



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2006

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent McNeal	Maurice Boswell
Carol Parker, Vice Chair	David Holdzkom	Jo Baker
Lori Millberg	Del Burns	Kathy Chontos
Horace Tart	Mark Winters	
Eleanor Goettee	Donna Hargens	
Susan Parry	Michael Evans	
Ron Margiotta	Donald Haydon	
Beverley Clark	Mike Burriss	
	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	Board Attorney Present
	Chuck Dulaney	Rod Malone
	Toni Patterson	

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Head offered a moment of silence for personal thoughts and prayers and in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks, their legacy for America, and their dream of racial equality.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- On January 6, Patti Head attended the Leadership Roundtable at the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Head updated the business community on the events taking place in WCPSS. She also had the opportunity to share information about the superintendent search with the Raleigh Chamber Executive Board. Ms. Head asked that they participate in the online survey and submit the profile and characteristics they would like to see in the next superintendent, and the Chamber's Executive Board has agreed to Ms. Head's requests.
- On January 9, Patti Head and Superintendent McNeal attended the Wake County High Five meeting. The focus of this collaborative group is to look at strategies to increase the graduation rates and decrease the dropout rates. On January 31, the five business partners and the five school systems that comprise High Five will be attending the Human Services Summit II to share what individual counties are doing to gain community involvement in this endeavor.
- On January 10, many of the Board members attended a luncheon with Rick and Rebecca DuFour who shared many interesting ideas about professional learning environments. Ms. Head thanked Vann Langston, Executive Director of High Five, for arranging this luncheon. Though Ms. Head was not able to attend any of the individual sessions during the conference that day, Carol Parker did report on the sessions she attended.
- On January 12, Patti Head, Carol Parker, Rosa Gill, Susan Parry, and Superintendent McNeal attended the Wake Education Partnership Annual Fund Kick-off at KB Homes Studio in Brier Creek Shopping Center. Ms. Head shared a brief overview of the events of the evening and the great time had by all.

- Patti Head attended the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) on January 13. The reassignment plan and strategies were discussed during the first part of the meeting with the second part of the meeting consisting of conversation regarding the superintendent search. SPAC members will be participating in the online survey individually and collectively SPAC will send a report to the North Carolina School Boards Association with the council's input to the Board regarding the profile for the new superintendent.
- Patti Head gave a reminder that the Finance Committee will be meeting on January 19 and the Facilities Committee will be meeting on January 30.
- Patti Head gave an additional reminder that the County Commissioners and Board of Education will have their joint meeting at the WCPSS Administration Building on January 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.
- There will be a special Board meeting on January 31 to discuss the superintendent profile. NCSBA will be furnishing the Board with the compiled information on January 27.
- On February 14, the Board will receive the proposed Student Reassignment Plan from staff. Due to conflicts, the Board work session on March 10 has been rescheduled to March 8. This is an open meeting.
- *Pieces of Gold* is scheduled for March 8.
- Ms. Head reminded the public to go to: www.wcpss.net to complete the superintendent search survey. She reiterated the Board's desire to have public input as to the qualities and characteristics that are important in the new superintendent. The survey will be closed on January 24, and Ms. Head encouraged everyone to participate in the survey individually and for any interested organizations to submit a report to the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent McNeal recognized students from Southeast Raleigh High School who were in attendance to monitor the Board meeting as part of their civics class. The students stood and introduced themselves, and Superintendent McNeal thanked them for coming.
- For the 11th consecutive year, the WCPSS Budget Dept. has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association. Superintendent McNeal asked Terri Kimzey to come forward and introduce members of her team as follows: Winter Todd, Regina Dobbins, Eugenia Johnson, Cherie Wiggs, Meg Farris, and Suzan Johnson. Mr. McNeal extended his congratulations on this impressive accomplishment.
- NCSU has named 13 WCPSS students among the 229 semifinalists for the Park Scholarships valued at approximately \$57,000 to pay expenses for four years of study at NC State. The semifinalists will be interviewed on a regional basis the weekend of January 21-22, and finalists will be named by January 31. Wake's semifinalists are:
 - Lauren M. Bauer, Middle Creek High
 - Carol Lynn Burton, Wakefield High
 - Natalie Kathleen Cooke, Sanderson High
 - Jim Anthony Crawford, Leesville Road High
 - Amrita P. Devalapalli, Enloe
 - Derek A. Herchko, Wakefield High
 - Charlotte Jo Lloyd, Enloe High
 - Courtney Alyssa Mallow, Apex High
 - Naudereh Bozorgi Noori, Enloe High
 - Rushil V. Patel, Southeast Raleigh High
 - Sara Thomas Roberson, Broughton High
 - Jillian Jeanne Shine, Sanderson High
 - Timothy Aaron Trickel, Middle Creek High
- Superintendent McNeal attended the APQC meeting in Houston, Texas on January 10. Working with the American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC) will give WCPSS an opportunity to

benchmark our system against the best in the U.S. and ultimately across the world. He will continue to keep the Board updated.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Lori Millberg reported that she and Horace Tart attended the NCSBA School Board Members 101 Conference on January 12 and 13, and both she and Mr. Tart felt it was very worthwhile.
- Patti Head shared that Rosa Gill was absent due to illness.
- Eleanor Goettee reported that she attended Washington Elementary's production of *Wonderland* last week. She shared her praise of the talented students and the high quality of the production.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE: *The 2006-07 Proposal for Student Assignment was posted to the district's website on Monday, December 12, 2005, for a public comment period through January 1, 2006. The Board will receive the proposed plan in February 2006. After that presentation is made, the Board of Education will set public hearing(s) to receive public comment on the proposed plan; therefore, student assignment comments **will not** be heard as part of the Board's regular business meeting public comment.*

RECOGNITION

1. ART CONTEST

1. To recognize the cooperative efforts between Wake County Public School System and the Home Builders Association.
2. To recognize art teachers of winning Wake County Schools.
Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Recognition.

Trudy Elliott gave an overview of the art contest and introduced Tim Minton of the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County. Mr. Minton made a presentation of the "If I Could Build a House" community service project that involves fourth graders in WCPSS. This is the 19th year of this contest, and 31 elementary schools participated this year. Individual student winners were recognized at Crabtree Valley Mall on January 16. Mr. Minton then recognized the art teacher winners: Phyllis Leach, Baileywick Elementary; Kim Padron, Brooks Elementary; Martha Bassett, Combs Elementary; Debra Houck, Davis Drive Elementary (absent); Mary Louise Talley, Root Elementary; and Debby Jacobs, Underwood Elementary. Patti Head thanked Mr. Minton for the 19 years of partnership with WCPSS and congratulated the art teachers on being the winners of this contest.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Quoted from Patti Head, Board Chair:

"We are now going to be starting our agenda for this evening. As we begin to look at and consider what we are going to be doing tonight, I want to take a moment to address the Board. Prior to the election of new Board members, actually on October 18, the Board approved a set of assumptions for the administration to use as we move forward with our reassignment and growth management plans. Because of talking with a number of you, as individual Board members, I know there have been a lot of questions about one of the assumptions, particularly the 'grandfathering' assumption of our rising tenth graders. I am reluctant to bring issues to this Board that aren't in our Board books because it doesn't give you or the staff time to consider some of the decisions we are coming forward with or to prepare for the discussion; but I think because of the importance for the community and also our tight timeline that we are involved with in our reassignment process and with the plan coming to us on February 14, we need to be guiding our Growth Management Dept. as

they pull together the reassignment plan. As you know, we have a draft proposal that was put before the public so that they could comment, and now they are looking at preparing the final plan to bring to us on February 14. With that in mind, I have put before you an addition to our agenda. It will be under Action Items – the second item under Facilities. It is to revisit the assumptions regarding grandfathering provisions for 2006-07 student assignment. I'd like you to add that, please, to your Board agendas."

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving Consent Items #3-6 under Facilities, Consent Item #7 under Facilities, and Consent Item #1 under Program, to the Action Agenda.

Carol Parker made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving Consent Item #4 under Program to the Action Agenda.

Horace Tart made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2005 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

December 20, 2005 – Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2005 – Closed Session Minutes

January 3, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 3, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes

FACILITIES

1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: HOLLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE CARPOOL STACKING LANE AND ADDITIONAL PARKING ASSOCIATED WITH JONES PARK LOCATED AT HOLLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In an effort to address traffic congestion on Holly Springs Road caused during student drop-off and pickup times at Holly Springs Elementary School, the Town of Holly Springs and the school system agreed that the Town would construct an extension to the carpool stacking lane and add associated parking for Jones Park at Holly Springs Elementary School. The Town agreed to pay the first \$100,000 of the estimated \$180,000 construction costs. The Town completed the work during the 2005 summer and presented WCPSS a final construction invoice for its portion of the costs of \$32,410.00. Fiscal Implications: Town will maintain the extension to the carpool stacking lane and associated parking for Jones Park as defined in the Level 4 Joint Use Agreement between the Board of Education and Town executed on March 8, 2005. Funding is available from the Deferred Maintenance component of PLAN 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval of the agreement authorizing the reimbursement of \$32,410.00 to the Town for construction costs.

2. EASEMENT: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH - HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY AND PERMANENT DRAINAGE

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) desires to make road improvements to Stadium Drive adjacent to Wake Forest-Rolesville High School to include the widening of the Stadium Road bridge and construction of a pedestrian walkway. NCDOT also desires to realign a portion of an existing drainage creek as it flows along the edge of the Wake Forest-Rolesville High School property and

into the creek that is spanned by the bridge sought to be replaced. NCDOT has requested that the Wake County Board of Education grant and convey by deed an area of 2463.8 square feet of the Wake Forest-Rolesville High School property as needed to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements, and has also requested that the Wake County Board of Education grant and convey a permanent drainage easement to be used solely for the construction and perpetual maintenance of drainage installation. Fiscal Implications: \$16,000 is to be paid by NCDOT to WCPSS as consideration. Recommendation for Action: Staff request Board approval.

3. CHANGE ORDER NO. 3: MARTIN MIDDLE

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 3 to DeVere Construction Company, Inc. This change order, in the amount of \$122,421, is for the construction of permanent concrete steps from the school paved parking lot to the entrance of the administration building and to construct a handicap accessible ramp from the cafeteria area to the soccer field. This work was intended to be part of another contract, but due to the high cost quoted by the other contractor, it was not included in the other contract. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$24,009,010 of which \$1,157,258 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$22,851,752 is from PLAN 2004. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. CHANGE ORDER NO. 3: ADJUSTMENT TO PACKAGE F ALLOWANCES

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 3 to adjust the contractual allowances in the 2004 Mobile Classroom Package F contract. This change order, in the amount of negative \$215,416.50, is for work that was removed and not performed as per the original contract. A fewer number of mobile units were relocated than originally anticipated. Fiscal Implications: Funding will be returned to the PLAN 2000 and PLAN 2004 Relocation project budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. BIDS: SITE SET-UP OF MOBILE CLASSROOM UNITS / PACKAGE B

Bids were received on December 20, 2005, for the site set-up of twenty-five (25) mobile classroom units, including alternate #1 for an additional twenty-eight (28) mobile classroom units. Staff and H.S. Annis Architect, AIA recommend award of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis Construction in the amount of \$1,157,298. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$4,635,000 for the leasing and set-up of one hundred and three (103) classrooms (mobile/modular units) which is part of the \$5,385,000 2006 Crowding Solution budget. Funds in the amount of \$1,157,298 will be encumbered from PLAN 2004 Program Contingency until the reallocation approved by the Board on December 6, 2005, is approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 6, 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM (Exhibit A)

Forty-one gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$50,219.72. Fiscal Implications Not applicable.

2. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS (Exhibit B)

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 December 2005. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

PROGRAM

1. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH SHIGLEY FAMILY SERVICES

The CDSA (formerly The Development Evaluation Center) no longer evaluates children ages three through five. The responsibility has now fallen to school systems. This has caused a significant increase in the number of evaluations that we will need to complete. Our staff is unable to complete these additional evaluations without contracting with other agencies. In order to help ease the burden caused by these additional evaluations, the state has allotted additional funds in PRC 60. We are using these funds to contract with Shigley Family Services. Fiscal Implications: Funds will be taken from Fund 3 (PRC 60). Increase current contract from \$160,000 to \$331,500 (an increase of \$171,500).

Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

2. GRANT PROPOSALS

1. Competitive (#1019): Tool Factory, Olympus/Davis Drive Elementary School.
2. Competitive (#1020): NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Mobile Source Emissions Reduction/Central Office, Transportation.
3. Competitive (#1021): Town of Garner/Garner Senior High School.
4. Entitlement (#1022): US Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Title VIII Impact Aid/Central Office, Administrative Services.
5. Collaboration (#1023): US Department of Education, Small Business Innovation Research Program/Central Office, Guidance and Counseling with EDSTAR, Inc. as the fiscal agent.
6. Collaboration (#1024): Wake County Board of Alcohol Control/WCPSS Central Office, Guidance and Counseling Department with Raleigh Police Department as the fiscal agent.

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 (Exhibit C)

1. REQUEST FOR LEAVES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Policy Committee

Susan Parry reported that the Policy Committee met on January 9. The committee began its discussion of Board Advisory Council policy. There was a general review of the policy to insure that the advisory councils are functioning effectively. Ms. Parry expressed the committee's appreciation for the feedback received from a number of advisory councils. A detailed list of potential minor changes to the policy was compiled, and the committee will continue its work in this regard at the next meeting.

Finance Committee

Carol Parker reported that the Finance Committee has not yet met due to the rescheduling of the meeting for January 19 at 9:30 a.m. Greg Allison and the committee will continue discussions of the audit committee idea. At this meeting, the committee is planning to make a decision regarding the audit committee to bring before the Board.

Facilities Committee

Ron Margiotta began the committee report by thanking the Holly Springs Town Council for supporting Item #1 under Facilities on the Consent Agenda – Extension to the Carpool Stacking Lane at Holly Springs Elementary School. The town of Holly Springs contributed \$100,000 to this project. The Facilities Committee met on January 10, and Mr. Margiotta reported that most of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of public-private partnerships. He added that the consensus of the committee is that it is not looking for public-private partnerships to take over school construction, but rather seeking this as another possible avenue to use, if needed, to expedite construction. The construction timeline for Heritage High

School stands as completion for the 2009 school year as it has been deemed impossible to move it up to 2008. Lori Millberg discussed the efforts that are being made to get legislation on public-private partnerships and reported that it will be 2007 before there is reasonable hope of legislation changing and allowing the use of public-private partnerships in Wake County to build schools. Ms. Millberg also reported additional information about the completion of Heritage High School. At this time, the school is scheduled to open August 1, 2009, so if there is any consideration of it being a single-track year-round school, steps would have to be taken now to make it possible for Heritage High to be completed by July, 2009, and would require a \$5,000,000 outlay now, prior to the bond referendum.

Instructional Program Committee

The Instructional Program Committee met on January 11, and Beverley Clark reported that the committee discussed the career academies that are available at various high schools. She shared that while different academies are available to students as an academy cohort, it doesn't necessarily mean that many of the courses offered in the academy are not available to students at many high schools across the county. It is the cohort and idea of staying together through the four-year period that is particularly of importance to students in those academies. Ms. Clark also reported that some of the career academies are nationally recognized.

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee met on January 11, and Eleanor Goettee reported that Toni Patterson was present at the meeting to assist with the discussion of the impact of the NCLB legislation on teacher quality and teacher licensure. The committee worked through the definition of "highly qualified." The biggest challenge will be in the area of middle school where NCLB requires that teachers who teach dual subjects are licensed in both. The committee may enlist the help of some teacher training institutions regarding recruitment. The next committee meeting will be February 8 at 12:30 with continued discussion of the issues of teacher recruitment, retention, and "highly qualified."

Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee met on January 11, and Carol Parker reported that Ramey Beavers and Don Haydon presented an update to the committee on the status of the Student Reassignment Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan. The committee will be meeting again in March. One of the issues that will be discussed is how to educate and communicate the year-round decisions as those decisions are made.

Committee of the Whole

Patti Head reported on today's Committee of the Whole meeting. There were two items of discussion: 1) Presentation on Existing School Projects, and 2) Year-round High School Presentation. The first presentation gave Board members an outline of the timeline and systematic process for prioritizing existing school projects. The second item involved a discussion of consideration of multi-track year-round high schools as a part of the scenarios for future growth. Given the assumptions that we will offer a comprehensive instructional program to our students, over a period of time, the cost avoidance of building a new high school will be exceeded by the operational costs of multi-track year-round high schools. After discussion of the pros and cons of this option, the Board decided not to include any discussion of multi-track high schools in its scenarios. The Board agreed to support high schools remaining on a single-track calendar, be it traditional or modified as needed.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE – PHASE I

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by The Roberts Group, for the Phase I construction and renovation of East Millbrook Middle School. Phase I consists of site work, front traffic loop, bus loop, and modular pad preparation. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget will be determined with the development of the next building program. The estimated current budget is

approximately \$30,000,000, of which \$3,470,802 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The remainder of the funds will come from the next building program.
 Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Sheri Green made a presentation to the Board and answered questions from the Board. David Ansbacher provided the Board with further information regarding the need to increase the number of seats in the auditorium to 450 to accommodate the arts program at East Millbrook Middle. Carol Parker raised the question of what the cost would be to increase the number to 600, and Sheri Green responded. David Ansbacher felt that if the common area would have to be reduced to accommodate increasing the auditorium to 600 seats, this would not be a good trade-off. Mike Burriss recommended that the Board stay consistent with space standards because of future comparisons. There was discussion of amending the schematic design to accommodate 600 seats in the auditorium. Lori Millberg requested comparison information of other middle school auditoriums in the interest of equity. It was the consensus of the Board to refer this item back to staff for further information and have staff bring it back to the next Board meeting.

2. REVISIT ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING GRANDFATHERING PROVISIONS FOR 2006-07 STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

On October 18, 2005, prior to election of new Board members, the Board of Education approved a set of assumptions for the Administration to use in developing a proposed Student Assignment Plan for the 2006-07 school year. Since that time, several Board members have had questions and concerns regarding the “grandfathering” provisions in the assumptions. Given the tight timeline under which a student assignment plan must be developed and approved, the Board will take this opportunity to revisit the assumptions, ask questions, and make any changes it deems appropriate. Fiscal Implications: Unknown at this time. Recommendation for Action: Discussion and possible action.

Patti Head again expressed apologies to the Board that this Precis was received at the Board table, and that there is no back-up information. Ms. Head shared the following background information that led to this assumption being revisited: At the October 18, 2005, meeting, prior to the election of the new Board members, the Board approved, during Committee of the Whole, a set of assumptions for the administration to use in developing the proposed reassignment plan for 2006-07. At that time, the Board did have in the high school component of these assumptions the bullet that said rising ninth and tenth graders will be expected to attend the newly assigned school. These assumptions were approved at the October 18 Board Meeting. This item is being brought back to the Board because Ms. Head has heard questions and concerns from several Board members. Given the tight timeline for Growth Management to draft a proposed reassignment plan before presenting it to the Board on February 14, Ms. Head felt it was important to bring this before the Board tonight for discussion.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Beverley Clark asked for clarification that this is only for rising tenth graders moving from existing schools to existing schools, not new schools, with her second being contingent on this being the case. Patti Head amended the Precis to read, “Revisit the Assumptions Regarding Grandfathering Provision for Rising Tenth Graders from Existing School to Existing School for 2006-07.” Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Ramey Beavers made a presentation to the Board on how this change would impact the draft proposal that has been presented to the public. Dr. Beavers shared that there were only one or two schools that would have any significant change if rising tenth graders were allowed to “grandfather” from existing school to existing school. Dr. Beavers clarified that the actual number of students who are reassigned will always be lower than the number that is published because of grandfathering. There was lengthy discussion, and Dr. Beavers answered questions from the Board.

Carol Parker made a new motion to amend the original decision to allow grandfathering for rising tenth graders from existing school to existing school rather than not allowing grandfathering for rising tenth graders from existing school to existing school, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

3. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT-AT-RISK SELECTION: EAST WAKE HIGH RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT.

In accordance with the professional services selection procedures (policy 7265) adopted by the Wake County Board of Education August 9, 2005, the selection committee recommends the selection of the construction management-at-risk Joint Venture of Heery International, Inc. and D. H. Griffin Construction, LLC, for construction of the East Wake High renovation and additional project. Pearce, Brinkley Cease & Lee, PA, is the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: Construction Management fees will be negotiated in accordance with professional services procedures using the Board approved construction manager-at-risk contract. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Ron Margiotta asked for clarification on how this construction management-at-risk program works and the procedures that are used. Mike Burriss responded by outlining the process, and Rod Malone also clarified questions. The vote was unanimous.

4. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT-AT-RISK SELECTION: EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT

In accordance with the professional services selection procedures (policy 7265) adopted by the Wake County Board of Education August 9, 2005, the selection committee recommends the selection of the construction management-at-risk firm of Barnhill Contracting Company for construction of the East Millbrook Middle renovation and addition project. The Roberts Group, PA, is the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: Construction Management fees will be negotiated in accordance with professional services procedures using the Board approved construction manager-at-risk contract. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

5. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT-AT-RISK SELECTION: AVERSBORO ELEMENTARY RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT

In accordance with the professional services selection procedures (policy 7265) adopted by the Wake County Board of Education August 9, 2005, the selection committee recommends the selection of the construction management-at-risk firm of Turner Construction Company for construction of the Aversboro Elementary renovation and addition project. The designer selection process is under way for this project. Fiscal Implications: Construction Management fees will be negotiated in accordance with professional services procedures using the Board approved construction manager-at-risk contract. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

6. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT-AT-RISK SELECTION: LYNN ROAD ELEMENTARY RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT

In accordance with the professional services selection procedures (policy 7265) adopted by the Wake County Board of Education August 9, 2005, the selection committee recommends the selection of the construction management-at-risk firm of Centex Construction for construction of the Lynn Road Elementary renovation and addition project. Skinner, Lamm & Highsmith, PA, is the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: Construction Management fees will be negotiated in accordance with

professional services procedures using the Board approved construction manager-at-risk contract. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

7. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT: EAST WAKE HIGH

The PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes the construction of East Wake High. Negotiations have been completed with the joint venture of Heery International, Inc. and D. H. Griffin Construction, LLC, for the construction management of this project. The form of agreement for Construction Management At Risk has been previously reviewed and approved by the Board. Pearce, Brinkley, Cease & Lee, PA, is the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$20,233,278. Current available funds consist of \$1,079,172 from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program Start-Up and \$19,144,106 from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the Construction Management of \$80,000 for pre-construction services and 3.5% of the construction cost for the construction management fee. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE

1. NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS CONFERENCE AND RALEIGH CHAMBER INTER-CITY VISIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference is in Chicago, Illinois, from April 8 through 11, 2006; and The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce 2006 Inter-City Visit is to Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota on May 4-7 of this year. It has been the practice of the school board to have representation at each of these events. The Board would anticipate up to 3 members attending the NSBA Conference and up to four members attending the Inter-City Visit. The registration for the NSBA Conference is \$635 per person (does not include airfare, accommodations, meals). The Conference Registration Fee for the Chamber Inter-City Visit is \$2099 per person (includes airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, and meals). Fiscal Implications: It is estimated that the per person cost for the NSBA Conference (including registration, airfare, accommodations, meals) would be approximately \$1800 for a total of \$5400 for 3 people. The cost for the Chamber Inter-City Visit would be approximately \$8400 for 4 people. Funds in the amount of \$14,000 will be transferred from savings identified in the Potential Changes to Local Expenditures Report to the Board of Education travel budget code. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Ron Margiotta voiced the concern that since the Board previously removed funds for Board travel from this year's budget, he cannot support the approval of this item. Patti Head reported on the benefits and importance of the Inter-City Visit as shared with her by other Board members and members of the business community. There was also discussion regarding the professional development benefits of the National School Boards Conference. Beverley Clark felt the CUBE meeting should also be included with the Inter-City Visit and the National School Boards Conference. Mr. Margiotta clarified that he is not questioning the value of the trips, but rather the message that is being sent to the taxpayers and staff. Carol Parker suggested holding off on all but the Inter-City Visit at this time. Ms. Parker felt that the Inter-City Visit is invaluable and fully supports approval for this trip. Carol Parker offered a friendly amendment to separate the Inter-City Visit for approval. The maker of the motion, Eleanor Goettee, accepted the friendly amendment, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was 6 to 1 with Eleanor Goettee, Horace Tart, Susan Parry, Beverley Clark, Carol Parker, and Lori Millberg voting "yes," and Ron Margiotta voting "no." The motion passed.

PROGRAM

1. CONTRACT WITH DAMAR SERVICES, INC.

Damar is in Indiana, and it is a private, non-profit corporation. A student with a disability was served at this residential facility prior to moving to Wake County. It is agreed that this student should continue to receive services in the Damar facility through June 30, 2006, to facilitate the transition to the Wake County Public School System, where the student will be served under an IEP established by the Board and parents as provided by law. Fiscal Implications: Funds will be taken from Fund 3 (PRC 60). Total not to exceed \$112,860.00. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Jo Baker clarified that the student and the student's needs cannot be discussed in Open Session, but questions can be answered as to the intent. Ms. Baker responded to questions from Board members.

Susan Parry made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add a Closed Session item to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S.115C-402, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

2. GRANT PROPOSAL: LEARN AND EARN EARLY COLLEGE

1. The Learn and Earn Early College was presented as an information item at the January 4, 2006, Board of Education meeting. Today, we seek the Board's approval to submit the implementation grant proposal, and name the school. Naming the school will allow this planning team to seek a school number in compliance with the grant proposal requirements. The recommended name of the school is the Wake Early College of Health and Sciences. Fiscal Implications: The Governor's program allows grant recipients to receive three supplemental positions, a counselor, a teacher, and a liaison with the community college.
2. Legislation has been passed that provides state funding of a principal for the school.
3. Staffing at the school will be funded through state and school district formulas. Grant funds will support professional development, contractual services, and materials/supply expenditures.
4. \$70,000.00 one time new school start up funds to purchase additional equipment, supplies, and contract services for the new high school will be requested from local funds.
5. Transportation will be provided.

Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends naming the school and approving the implementation grant proposal.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Carol Parker explained the rationale for moving this item from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda. Ms. Parker felt it would be beneficial to discuss the costs involved, and she wanted to give staff an opportunity to share their cost analysis efforts with the Board. Jo Baker introduced Richard Murphy, who outlined the document that was emailed to Board members previously. Patti Head thanked Carol Parker for allowing staff to present this information, and she also thanked Jo Baker and Richard Murphy for the presentation and for getting the information to Board members in a timely manner. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION

PROGRAM

1. NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION SITE VISIT TO THE WCPSS

The National School Boards Association's ITTE: Education Technology Programs has been hosting site visits to districts for nearly twenty years. The WCPSS will join in hosting one of these visits March 12 – 14, 2006. The theme of the visit is Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Technology. Highlights include visits to schools where participants will see the use of technology by teachers and students that support instruction. Community partners are joining the WCPSS as we host our guests during this important NSBA event. Fiscal Implications: Staff time, printing expenses. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for information only.

Jo Baker introduced Cynthia Kennedy who made a presentation to the Board. Beverley Clark gave kudos to staff for their efforts, and Patti Head expressed her thanks as well.

CLOSED SESSION

Horace Tart made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319 and to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:05 p.m. Eleanor Goettee amended the agenda to add an Administrative Transfer and an Administrative Contract Amendment, seconded by Susan Parry.

ACTION ITEMS (contd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the administrative appointment of Floyd Lowman, Assistant Principal at Athens Drive High School, to Principal at Leesville Road Middle School, effective date January 18, 2006 and Catherine Berry, applicant, to Assistant Principal at Holly Ridge Elementary School, effective date TBD. The motion was seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS

Eleanor Goettee read the following administrative transfer:
Caroline Massengill, Director of Magnet Programs, to Special Assistant - Year-round Education, effective date: February 1, 2006.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the administrative contract amendment for Maurice Boswell, seconded by Horace Tart. The vote was unanimous.

4. CONTRACT WITH DAMAR SERVICES, INC.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ron Margiotta, seconded by Horace Tart. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education