



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2011**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Ron Margiotta, Chair	Interim Superintendent Donna Hargens	Ann Hooker
Debra Goldman, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Julye Mizelle
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Cathy Moore
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	David Neter
Chris Malone	Michael Evans	Andre Smith
Carolyn Morrison	Stephen Gaaney	Mark Winters
Deborah Prickett	Lloyd Gardner	
John Tedesco	Don Haydon	Board Attorney
Keith Sutton	David Holdzkom	Ann Majestic

Chair, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- Chairman Margiotta shared that the Superintendent's Search Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Goldman, led a very thorough process for hiring a superintendent, which was agreed upon by the Board. As a part of the process, several days were spent gathering community input. During the summer, several specific groups, including community organizations, elected officials, and staff member groups, were invited to provide input into what characteristics they would like to see in the next superintendent. In addition, several open forums were held in which anyone who wanted to provide input was invited to attend

Heidrick and Struggles, a search firm, presented a culmination of the information to the Search Committee for their additions and then used the information to begin identifying possible candidates. On behalf of the Search Committee, Mrs. Goldman then presented a plan to the Board for the actual interview process. Chairman Margiotta thanked Mrs. Goldman and the other members of the Search Committee for their efforts to maintain a very detailed and transparent process. As a result, the Board approved the next Superintendent of the Wake County Public School System on December 23rd.

Chairman Margiotta welcomed and congratulated Superintendent Anthony Tata to Wake County Schools as the next Superintendent. Chairman Margiotta shared that Mr. Tata would be visiting at the end of the week. The purpose of the visit is become better acquainted with Wake County Schools and the community that is served by the district. Chairman Margiotta assured the public that the Board and Mr. Tata are extremely committed to community involvement and will take time to meet with as many stakeholder groups as possible. The official swearing-in ceremony will be held at the beginning of February.

- Chairman Margiotta reminded the Board that it will hold a series of five public hearings beginning the week of January 11th regarding the 2011-2012 student assignment. On January

10th, the Board will meet at Cary High School. On January 11th, the Board will meet at Millbrook High School, on January 13th, the Board will meet at Heritage High School, on January 19th, the Board will meet at Southeast Raleigh High School, and on January 20th, the Board will meet at Garner High School. Following the hearings, the Board will hold a work session to discuss parents' requests and the impact on the 2011-2012 student assignment plan. Sign-up to speak at the hearings will be available online prior to each hearing or parents can sign up upon arrival. Chairman Margiotta strongly encouraged members of the community who wish to address assignment to attend of the hearings.

- Chairman Margiotta shared that Board Policy 1300, G4, permits the Board to defer public comment on an issue when public hearings for that topic are provided. Therefore, Chairman Margiotta requested that “*all public comments regarding the student assignment plan not be presented today, but at the hearings being provided.*”

Board Members' Comments

- Dr. Morrison thanked Dr. Hargens for her work since March 9th as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Morrison also commended Reedy Creek Middle School on a job well done for their Career Fair which was held right before Christmas.
- Mrs. Goldman expressed her appreciation to Dr. Hargens for helping the system through a time of transition. Mrs. Goldman thanked the Board for their involvement in the process of selecting the new Superintendent.
- Dr. McLaurin shared her appreciation of Dr. Hargens for all that she has done during the time of transition.

Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Hargens shared that Kristen Harris of Apex High School was named the 2010-2011 Gatorade North Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year by the Gatorade Company in collaboration with ESPN RISE. The award recognizes Harris as North Carolina's best high school volleyball player.
- The Knightdale Repertory Theater performed the *Great Christmas Spectacular* on December 18th at Knightdale High School. Christopher Cunningham, Kyle Randolph, Justine Santos, and Patrick Womack, students at Knightdale High School, wrote the script.
- Sanderson High School students have again been named winners in the Triangle Students Against Hunger Food Drive. Sanderson beat last year's school total by over 12,000 pounds, raising 193,099.6 pounds.
- Newbery-winning author, Linda Sue Park, recently spoke to Marking Magnet Middle School seventh graders.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated a team of students from Enloe Magnet High School. The students earned fourth place in the world and first place in North Carolina in the Knowledge Master Open on Wednesday, December 8th.
- Eighty elementary teachers represented their schools at the quarterly Elementary Science Leadership Team training which included a video from a science class in China.
- On December 7th, Bugg Elementary found unique ways to celebrate Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

- As of December 1st, the ESL staff had in place 33 after-school programs and 5 track-out programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- Students and staff from Centennial Middle School recently spend a Saturday morning flipping flapjacks.
- Dr. Hargens shared that Vandora Springs Elementary's Chairs of Hope Project will start on January 11th, as the Fifth-Grade Art Club and staff members begin painting chairs to auction off.
- Dr. Hargens shared that the Fall Athletic Accomplishments have been tremendous as well as other recognitions in the Athletic Department which includes the induction of Bob Catapano (former Sanderson Athletic Director and Soccer Coach) will be inducted into the North Carolina High School Association Hall of Fame in the Spring of 2011.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Margiotta added an item to the Closed Session Agenda which included to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). Debra Goldman requested to remove Facilities Item #24, CONTRACT FOR PARENT COUNSELING SERVICES AT PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT from the Action Agenda.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda, seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Debra Goldman made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:18 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, 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), and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 4 P.M.

Citizens who signed 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 two 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.

- **Jim Martin** – Mr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding budget issues. Mr. Martin shared that he applauded the Board's efforts in soliciting ideas from the public regarding the budget situation. Mr. Martin stated that cuts are not needed, but that investment is needed.
- **Olga Matos** – Ms. Matos spoke to the Board regarding suspension rates. Ms. Matos shared her concern of there not being any Hispanic/ Latino data that is received. Ms. Matos requested that the state of North Carolina please separate the Hispanic/Latino data as a community and a people.

- **Aciba Byrd** – Mr. Byrd spoke to the Board regarding suspensions. Mr. Byrd shared that parents feel that there is a lack of communication between the school and home. Parents are not being made aware of issues and not getting them involved. Mr. Byrd inquired about the communication with parents regarding information that is taking place at Board meeting. He also shared his concern of the lack of communication with parents.
- **Geraldine Alshamy** – Ms. Alshamy spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of parents understanding what is at stake with the student assignment proposal and how diversity will be affected. Ms. Alshamy shared that parents want a more grassroots approach of educating parents on the decision making process of the Board and how it will affect their children.
- **Bryan Coffey** – Mr. Coffey spoke to the Board regarding the Black Horse Run Community assignment for the 2010-2011 school assignment. Mr. Coffey requested that the entire community of Black Horse Run be assigned to one high school. Mr. Coffey shared that the Black Horse Run Community stands united with aligning their neighborhood to one high school.
- **Heather Koons** – Ms. Koons spoke to the Board regarding two resolutions she hopes the Board will adopt for the new year; to really follow the Code of Ethics that was signed when Board members were sworn into office, and that all decisions in the upcoming year focus on helping the educational welfare of all students in the public schools in Wake County. Ms. Koons other resolution that she wants the Board to adopt is to look more deeply into the consequences of decisions and not create new problems that will need to be solved.
- **Tama Bouncer** – Ms. Bouncer spoke to the Board regarding the hiring of the new superintendent. Ms. Bouncer shared that the educators of Wake County are concerned because when asked to name characteristics that they would like to see in a superintendent, one of the top characteristics was that he/she be an educator. Ms. Bouncer shared that although Mr. Tata does not have a strong background as an educator, the educators of Wake County are prepared and willing to work with Wake County's new leader. Ms. Bouncer also thanked Dr. Hargens for her leadership as interim superintendent.
- **Christine Kushner** – Ms. Kushner spoke to the Board regarding her support of Project Enlightenment and its parent services and spoke in support of expanded preschool education in Wake County. Ms. Kushner asked the Board to consider expanding preschool services. Ms. Kushner requested that the Board work hard to keep Project Enlightenment viable.
- **Adrienne Lumpkin** – Ms. Lumpkin shared her thoughts regarding a turbulent year of disagreement between majority and minority Board members. Ms. Lumpkin stated that the Board's promise to listen to the people has not been kept. Ms. Lumpkin shared that the public concludes that the Board wants to keep the public from their processes as Board meeting times continuously change. Ms. Lumpkin shared that it is new year and the public needs a new sense of urgency and cooperation to do what is right. Ms. Lumpkin stated that the Board must develop a fair and equitable student assignment plan, bring the new superintendent up to speed quickly, and manage a woefully limited budget.
- **Paul Kretzschmar** – Mr. Kretzschmar spoke to the Board regarding the superintendent. Mr. Kretzschmar shared his support of the Board hiring the new superintendent but shared that at first, he had reservations.

- **Lynette Aytch** – Ms. Aytch spoke to the Board regarding the Board re-committing to the vision of Wake County Public Schools. Ms. Aytch requested that the Board focus on student achievement.
- **Bob Fuller** – Mr. Fuller congratulated the Board on hiring General Tata as the superintendent. Mr. Fuller also shared his support of community schools.
- **Amelia Lumpkin** – Ms. Lumpkin spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on what has been transpiring since the election of the new board members. Ms. Lumpkin shared that the dissenters will not be silenced; they are continuing to listen and watch. Ms. Lumpkin shared an acrostic poem F- functional U-utilize T-increase transparency U-understand constituents, R-reach consensus through compromise E-every student matters.

CONSENT ITEMS

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve, seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- May 26, 2010 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- July 20, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- September 7, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- October 5, 2010 - Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 5, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- December 1, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- December 7, 2010 - Committee of the Whole/ Work Session Minutes
- December 7, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- December 14, 2010 - Special Called Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

7. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all change orders, and contracts having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000, and purchase orders in excess of \$250,000 for November 2010. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable

8. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

One hundred and eleven gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$76,594. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action is Required.

9. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2010-2011

To report changes in the budget resolutions resulting from transactions processed during November, 2010. Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$	12,741,337
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Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+ \$	94,187
Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State	- \$	1,891,264
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+ \$	1,526,982
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+ \$	0
Adjust Direct Grants Fund	+ \$	65,882
Adjust Other Restricted Fund	+ \$	0
Net Changes	+ \$	12,537,124

Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with the Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

FACILITIES

10. TOWN OF CARY TRANSIT EASEMENT AND PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT WITH TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: EAST CARY MIDDLE

The Town of Cary is planning to construct a bus shelter at the S.E. Maynard Road bus stop located on the East Cary Middle School campus. In order to construct the shelter, the Town needs to obtain a 68 square foot transit and permanent utility easement and a 184 square foot temporary construction easement from the Board. The Town has requested dedication of the easements for the benefit to be realized by the school and surrounding community from their use of the proposed facilities.

The requested easements will not substantially interfere with the present or future use of the property. Staff requests that Board grant the requested easements. A copy of the easement document is attached with the area of the easements identified on the attached Exhibit "A". Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested.

11. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-04: WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-04 to Clancy and Theys Construction Company, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Walnut Creek Elementary School in Raleigh. This change order, in the amount of \$128,860.49, is for additional scope of work required by the NCDOT and City of Raleigh for grading and paving on Sunnybrook Road, and emergency site access modifications. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$23,318,724, of which \$22,746,533 is from CIP 2006 and \$572,191 is from Offsite (Public) Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

12. BIDS: WAKEFIELD MIDDLE PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Bids for the partial roof replacement at Wakefield Middle School were received on December 15, 2010. Staff and Rooftop Systems Engineers, P.C., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Curtis Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$484,528. The original (1999) single-ply membrane roof is at the end of its useful life and is currently leaking. Therefore, it is being replaced with a new 20 year modified bitumen roof system. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$67,813,687 for CIP 2006 Life-Cycle Replacement of Building Components. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

13. FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION

There is a need to appropriate capital outlay fund balance for the purpose of purchasing work stations in preparation for the consolidation of central office functions at the new location. Fiscal Implications: The purchase will be in two phases and the total amount is \$711,944. Phase one is available in current budget in the amount of \$111,789.84. The appropriation requested is for phase two and is in the amount of \$600,154.16. Fund balance is available for this appropriation. The entire \$711,944 will be reimbursed from an escrow account established in the lease agreement. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

14. APEX HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP: PORT OF MIAMI TO THE BAHAMAS

- Students in the marching band, concert bands and the visual ensemble will be representative of Grades 9-12.
- Approximately 107 students will participate and 36 Chaperones. The chaperones reflect the male/female makeup of the student group.
- Students will depart from Raleigh on Sunday, April 17, 2011 and return Friday, April 22, 2011.
- No School days will be missed for either students or faculty since the dates coincide with Spring Break.
- Purpose: Students will participate in the Festivals at Sea Music Festival. They will have the opportunity to demonstrate skills acquired in the classroom for adjudication and to participate in a hands-on music clinic.

Fiscal Implications: Cost per student will be approximately \$650.00. To help defray the cost of the trip, students will be involved in raising of funds, and staff will seek sponsorship and provide scholarships to students who may have difficulties paying for the trip. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested.

15. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#008211): State Library of North Carolina, Library Services and Technology Act, School Library Collection Development Grant / Individual Schools.
- Entitlement (#008311): US Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Indian Education Grant / Central Services.
- Competitive (#008411): ING, Unsung Heroes / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#008511): NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Governor's Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Planning Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#008611): International Baccalaureate (IB), IB Grant Program / Central Services.
- Competitive (#008711): National Gardening Association, Mantis Award, Kids Gardening / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#008811): National Gardening Association, Welch's Harvest Grant, Kids Gardening / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#008911): Progress Energy Foundation, Energy Education Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009011): Sprint Foundation, Character Education Grant Program / Individual Schools.

- Competitive (#009111): Motorola, Innovation Generation Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009211): US Department of Agriculture, NC Department of Public Instruction, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009311): NC Division of Public Health, Wake County Healthy Places, Active Spaces Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009411): Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Literacy Grants / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#009511): NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund, Fit Community and A+ Fit School Designation / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009611): NC Foundation for Public School Children, Parent Involvement Grant / Wakelon Elementary School.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

16. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Professional
- b. Support

POLICY

17. BOARD POLICY 2333/3033/4033-REPORTING INFORMATION TO THE PRINCIPAL

AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Revised: Second Reading

This policy was reviewed at the Work Session/Committee of the Whole meeting on December 7, 2010. It was also presented for a first reading at the December 7, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

BOARD

18. 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: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

19. THE 2010/2011 DPI 10-YEAR FACILITY NEEDS SURVEY

DPI requires submittal of the Department of Public Instruction 2010/2011 Facility Needs Survey results for the Wake County Public School System. The results of this survey, which includes both new school needs and renovation/repair of existing schools, allow the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee of the State Board of Education to assess unfunded projected facility needs for the next 5 to 10 years. In the past the data from these state-wide surveys have been used for determining the scope of State Education Bond Referenda. This survey uses DPI's unit costs and ADM projections, and does not reflect costs or enrollment

projections for Wake County. The request for this information was received in the Superintendent's office on November 4, 2010 and the report is due to be submitted to the Department of Public Education by January 10, 2011. Fiscal Implications: No direct implications. However, the results of the survey may be used to compile the scope of a state-wide bond in the future. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Don Haydon, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer, shared that every five years, local Boards of Education are required by General Statute 115C-521 to submit their facility needs assessment or long-range plans to the State Board of Education. The output of the process will enable DPI to estimate the future funding needs for new construction, additions, and renovations with priorities.

By a letter received in early November, staff was provided with the computer program needed to complete the survey and directed to submit the report by January 10th. Mr. Haydon shared that the timeframe was particularly difficult for the Wake County Public School System because the current bond program CIP 2006 has been delayed due to the slowing of tax revenues and the date for the next bond referendum has not been established. Further, the Board has not addressed planning assumptions, needs, and existing schools, needs for new schools, and the enrollment projections are still being revised.

Mr. Haydon shared that the enrollment shown in the needs assessment is 1,651 students, which is less than WCPSS's actual 20th day membership. The enrollment number was provided by DPI and could not be changed. The number of schools shown in the needs assessment is based on the DPI membership projections which are lower than WCPSS projections, thus reflecting few new school needs. Mr. Haydon stated that the priorities shown in the needs assessment for projects may or may not correspond to the priorities suggested for the next building program. The DPI definition of priorities for projects was used are,

- Immediately – Priority 1
- 2012-2015 – Priority 2
- 2016-2018 – Priority 3
- 2019-2020 – Priority 4

The age of the oldest building not renovated on a campus was used to determine the priority for major addition/renovation projects. Buildings 40 years old or older in 2011 are considered priority 1, etc. Life cycle work was prioritized by what year the most work was needed according to the above table. Life cycle projects are listed on both the cost worksheets for 0-5 year and 6 10 years since work is needed during each of the time periods.

Mr. Haydon shared that the total costs indicated on the needs assessment should not be taken to indicate the size of the next WCPSS school building program since there are many items that aren't included in the DPI Assessment, such as:

- Start-up design
- Program management
- Program contingency
- Environmental needs
- Future property acquisition
- Offsite (public) improvements
- Mobile relocations, lease or purchases
- Technology
- Other equipment/systems replacement
- Inflation

Mr. Haydon shared that the data was based on DPI formulas and would not necessarily reflect WCPSS's costs. Staff did do adjustments based on site development costs. The financial data is today's dollars and does not reflect future costs. Mr. Haydon stated that needs that are currently funded in the CIP 2006 are not shown in the projected costs.

Current capacities of existing schools reflect their current 2010-2011 Annual School Campus Capacity (including all mobiles). Future capacities reflects their Long Range School Campus Capacity (optimum), unless there is a capital improvement project planned that would adjust the capacity. These future capacities include a reduction in temporary classrooms to align with each school's core capacity. Mr. Haydon shared that in the needs assessment, elementary and middle schools reflect year round capacity.

After clarifying questions and comments from Board members regarding the low numbers being reported, and that elementary and middle school year round capacity has not yet been determined, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

20. PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT APPROVAL AND PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE: ROLESVILLE HIGH

Staff has reviewed preliminary construction documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA, for installation of a waterline to service the new Rolesville High School. This waterline will be an extension of the existing city water utility, which must be routed under the Rolesville Bypass, scheduled to begin construction by NCDOT in April 2011. Therefore, it is proposed to advertise an early Rolesville Road waterline extension package, before completion of the total design package. Staff has reviewed the construction documents for this early bid package and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise. Staff will present the award of this contract to the Board for approval at the February meeting. Fiscal Implications: The current project budget is \$72,189,773 (based on a 2010 opening) of which \$1,000,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, \$71,007,898 from CIP 2006, and \$181,875 from Offsite (Public) Improvements. Approximately \$5,600,000 of additional funding will be needed to pay for offsite improvements, site adaption to the new site, and a delayed opening to 2013. The additional funds will be requested from CIP 2006 savings, in the spring of 2011 after the design of the site adaption is completed. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Haydon requested Board approval. Chris Malone made a motion to approve, seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

21. RESOLUTION: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR RECEPTION COUNTER ENCLOSURES

Occupants of the first three iterations of the 800 student capacity elementary school prototype (Wakelon, Holly Grove and Mills Park), designed and funded in Plan 2004, have reported noise and privacy issues related to the open counter design at the main reception desk. The issue has been addressed at each subsequent build-out of the prototype with a folding glass partition, which provides the needed sound isolation and preserves visual supervision of the lobby/corridor

area. Staff has reviewed the construction documents for providing these folding glass partitions for the three schools cited above. The estimate for each school is \$25,000.

Funding is available within the project budget for Mills Park Elementary, but there are no funds for Wakelon or Holly Grove. Staff requests \$50,000 of savings at the Martin Middle PLAN 2004 project be reallocated to Wakelon and Holly Grove to fund these projects. The projects at Wakelon and Holly Grove had previously been closed and the savings moved to other projects. Fiscal Implications: This reallocation will fund these projects from savings in another PLAN 2004 project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Haydon requested Board approval. After a clarifying question, John Tedesco made a motion to approve, seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

22. CIP 2006 SPENDING PLAN FOR 2011

As a result of the economic downturn that began in the fall of 2008, Wake County modified the schedule of general obligation bond sales in support of CIP 2006. County staff will review general obligation bond scenarios with the Board of Commissioners in early February 2010. Scenarios will include a general obligation bond sale in early Spring 2011 to support CIP 2006 building program needs between March 2011 and February 2012. In order to define which projects will be included in the bond sale, staff requests Board approval of the \$106.8M slate of commitments for the upcoming bond sale. The actual request for appropriation of the funds from the sale will be at the February Board meeting.

There are two main commitment changes in the proposed 2011 plan from the plan approved in February 2010: Life Cycle Replacement and Contingency/Reserves. The request for Life Cycle Replacement has been reduced since it is anticipated that \$6.7M in savings from Walnut Creek Elementary and Wilburn Elementary will be reallocated at the February Board meeting to Life Cycle Replacement. There is also a need for approximately \$5.6M of additional funding for Rolesville High. These funds typically would come from Contingency/Reserves, but the need can be funded from savings in prior CIP 2006 projects that have not yet been moved into CIP 2006 Reserves. The need for Contingency/Reserves has been reduced, but due to anticipated student crowding in 2012, there is a need for approximately \$10M to provide crowding solutions. The Contingency/Reserves shown for 2012 may be used primarily to fund the construction of up to two new schools approved by the Board. Fiscal Implications: To be determined. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Haydon requested approval of the funding plan. After a clarifying question regarding technology being a part of the plan, Keith Sutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

23. EXTENSION OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO COMMUTE LONG-TERM SUSPENSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO SHORT TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL LONG TERM SUSPENSIONS PENDING FURTHER POLICY REVISIONS

As we continue to develop and implement a new system of student discipline in every

school, it is critical that we (a) utilize methodical process that includes soliciting feedback from principals, (b) allow sufficient time for BOE members to review proposed revisions and provide guidance, (c) train administrators on the new policies and procedures and (d) give reasonable advance notice to parents and students of any major changes.

We are requesting an extension to June 30, 2011 of the BOE's delegation to the Superintendent the authority to reduce the length of long-term suspensions and to commute any long-term suspension to short-term. The Discipline Review Committee will continue to review the suspension recommendations from the principals and make a recommendation to the Superintendent for approval. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Marvin Connelly, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services, requested an extension to June 30, 2011 of delegation of authority to the Superintendent to commute long-term suspension recommendations to short-term suspensions and to reduce the length of individual long-term suspensions pending further policy revisions. Mr. Connelly stated that it is critical that staff has clear policies and guidance for the district's principals in order to provide consistency across the district.

After clarifying comments from Board members, John Tedesco made a motion to approve, seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICY

25. BOARD POLICY 1340: BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

On July 20th, the Board members repealed Policy 1340, Standing Committees, in an effort to make changes to the Board meeting structure. At the November 9th Board of Education work session, the Board agreed to reinstate the policy with changes recommended by the Board members, and the policy was approved as a first reading on the action agenda. The following statement was included in the adopted policy, "The committee chair shall establish a regular schedule for the committee meetings and shall have discretion to call meetings on an 'as needed' basis." On December 7, the Board agreed to postpone the adoption of the policy but allowed the Finance Committee to meet on December 8. The policy is being brought forth again so that the Board can discuss possible changes.

Terri Cobb, Chief of Staff, shared that Board Policy 1340, Board Standing Committees, was approved on First Reading on November 9th by the Board. On December 7th, staff brought the policy back and the Board decided to postpone approval of the Second Reading so that there would be time for discussion. Discussion was held at today's Committee of the Whole where staff was given direction for changes. Staff made an additional change to what was completed at Committee of the Whole (See Attachment A).

Board Members shared concerns with the wording in the policy, and included "*committee chair*" under B1, "*The committee chair shall call meetings focused on topics and issues and establish an agenda for each committee meeting that shall include any item suggested by the Superintendent, **committee chair**, committee*

members, or referred by the Board.”

Board members shared additional concerns and reworded an additional sentence under B1, “*The committee chair shall whenever possible, provide at least one week’s notice to Board members and the public of meeting dates and times.*”

Anne McLaurin made a motion to approve the policy with the additions, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS CONT’D

HUMAN RESOURCES

26. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Robert Barbour, Applicant to Assistant Principal at Apex High School effective February 4, 2011.
- (2). Robert Pope III, Applicant to Assistant Principal at Leesville Road High School effective TBD.

The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Debra Goldman made a motion to return to Closed Session at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Debra Goldman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Tedesco. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Donna M. Hargens, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

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