

# WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

### Board Members

*Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair*  
*Susan Parry, Vice Chair*  
*Beverley Clark*  
*Bill Fletcher*  
*Rosa Gill*  
*Jeff York*  
*Patti Head*  
*Tom Oxholm*  
*Amy White*

### Staff Members Present

*Bill McNeal, Superintendent*  
*Jo Baker*  
*Karen Banks*  
*Danny Barnes*  
*Maurice Boswell*  
*Del Burns*  
*Mike Burriss*  
*Micheal Evans*  
*Donald Haydon*  
*Linda Isley*  
*Cindi Jolly*  
*Toni Patterson*  
*Ernie Reddish*  
*John Ringo*  
*Janice Shearin*  
*Walt Sherlin*

### Board Attorney Present

*Rod Malone*

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*Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## INFORMATION

### **Chairman's Comments**

- *Ms. Quigg reminded the board that the joint luncheon with the County Commissioners and the Wake County Board of Education will be held on January 15, 2003.*
- *Beverley Clark attended a roundtable discussion for the high schools.*

### **Superintendent's Report**

- *Healthy School Task Force will have its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Thursday, January 23, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the Harriet B. Webster Center.*
- *Superintendent McNeal presented a special recognition to Elizabeth Grimes Droessler, Senior Administrator, Art Education. Elizabeth Grimes Droessler was the backbone of Les Miserables production. She attended each rehearsal. She is a problem solver, and visionary, an artist, and a team player who is able to unite students, parents, teachers, principals, and the Wake community at large in the common pursuit of excellence in the arts. She received a framed Les Miserables program*

**PUBLIC HEARING - *None***

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 20, 2002 – Facilities Committee

December 10, 2002-Finance Committee

December 10, 2002-Community Relations Committee

**FACILITIES**

**1. Acquisition and Development Agreement – New Panther High Site**

The Wake County Board of Education approved of an Offer to Purchase Contract with Panther Creek Associates to acquire approximately 71.2 acres of land for a new high school to open in 2006. Condition of the contract requires a formal agreement with the Town of Cary to provide one third of the purchase price, construct public utilities, and a roadway system adjoining the site. Board may incur utility construction costs not to exceed \$200,000 and road construction costs not to exceed \$100.00 per foot. Board pays two thirds of the land cost.

**2. Option Agreement - Middle Creek High, Elementary, Community Park and Affordable Housing**

In April 1999, The Wake County Board of Education acquired approximately 108 acres of land from a larger tract of approximately 320 acres at the current location for the Middle Creek High School and Elementary School. The overall transaction was an acquisition by the Town of Cary of approximately 100 acres and an acquisition of the remaining property of approximately 112 acres by a private developer Optimist Farm Ventures. A requirement by the Wake County Board of Education and the Town of Cary is to make available residential property adjacent to the Middle Creek Elementary School and in close proximity to the Middle Creek High School. The developer, Optimist Farm Ventures is to set aside 5 \_ acres of land between the high school and the elementary school and develop 40 – 50 affordable housing units that would first be offered to teachers in the Wake County Public School System. The WCBOE required the developer an option to reacquire the 5 \_ acres of land if the developer did not construct the affordable housing units. The start of construction would be within three years from the acquisition of the property April 1999. If construction fails the Board of Education has the right to exercise an option to acquire the property at a fixed price of \$15,865 per acre plus 8% interest from April 1999.

**FINANCE**

Collaborative (#736): National Science Foundation, Research on Learning and Education / Central office collaboration with North Carolina State University as the fiscal agent. Entitlement (#737): U.S. Department of Education, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Title III Significant Increase in Immigrant Children / Central Office. Collaboration (#738): National Science Foundation, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program / Central Office collaboration with North Carolina Central University as the fiscal agent. Competitive (#739): GlaxoSmithKline, Keepers in the Classroom, Edzoocation / Wendell Elementary School. Competitive (#740): Wake County Autism Society / Green Elementary School.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. Recommendations for Employment** *(Exhibit B)*

### **2. Request for Leave**

*James Hargett, Mt. Vernon Redirection School*

## **BOARD'S COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS - None**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. Schedule Modification: Northwoods Elementary**

PLAN 2000 includes a project to provide building systems replacement for Northwoods Elementary. A future renovation is also being planned for PLAN 2004 to modernize all classrooms. Staff recommended that the future capital improvement project be merged with the current project during the design phase. The total current project budget is \$2,991,600 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Additional funds of \$1.2 million are needed for Phase 1 code compliance, ADA improvements to the restrooms and roof replacement. Phase 2 will require additional funds of \$1.6 million for work planned to be bid as an added alternate with funding contingent upon passage of the PLAN 2004 bond program. Cedar Fork Elementary will be utilized in 2004-2005 as swing space while this work is being accomplished. *Students will move to Cedar Forks 2004-2005 while school is being renovated.*

- *Phase 1 to include HVAC, electrical system, fire alarm, sprinklers, ceiling, lights, flooring, asbestos removal, new roof for the 1994 wing, site work, and ADA accessibility. The base bid \$4.2 million.*
- *Phase 2 to include windows, ADA accessible doors, technology, casework, furniture and remaining finishes. To add this alternate will cost \$1.6 million.*
- *Total project cost is \$5.8 million.*

## **INFORMATION**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **1. No Child Left Behind Update** *(Exhibit D)*

Recent information and decisions on the No Child Left Behind federal legislation was brought to the Board concerning the Title I programs and our accountability systems. The presentation outlined implications in the three areas: (1) Title I programs, (2) Accountability, and (3) Communication. A portion of Title I funds will be set aside to prepare for the likelihood that some schools do not meet the new NCLB standards.

#### **Closed Session**

*Jeff York made a motion to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m. to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board G.S.143-318.11 (a)(3), seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

*Board reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

Sixteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

*H'Get Arul, Kingswood Elementary*

*Davis McDougal, Lacy Elementary*

*Kevin Pion, Penny Road Elementary*

*Christina Goodson, Poe Montessori*

*James Wall, Hodge Road Elementary*

*Dallas Bohannon, Middle Creek High*

*David Bumpass, Powell Elementary*

*Nazarily Semenyuk, Wakefield Elementary*

*Kathryn Winge, Weatherstone Elementary*

*Alejandra Bautista, Apex Middle*

*Christine Pieringer, Leesville Road High*

*Ulyana Androsova, Leesville Road Middle*

*Jessica Napiekowski, Fuquay-Varina High*

*Jordon Oakley, Wilburn Elementary*

*Carolina Cobb, Carroll Middle*

*Michael Tarrant, Sanderson High*

## **ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)**

#### **1. Termination of Electrical Contract: Farmington Woods Addition and Renovations**

M.C. Electric, Inc., the electrical contractor for the Farmington Wood addition and renovations project had defaulted on the project. Staff recommended authorization for the Superintendent or his designee to (1) terminated the contract; (2) retain a contractor to provide interim electrical contracting services for the project; and (3) begin negotiations with M.C. Electric Inc.'s surety for the completion of the project. All potential claims and additional costs will be forwarded to the contractor's surety company.