

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
 January 22, 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	Janice Shearin
Del Burns	Stella Shelton
Mike Burriss	Walt Sherlin
Ann Hooker	Jonibel Willis
Linda Isley	

Board Attorney Present:

Ann Majestic

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Wendell Elementary School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang “We live in the heart of America.”

INFORMATION

Chairman’s Comments

- *The Board Chair made brief remarks about interviews being conducted by MGT of America.*
- *Kathryn encourage everyone to participate in the “Read Across America” campaign.*

Superintendent’s Report

- *On February 21, 2002, the Building Community Partnership for Student Success initiative will have a one-day conference to bring together more than 400 community agencies to create an awareness and networking system to gather data and perform a gap analysis in support of helping all students to succeed. The Board is being asked to proclaim February 21, 2002, USA: United for Student Achievement Day in Wake County.*

Tom Oxholm made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

RECOGNITION

The following Wake County Public School System teachers were recognized by the State of North Carolina in their respective professional fields:

- *Elizabeth Grimes-Droessler, North Carolina Dance Education Administrator of the Year.*
- *Steve Moore, North Carolina Educator of the Year.*
- *Chris Droessler, North Carolina Technology Educator of the Year.*
- *Susan Harley, North Carolina Dance Education Teacher of the Year.*

- *Libby Leary, North Carolina Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.*

Seven teachers were recognized in cooperative efforts between Wake County Public School System and the Home Builders Association "If I could build a home" contest. The six winning teachers/schools are:

- *Peggy Sligh, Aversboro Elementary*
- *Phyllis Leach, Baileywick Elementary*
- *Renee Baxter, Briarcliff Elementary*
- *Ms. Bawden, Cary Elementary School*
- *Mary Beth Hansley and Rebecca Patchin, Holly Springs Elementary*
- *Janet Harrell, Salem Elementary*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Beverley Clark made a motion to move Facilities Item # 2 under the action agenda to the consent agenda.*
- *Jeff York made a motion to include discussion on Charter School Applications.*
- *Susan Parry made a motion to add to the closed session an item to preserve the attorney-client privilege regarding the potential settlement of the Wake County Bond Forfeiture Matter State v. Alvury Francis lawsuit pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).*

Bill Fetcher made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ann Farmer –Abstinence Only Sex Education Curriculum. The parents requested that the board push for more education in this area perhaps hold a public hearing.

Susan Parry asked that Ms. Farmer's request be studied by the Instructional Service Division. It was also suggested that Ms. Farmer be invited to a school Health Advisory Council Meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Tom Oxholm made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 11, 2001 – Community Relations Committee

October 2, 2001 – Board Meeting

November 7, 2001 – Board Meeting

November 19, 2001 – Board Meeting

December 4, 2001 – Board Meeting

December 18, 2001 – Board Meeting

January 8, 2002- Board Meeting

FACILITIES

Bids: Broughton High Renovations

Bids were received on December 18, 2001, for the roofing and waterproofing work associated with the PLAN 2000 renovations project at Broughton High. Staff and Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A. recommended award of a single-prime contract to Baker Roofing in the amount of \$867,386. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the total project budget of \$14,797,735 as provided in the PLAN 2000 Building Program.

Right-Of-Way Encroachment and Driveway Access Documents: Knightdale High (H-3)

The new Knightdale High School and park will be bordered by roads on three sides: Forestville Road, Old Knight Road, and Horton Road. Board approval is requested for a right-of-way encroachment agreement for the placement of curb and gutter and drainage piping along all three frontage roads. In addition, one driveway access permit is needed for Forestville Road, one for Old Knight Road, and two for Horton Road. One of these driveway access permits will serve the future Forestville Road Elementary (E-8).

Construction Documents: Knightdale High (H-3)

Construction documents for Knightdale High and the community park, designed by Boney, PLLC, will be presented for board approval. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$40,353,411, of which \$39,860,845 is from PLAN 2000; \$300,000 is from Phase IV start-up funds within the Phase IIIB building program; and \$192,566 is from 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 Apex Elementary. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records.

Report Of Administration Approved Contracts

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all contracts and change orders for the second fiscal quarter of 2001-2002, which were approved by the administration, having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000.

PROGRAM

Grant Proposals

Competitive (#621): National Science Teachers Association / Toyota TAPESTRY / Apex High School. Fiscal implications vary by grant. Staff recommends that the board approve the applications.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendation for Administrative Transfer

Michael W. Chappell, principal at Zebulon Elementary School, to Senior Administrator, Human Resources.

Recommendation for Administrative Appointment

Robin L. Swaim, teacher at Morrisville Elementary School, to 80% assistant principal at Morrisville Elementary School.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

- *Human Resources Committee began a discussion on the Teachers' Forum Final Report. One of the main concerns of the teachers is paperwork. This is being studied by the system and the Teacher Advisory Council. Teachers made a presentation to the committee on this issue.*
- *Community Relations Committee continued their discussion on better ways of communicating with the community.*
- *No meeting for the Policy Committee. Next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 12:30 p.m. The committee will discuss the issue of naming of schools.*

- *Program Committee discussed the impact on student achievement and extracurricular activities if current traditional calendar schools move to a modified calendar. The committee is also looking at the additional costs of maintaining three different school calendars; traditional, modified, and year-round.*
- *Facilities Committee reviewed the information that was presented at the Board Work Session on Thursday, January 10, 2002, and will follow-up later with identifying the next steps to take based on discussion of January 10.*
- *Finance Committee continued discussion on financial implications of small schools. Also, Ann Majestic, Attorney from Tharrington Smith, was asked to speak about the legal services her firm has provided for Wake County Public Schools for the last 25 years.*
- *A report was offered on the NCSBA sponsored New Board Member Workshop on January 17 and 18. New board members Amy White, Jeff York, and Patti Head attended. The two-day workshop was designed to provide insight for new board members on their responsibilities as leaders for the public school system. They received information on Board Roles and Responsibilities, Basic Boardmanship, School Finance, School Board Public Relations, and Public School Law.*

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

Construction Documents: West Cary Middle Athletic Field Improvements

Construction documents for the West Cary Middle athletic field improvements, designed by Jerry Turner and Associates Inc., will be presented for board approval. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$960,000 as provided from the deferred maintenance component of the PLAN 2000 Building Program.

- *Beverly Clark voiced concerns about the amount of money being spent for these athletic field (Rubber Track) improvements.*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The motion carries, with Beverley Clark voting "no."

FINANCE

High School Summer School Transportation Cost Increase

The current \$100 rate per student does not cover reimbursement required by the state of North Carolina. High school transportation cost has not been included in any previously approved budget. Increased summer school transportation cost would require a reduction in required services provided for the regular 180-day academic calendar. The recommended \$75 increase to summer school transportation rate would cover most of the unfunded expense.

- *It is estimated that of 843 high school students in the summer school program, 143 students will use the bus for transportation.*
- *Board members voiced concerns that the fee increase would adversely impact the lower income families whose children would need the transportation in order to attend.*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. After much discussion, Susan Parry called for the question. Motion failed. Board directed staff to look for alternative methods to cover this increase.

Charter School Application, New Connections Academy

Jeff York informed the board that the State Board of Education will be reviewing and approving applications for charter schools. Three openings remain to be filled. One school that is being reviewed is the virtual charter school (New Connections Academy). This school could draw students from every county in the state. For every student enrolled in a charter school, funds come from the county as well as state. This draws down funds from the districts local resources as well as state.

Jeff York made a motion that the Board authorize the chair, Kathryn Watson Quigg, to submit a letter to the State Board of Education expressing the concerns of the Wake County Board of Education regarding the unknown fiscal impact of virtual charter schools. Motion seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION

PROGRAM

Student Assignment Plan for 2002-2003

Recommendations for the 2002-2003 Student Assignment Plan were presented to the Board. **(Exhibit A).**

CLOSED SESSION

Susan Parry made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Patti Parry at 5:45 p.m. to preserve the attorney-client privilege regarding the potential settlement of the Presidential Financial Corporation of North Carolina v. Jeffrey D. Hall d/b/a Hall's Cleaning Service, Lynn N. Hall, and Wake County Board of Education lawsuit pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and the potential settlement of the Wake County Bond Forfeiture Matter State v. Alvury Francis lawsuit pursuant to G.S.143-318.11(a)(3).

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:32 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Sixteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Jackson Ngong, Apex Middle

Damian Byrd, Lacy Elementary

Jacqueline Nkuebe, Carroll Middle

Alexander Chung, Leesville Road Middle

Preston Harris, Combs Elementary

Susan Tien, Leesville Road High

Bryant Richardson, Fuquay-Varina High

Daniela Rayo, Penny Road Elementary

Gabriel Muniz, Hodge Road Elementary

Victoria Jones, Pleasant Union Elementary

Allison Taylor, Kingswood Elementary

Christopher Hartsfield, Poe Elementary

Phaderika Smith, Powell Elementary

Claire Romaine, Wakefield Elementary

Jennifer Williams, Weatherstone Elementary

Alyssa Jennings, Wilburn Elementary

ACTION (continued)

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Teacher/Administrator Supplement Advancement Revision

The Human Resources Committee recommended a change in the system's current supplement advancement eligibility requirements to improve recruitment and retention of quality administrators and teachers. The committee recommends that the supplement advance be made

available to all newly employed teachers and school administrators. The current supplement advancement option is available to newly employed teachers with up to 3 years of experience. New school administrators are not currently offered this option. Under the revised eligibility option, the supplement advancement would continue to be prorated based on start date.

A motion to approve was made by Tom Oxholm, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

Bill Fletcher requested that the Policy Committee study the policy related to cellular/mobile devices. Mr. Fletcher stated that Wake County should consider revising the policy in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks and school acts of violence across the country. Mr. Fletcher would like to see the policy address current reality regarding the use of such devices and to make certain all such devices are included in the policy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair

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