). The project budget includes compensation for the design consultant of \$837,545. The consultant is only authorized to provide services through 60% of construction document phase, in the amount of \$418,733. Funding from CIP 2013 will be needed to fully fund this contract and to fund construction. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval contingent upon appropriation of funding by the BOC.

14. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: E-38 ELEMENTARY

A new elementary school designated E-38, and located in Cary, is planned for CIP 2013. Negotiations have been completed with Moseley Architects, P.C., for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$700,000, has been requested from the Wake County Board of Commissioners (BOC). The project budget includes compensation for the design consultant of \$875,000. The consultant is only authorized to provide services through 60% of construction document phase, in the amount of \$437,500. Funding from CIP 2013 will be needed to fully fund this contract and to fund construction. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval contingent upon appropriation of funding by the BOC.

15. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: M-13 MIDDLE

A new middle school designated M-13, and located in Raleigh, is planned in CIP 2013. Negotiations have been completed with Perkins + Will, Inc., for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, has been requested from the Wake County Board of Commissioners (BOC). The project budget includes compensation for the design consultant of \$1,710,000. The consultant is only authorized to provide services through 25% of the construction document phase, in the amount of \$705,375. Funding from CIP 2013 will be needed to fully fund this contract and to fund construction. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval contingent upon appropriation of funding by the BOC.

16. TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENT: TOWN OF CARY (MIDDLE CREEK ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE CREEK HIGH)

To improve traffic and pedestrian safety, the Town of Cary requests the dedication of a traffic signal easement (768 sq. ft.) along a portion of the eastern property lines for Middle Creek Elementary and Middle Creek High School near the intersection of West Lake Road and Middle Creek Park Avenue. The NCDOT will install traffic signal lights, pedestrian heads, and

appurtenant facilities and devices, and the Town of Cary will maintain the devices after installation. The proposed traffic signal easement will not interfere with Board's present or future use of the property. A copy of the proposed easement is attached.

The Town of Cary will utilize federal funding for the construction of this project. Because of the purpose, size and location of the proposed easements, Staff recommends dedication of the easements to the Town without compensation, and recommends waiving the right to have the property appraised pursuant to the Uniform Act for Real Property Acquisition regarding federally funded projects. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

17. ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO FRANCE, EUROPE

- Up to 35 students with chaperones from Enloe High School will take part in a cultural home stay exchange program.
- No school will be missed as the trip is during Summer Break. Students will depart from RDU on June 13, 2014 and return on June 27, 2014.
- During this trip, students will represent Enloe High School as they have direct exposure to the French way of life through home-stay, school attendance and tours of various sites. Immersion in the culture and language, and proficiency in speaking, listening and comprehension of the French language is the desired outcome for foreign language teaching/learning.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per student is \$1600.00. This trip is enrichment only and not a required trip. Families, private donations, and fundraising will enable students the opportunity to participate in this activity. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

18. ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO ITALY – VENICE, FLORENCE, VERONA, SIENA, ROME, ASSISSI

- Ten students with chaperones from Enloe High School will travel to Italy to learn about history, traditions, and culture.
- Only one day of school will be missed. Students will depart from RDU on March 27, 2014 and return on April 5, 2014.
- During this trip, students will represent Enloe High School as they have direct exposure to the Italian culture and language in natural settings which will contribute to the development of a globally competitive student.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per student is \$3,784.00. This trip is enrichment only and not a required trip. Families, private donations, and fundraising will enable students the opportunity to participate in this activity. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

19. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#13314): NC Department of Public Instruction, CTE Capacity Building Grant, Pathways to Prosperity / Central Services.
- Competitive (#13414): Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators, Mini-Grants for Teacher Awards / Individual Schools.

- Competitive (#13514): North Carolina State Board of Education, Digital Learning Grant / Central Service.
- Competitive (#13614): U. S. Department of Labor, Youth Career Connect Grant Program / Central Services.
- Competitive (#13714): North Carolina Arts Council, Arts in Education Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#13814): Woman’s Club of Raleigh, Community Grants Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#13914): Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#14014): National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), NASPE Grant Programs / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#14114): Ticket To Reading Rewards (TTRR), TTRR Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#14214): Education and Workforce Innovation Commission, Education and Workforce Innovation Fund / Central Services.
- Competitive (#14314): PNC Foundation, Foundation Grants / Central Services.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Savings: Grant funding supplements existing resources. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

20. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Professional
2. Support
3. Contract Central Services Administrators

21. REQUEST FOR LEAVE(S)

BOARD

22. BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This represents new nominations to the Board Advisory Councils. The nomination forms are attached for the Board’s review and consideration. Fiscal Implications: N/A. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

23. NAMING OF LOCKHART ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER IN HONOR OF MARTHA L. MARTIN

The Lockhart Elementary School faculty, staff, and families recommend that the school media center, be named in honor of former principal Martha L. Martin. Martha Martin served the Wake County Public School System for nine years with distinction as principal of Lockhart Elementary School. She entered retirement in June of 2012, but was diagnosed with cancer two months later and passed away in April of 2013. Her supporters seek to honor her life in a public and permanent way by naming the “Martha L. Martin Media Center” at Lockhart Elementary in

her honor. In accordance with Board of Education Policy 2571, it is appropriate to name the Lockhart Elementary School media center in honor of Martha L. Martin, in recognition of her dedicated leadership, devotion and public service. A copy of the request letter and accompanying petition is attached for review. Fiscal Implications: None. The cost of any plaque or sign will be funded from private sources. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

BOARD

24. CREATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Wake County Board of Education will create a Governmental Relations Committee to serve as a standing committee of the Board. It will focus on improving communication and intergovernmental relations between the Board of Education and the Wake County Board of Commissioners, the County's municipal governments, and the North Carolina General Assembly. The committee will meet as needed. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

CLOSED SESSION

- To consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) and 115C-319.
- To consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) due to current litigation, Wake County Board of Education vs. Ronald Gay & Michelle H. Gay, et. al., Wake County Superior Court Case #11-CVS-13495.
- To consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3).
- To establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5).

ACTION ITEM

HUMAN RESOURCES

25. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

26. TECHNICAL NON-MONETARY REVISION TO SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

INFORMATION ITEM

HUMAN RESOURCES

27. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)

ADJOURNMENT