

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
 January 8, 2002

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Bill McNeal, Superintendent	
Jo Baker	Cindi Jolly
Karen Banks	Ray Massey
Brenda Barker	Toni Patterson
Danny Barnes	John Ringo
Maurice Boswell	<i>Janice Shearin (absent)</i>
Del Burns	Stella Shelton
Mike Burriss	Walt Sherlin
Ann Hooker	Jonibel Willis
Linda Isley	

Board Attorney Present:

Rod Malone

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *She attended the GlaxoSmithKline Basketball Tournament. East Wake High School girls basketball team came in first and East Wake High School Boys came in second place.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Inclement weather days are automatically built into the school calendar. Snow make-up days are as follows:*

Year Round Schools missed three days

January 3, 2002, will be made up January 12, 2002
January 4, 2002, will be made up January 19, 2002
January 7, 2002, will be made up February 11, 2002

Traditional Calendar schools missed three days

January 3, 2002, will be made up February 8, 2001
January 4, 2002, will be made up March 15, 2002
January 7, 2002, will be made up April 26, 2002

Modified Calendar Schools missed one day

January 7, 2002, will be made up May 30, 2002

Carver missed one day

January 7, 2002, will make up May 28, 2002

- Thank you to City of Raleigh Manager, Russell Allen for assisting in the clean up of the roads for the safety of our children.
- Also recognized the Department of Transportation for help in the cleaning of the roads.
- Wake County Public Schools staff came in over the weekend and cleaned the parking and lots, sidewalks.
- Approximately 1,000 Wake County families will be notified that the 2002-2003 Student Assignment Plan may affect their children.
- The plan is scheduled for presentation to the school board on January 22, 2002.
- Letters were mailed to the families on January 7. Parents may submit comments using the Student Assignment Hotline at 501-7998.
- The deadline for comments has been extended to January 16 because of the snow days.
- Families may speak at public hearing to be held by the school board on February 20, 2002. Locations are Sanderson High School, Middle Creek High School and Southeast Raleigh High School.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Bill Fletcher make a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add Action items-Facilities “Resolution and Order of Sale –Old Carver Elementary” and “Option and Offer to Purchase Contract-Old Carver Elementary,” seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve all of the consent items, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 10, 2001 – Community Relations Committee

November 13, 2001 – Community Relations Committee

December 11, 2001 - Finance Committee

FACILITIES

Construction Documents: East Wake High Additions and Renovations

The approved PLAN 2000 School Building Program includes additions and renovations at East Wake High. Staff will present construction documents prepared by Pearce, Brinkley, Cease + Lee, PA for this project. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$8,130,061, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program

Annexation Petition for New Knightdale High, Elementary, and Community Park Property

The Wake County Board of Education owns approximately 170 acres of land at Horton, Forestville, and Old Knight Roads, just north of Knightdale. On this site, a new high school, elementary school, and community park will be constructed to open in the fall of 2004. The property is currently outside the town limits of Knightdale. To provide fire, police, and other municipal services, the property must be annexed into the Town of Knightdale’s jurisdiction. A petition requesting annexation has been prepared. Fiscal Implications - Incidental costs are included within the project budget. Cost savings will be realized in the future as municipal services are provided to the school facilities. Recommendation for Action - Staff requests board approval of a petition requesting annexation of approximately 170 acres of board property into the corporate limits of the Town of Knightdale.

FINANCE

Authorization Forms

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Briarcliff Elementary, Bugg Elementary, Fuquay–Varina Elementary, Hodge Road Elementary, Lincoln Heights Elementary, Rolesville Elementary, Smith Elementary, Wake Forest Rolesville Middle and Willow Springs Elementary. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records.

Gifts to the System

Twenty-three gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$11,458.02. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

(Exhibit A)

Renewal Of Oracle Technical Support For Year 4

Original purchase of Oracle business applications was presented to and approved by the Board in November 1998 following a resolution approved by the County Commissioners on November 2, 1998. At that time, cost of software and first three years of technical support were added together and financed over a three-year term. Renewal for Year 4 is due to extend technical support through November 19, 2002. Support consists of updates and patches as well as telephone and other support services. Cost of renewal is \$181,341. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of renewal for one year is \$181,341. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services current expense budget.

PROGRAM

Grant Proposals

Competitive (#613): Triangle Community Foundation / Carroll Middle School. Competitive (#614): North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Project / Lacy Elementary School

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendation for Employment (Exhibit B)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Policy Committee

- *Discussion centered on the communication plan for the Code of Conduct. The committee looked at how the code of conduct policy is communicated; not at the content of the policy.*
- *The committee is still receiving and reviewing input from the community on the dress code and plans to report on this issue in April.*
- *The next meeting is February 5, 12:30 p.m. The topic of study will be School Naming and Building Naming.*

Facilities Committee

- *Building permits-OCIP agreement was discussed.*

Human Resources Committee

- *Rosa Gill attended the Technology and Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta School Board demonstrated an electronic school board meeting. At your fingertips, any board member could pull up an existing policy, minutes to a meeting or , any past history of an issue immediately.*
- *Several schools displayed different projects.*

Tom Oxholm reported on the Citizens Advisory Council.

- *CAC has been meeting since October 2001.*
- *MGT of America has been chosen to conduct the school systems' audit, to make certain that the school system is using resources effectively. This audit will cost \$422,800. The completion of this audit is scheduled for March 31, 2002. CAC committee will meet monthly to receive updates from MGT on the audit's progress.*

Finance Committee

- *Business Education Leadership Council is a group of business leaders in the community that supports our schools. This group holds two meetings a year. The first meeting is a planning meeting, and the second meeting is the annual update. The Annual Update meeting will be held on January 22, 2002, 8:00 a.m., at the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.*

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for PLAN 2000 Construction Projects

During the past year, county and school system staff members have studied options for a centralized joint insurance purchasing program to cover large capital construction projects. The potential for cost savings coupled with a comprehensive construction safety program were the incentives for development of an Interlocal Agreement for an Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP). Under the proposed OCIP, the county and school system will package insurance coverage to contractors and subcontractors at selected project sites, including workers compensation, general liability, excess/umbrella liability, and builders risk insurance. The term of the proposed agreement is two years, which establishes an adequate trial period to test the success of the program. Fiscal Implications - The net amount of apparent cost savings (the difference between the insurance bid deductions from contractors and actual OCIP costs for school system projects) will remain in the school system's PLAN 2000 project accounts and will be available for reallocation to other school construction projects. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Owner-Controlled Insurance Program between the board of education and the board of commissioners.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution and Order of Sale –Old Carver Elementary

An option and offer to purchase for the old Carver Elementary property of 9.4 acres and building has been received for the Wake County Housing Finance Corporation. Prior to officially agreeing to sell board property, the property must be declared as surplus to the needs of the board of education. Fiscal Implications-Should the Old Carver Elementary property be acquired by the Wake County Housing Finance Corporation, the board of education will receive \$510,000.00 as compensation.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

Option and Offer to Purchase Contract

The Wake County Housing Finance Corporation has agreed to terms of an Option and Offer to Purchase Contract for the Old Carver Elementary property located in Wendell comprising approximately 9.4 acres of land and two building. Terms provide an option period not to exceed twelve months with ten thousand dollars as consideration. If the option is exercised, the board of education receives five hundred thousand dollars representing the balance of the purchase price. The property will be converted to housing units. Fiscal Implications-Board of Education receives \$510,000.00 representing the purchase price.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

PROGRAM

Lacy Elementary Blended Preschool

The Lacy Elementary Blended Preschool offers hearing impaired preschoolers the opportunity to learn in an environment that includes non-hearing impaired children. Based on early childhood research, Federal and State guidelines encourage blended programs for hearing impaired students. At present, 3 hearing impaired and 2 hearing children are enrolled in the morning session and 5 hearing impaired and 4 hearing children are enrolled in the afternoon session. Tuition for hearing students is \$150.00 per month for 4 days of preschool per week following the WCPSS school calendar. The precedent for accepting tuition preschoolers in the WCPSS was set by Pleasant Union Elementary, and Garner Early Childhood Center; it is currently in practice at Project Enlightenment and Poe. Hearing impaired students in the Lacy program are showing gains attributable to their interaction with the non-hearing impaired students, and the non-hearing impaired students are gaining skills interacting with students with disabilities. There is no increase in staff or facility costs. Tuition for hearing students will be utilized to offset the increase in materials and to enhance the program. Staff recommends that the board approve the continuation of the piloted program and tuition rates as outlined.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Jeff York made a motion to go into closed session to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115-319, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Career Status

The following five teachers should have been recommended for career status in 2000-2001.

- *Paige Elliott, Fuquay-Varina High School.*
- *Saundra Grogan, North Garner Middle School.*
- *Kevin Martin, West Millbrook Middle School.*
- *Patricia Scanlon, Leesville Road Middle School.*
- *Vickie Webb, Zebulon Middle School.*

INFORMATION

FINANCE

1. Oracle Software Implementation

Rusty Lacy, Oracle Corporation Regional Vice President for State and Local Government, reviewed the WCPSS implementation of Oracle software applications from the perspective of Oracle Consulting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair