



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINTUES JANUARY 22, 2008



Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Julye Mizelle
Beverley Clark, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Bev White
Eleanor Goettee	Danny Barnes	Jonibel Willis
Patti Head	Maurice Boswell	Mark Winters
Kevin Hill	Mike Burriss	
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	
Ron Margiotta	Lloyd Gardner	
Lori Millberg	Donna Hargens	
Horace Tart	David Holdzkom	Board Attorney
	Ann Hooker	Rod Malone

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- On Monday, January 14, the Board had an all-day work session.
 - The Curriculum Audit Recommendations, the CFAC recommendations, and the Board's work plan were reviewed.
 - It has been a very long process since it was started in August.
 - Ms. Gill thanked the Board and the staff for their commitment to this process.
- The Board started holding Public Hearings related to Student Assignment.
 - On January 15, the Board held its first public hearing at Sanderson High School.
 - On January 17, a public hearing was held at Green Hope High School.
 - On January 24, the Board will hold the last meeting at Middle Creek High School
 - Ms. Gill reminded the public that they could still sign-up online to speak at January 24 meeting.
- On January 25, the Board will hold an all-day work session related to student assignment.
 - This work session will be held at Crossroads from 9:00 until 3:00 or 4:00.
 - If necessary, the work session will continue on Monday, January 28, also at Crossroads.
- On January 16, the Board had a Joint Meeting with the County Commissioners.
- Ms. Gill shared that she recently met, informally, with Mayors of the Wake County Municipalities.

-The discussion was very productive and informative and covered a number of topics.

-Ms. Gill thanked the Mayors for taking the time and making the extra effort to meet with her.

-Ms Gill stated that this is only a beginning as WCPSS and the Board seek the assistance of Wake County municipalities in addressing issues related to growth.

- Ms. Gill shared that on January 13, she had the opportunity to be the Keynote speaker at the Holly Springs Dr. Martin Luther King program.
 - Ms. Gill thanked them for the invitation.
 - Also at that celebration was the Reverend, Mr. Connelly, acting as MC, and several dignitaries.
 - Ms. Gill hoped that everyone enjoyed her message as she tried to recapture what Dr. Martin Luther King stood for and what she felt he wanted us to do as individuals.

Superintendent's Comments

- Congratulations to Cathy Moore, Principal at Sanderson High School and currently WCPSS Principal of the Year,
 - Ms. Moore has been selected as the Regional Finalist for Principal of the Year.
 - She's one of nine principals competing for North Carolina Principal of the Year recognition.
- Dr. Burns recognized Paige Elliott, a teacher at Fuquay-Varina High School and Wake County Teacher of the Year.
 - The first week in January, Ms. Elliott was named Regional Teacher of the Year.
 - She will be one of nine teachers competing for the title of North Carolina Teacher of the Year.
 - Having two regional finalists, Teacher and Principal, speaks volumes about the quality of those who work to help children learn every day in WCPSS.
 - Dr. Burns encouraged everyone to get to know Ms. Moore and Ms. Elliott.
 - In addition to being recognized for their excellent work they are truly wonderful human beings and WCPSS is fortunate to have them.
- Thanks to the schools and staff for the time and efforts that were put into planning and carrying out the MLK activities.
- Congratulations to Laura Phipps.
 - She was recently published as a co-author in "School Social Work" a journal of the National Association of Social Workers Specialty Practice Section.
 - The article is entitled, "*A Step Forward: Positive Behavior Support and School Social Work Practice.*"
 - Laura Phipps is a Positive Behavior Support Coach with John Ringo's team.

-She also serves on the state PBS Leadership Team at DPI and again represents our System very well.

- The ROTC at Cary High School recently received an evaluation from the Department of Navy.
 - The evaluation was very comprehensive, and included areas such as
 - School system report
 - Administration of Program
 - Academic Program
 - Reports and Records
 - Cadet Performance
 - Cadet Mentoring
 - Cary HS received an outstanding overall rating which is the highest rating that a school can receive.
 - Congratulations to
 - Doug Thilman, Principal,
 - Paul Brown, and
 - Col. Thomas FinnertyAs well as the students who do us proud through their participation in ROTC.
- Congratulations to Northwoods Elementary and Mary Phillips High School.
 - They have been accepted to present at the upcoming 'Safe Schools and Character Education Conference' in February.
 - That is quite an honor and character education is something we are very proud of in Wake County since many years ago we initiated a character education program that has been a model for the state.
- Character Education Posters are now available in Spanish as well as English.
 - Dr. Susan Schmidt works with character education.
 - She is in the process of visiting schools and relaying their stories and best practices through the internet site so that everyone in our community can be aware of some of the wonderful activities occurring at our schools around character education.
- Senior Director Dawn Dawson of the Office of State and Federal Programs contacted Dr. Burns regarding District Improvement and shared that WCPSS has recently completed the compliance and monitoring review of its federally funded programs, conducted by DPI.
 - During the exit meeting, staff members from DPI were remarkably pleased and commented on the positive and effective collaboration between the finance and program areas.
 - A formal report will be received within thirty days.
- A group of classroom teachers recently volunteered to assist the Elementary Science Program, as leaders and advocates for science in their schools.
 - Seventy-five teachers met with Cathy Horne and Elizabeth Lee in December for professional development.
 - At that time, teachers presented an overview of a lesson representing best practices in inquiry science.
 - Teachers presenting lessons included:

Jennifer Butler, kindergarten at Highcroft,
Robin Lane, 2nd at Briarcliff,
Magara Boisvert, 3rd at Olds,
Katie Melin, 3-4 at Rolesville, and
Carol Swink, 5th at Hunter.

-Using a rubric, participants then assessed student work samples using their knowledge based on what they had learned as they evaluated the lessons presented by the teachers.

- Instructional Resource Teachers were involved in a 3-hour math presentation on Dec. 17.
 - The title of the presentation was 'Looking at Math Standards-Based Instruction from Student Learning Perspective.'
 - It focused on best practices.
 - There were model lessons in order for IRT's to examine how Standards-Based Math looks like in the classroom and to see the kind of thinking that's required for our students to be successful.
- Vandora Springs and Reedy Creek Middle School,
 - Both have been designated Triple S Safety Schools, and this is quite an honor.
 - The award is given to schools considered super safe.
 - In order to receive this award, the school must complete a very comprehensive and rigorous process.
 - Schools must document numerous activities and plans they have completed well beyond the routine expectations.
 - Dr. Burns thanked the staff for this extra effort.
- Security and Student and Counseling Services are combining efforts to expand the Emergency Operations Planning. They are looking at ways to address the needs of those impacted by an emergency.
 - Their planning has involved
 - WC Mental Health
 - WC Sheriff Dept
 - WC Police Dept
 - WC Emergency Management
 - As well as several of the municipalities.
 - Russ Smith and Sarah Greene are leading this project.
- On January 17, Student Services Department, held a joint retreat with Wake County Human Services, led by Marvin Connelly.
 - The purpose of the retreat was to explore the possibilities for working together and to leverage resources to support our students.
 - This type of collaboration has not occurred between the two departments until now.
- Getting close to Magnet school selection time and schools can sell their program and get people excited about it through many opportunities.
 - Information sessions and school visits will be held.
 - For a complete list of the schedule, please check the internet.
- Dates for the Teacher Working Conditions Survey have been announced.
 - The dates will be March 17 - April 21.

- Last time there was a very good participation rate, but not good enough. We'd like to have very high participation rates in all of our schools.
- This data is critical for School Improvement Plans.
- The information has to be addressed and included in every school's School Improvement Plan as we focus again on learning for all students.
- Pieces of Gold will be held on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium.
 - This is an exciting showcase for student talent in the arts area in Wake County Public Schools.
- Dr. Burns recognized Calla Wright.
 - Ms. Wright was recently noted in the News & Observer as the Tar Heel of the week. She and her husband have worked diligently to provide information in partnership with WCPSS to make sure that parents have great information as they support and advocate for their children.
 - The approach she has taken is a very positive, forward-looking one.
 - Calla is a music teacher at Zebulon Middle School.

Board Member's Comments

- Lori Millberg shared that last Tuesday night she attended the Knightdale Town Council Meeting.
 - There was a group of students and a teacher from Knightdale Elementary School making a presentation to the Town Council.
 - The students had been working in their art class on drawings, sharing ideas on how to help with the drought.
 - The teacher compiled a book of their drawings and presented it to the Knightdale Town Council as a little advice on things the town can do to improve the drought situation.
 - It was a wonderful presentation. Four of the children spoke in front of the Board and did a great job.
 - Ms. Millberg expressed how impressed and proud she was of this group and their presentation.
- Ms. Millberg also mentioned that she's looking forward to attending the mid-year graduation at Wakefield High School tomorrow night.
- Ms. Millberg shared that she has been asked to speak at the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet this Thursday night.
 - They are interested in knowing, as a Chamber, how businesses can work together with schools.
- Beverley Clark reminded Board members that they have all been invited by the town of Garner to attend a play at their auditorium on Saturday afternoon.
- Ms. Clark mentioned that back in October she had shared with the Board that she had been asked by the guidance counselors at Millbrook Elementary to act as part of an advisory council, a necessary part of the RAMP certification process.

- The guidance counselors at Millbrook Elementary are applying for RAMP certification. RAMP is a national level of certification for guidance programs.
- Several high school guidance programs spoke about the program and how it has helped them be more focused on student input.
- The advisory council has met twice.
- Although they are not required to meet again they are still going to meet because the meetings have been very productive.
- Ms. Clark wanted to express how impressed she was with the Millbrook Elementary Guidance Department and also with the whole staff.
- Ms. Clark shared that although it is typical for Magnet schools to have Open Houses, traditional schools can also have Open House too to share their programs.
 - Lynn Road Elementary is having their first ever Open House on January 31st.
 - Ms. Clark will try to attend the Open House.
- The Program Committee Meeting posted on the Board agenda for tomorrow is cancelled.
 - The content will be covered during the first part of the work session on Friday.

Chair's Statement

- On November the 20th the Garner Board of Aldermen approved a building permit with conditions restricting occupancy in two of their schools.
- Beverley Clark, Superintendent Del Burns, and I met with the leadership team of the Garner Board of Aldermen several times.
 - The discussion focused on the removal of these conditions.
- The Board of Education has discussed at length the implications of these conditions.
- The Board has also consulted with legal counsel as it relates to the restrictions.
- Ms. Gill stated that she sought support from the Board to reaffirm their commitment to the student assignment policy as it relates to these issues.
- Ms. Gill read the following resolution for the record.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy 6200 provides a target for student assignment purposes that less than 25% of students at any school averaged across a two year period will score below grade level on the Reading End of Grade Test; and
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education Policy 6200 also provides a target for student assignment purposes that less than 40% of students at any school will qualify for free and reduced lunches; and

WHEREAS, if these targets are exceeded at any school in Wake County, Board of Education Policy 6200 directs the Superintendent to review the reasons the targets were exceeded and to study trends across several years; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, after reviewing the reasons the targets were exceeded, will make recommendations to the Board regarding how the Student Assignment Plan and other tools may help achieve these targets;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wake County Board of Education affirms its commitment to the goals established in the Board of Education Policy 6200, and specifically resolve to use the increased capacity created at Smith Elementary School and Aversboro Elementary School in the 2009-2010 school year, in conjunction with the results of reviews performed by the Superintendent, as a tool to move in the direction specified by Wake County Board of Education Policy 6200.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of January, 2008.

Kevin Hill made a motion to approve adding the resolution to the action agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ron Margiotta inquired about the addition to the Closed Session agenda. Dr. Burns clarified that it was related to an issue pertaining to Employee Benefits.

Lori Millberg requested to have Facilities Consent Agenda Item, #8 Interlocal Agreement: Wakelon Elementary Amendment #1 Development of Park Facilities, moved to the Action agenda.

Patti Head made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. GRADUATION PROJECT

Focus on Teaching and Learning

- Graduation Project (GP) is an integral part of North Carolina's high school exit standards.
- It is a performance-based assessment that provides students an opportunity to demonstrate what they know and are able to accomplish as they prepare to graduate from high school.
- It consists of four components: a paper, project, portfolio, and presentation to be completed as part of a student's senior year.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None

Ruth Steidinger, Director of High School Programs, introduced the speakers:

- Abby Stotsenberg, former Graduation Project Coordinator at Southeast Raleigh High School, currently Coordinating Teacher of Middle School Social Studies,
- Sara Overby, teacher and Graduation Project Coordinator at Athens Drive High School, and
- Sherry Merritt, former Senior Administrator for High School English, current Director of Literacy.

Ms. Stotsenberg and Ms. Overby presented from the school's perspective, while Ms. Merritt presented from the district's perspective. Southeast Raleigh started with Graduation Project from the very beginning when it opened in 1997. Ms. Merritt clarified that although they were very much inspired by "Senior Project" and sometimes we hear the term "Senior Project" used interchangeably for Project Graduation, the term "Senior Project" is a copyrighted name and it is not used in Wake County. Project Graduation is required by the State of NC for graduation.

After the presentation Board members asked questions,

- Ms. Millberg asked if every school was developing their individual programs from the ground up, to which Ms. Merritt responded in the affirmative with clarification that there are certain constraints dictated by the state. Examples of these are the 4-part rubric that all schools must use, as well as the mentor piece. The schools have some flexibility in how to organize this information. The Project Graduation Implementation Guide has a list of suggested things that students should have completed at the end of each grade.
- Ms. Clark asked if new funding has been provided for Project Graduation Coordinators. Ms. Merritt responded that no new funding has been provided. At the moment what some schools have are half-time GP coordinators; staff members that coordinate half-time and perform some other function half-time, but that is totally dependent on each school's administration. Ms. Clark expressed that since GP is an "unfunded mandate" it should probably be on the Board's Legislative Agenda. Furthermore, Ms. Clark suggested that Board members volunteer as mentors in high schools outside of the district so that they can see the projects and processes that students are doing across the system.
- Ms. Head inquired what is being done to help parents along with this graduation requirement and, also, what happens with students that move into the county in the middle of high school. Ms. Merritt replied that parents can find some basic information on the internet and also attend the information sessions that various schools are having. To the second question Ms. Merritt replied that if the student is coming from another North Carolina school it can be easily worked out because GP is a State requirement. If the student is a Senior coming from outside North Carolina, then it's up to the Principal's discretion to find ways to make it appropriate, so in this type of situation a case-by-case basis would apply.
- Ms. Goettee agreed that the Board should look into funding for this program and inquired as to what happens to students that do not successfully complete this requirement. Ms. Stotsenberg explained that the way it's handled at Southeast Raleigh is that each of the 10 committee members gets assigned a few of these students that fail or have an incomplete project and they mentor and work very closely with them to help them towards completion. To date, Ms. Stotsenberg has not heard of any student that has not graduated due to non-completion of GP.

- After a few more clarifying questions from the Board, Ms. Goettee wanted to thank the speakers, Sherry Merritt, Abby Stotsenberg, and Sara Overby, and to publicly thank all the teachers who are spending time in addition to their regular classroom duties to work with students on GP.

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 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.

- **Kelly Creech** – Presented a plaque to WCPSS from the Lieutenant Governor’s Office and the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund for being the 91st 100% Tobacco Free system.
- **Angie Perry** – Ms. Perry was concerned regarding her son’s reassignment from Powell Magnet to Zebulon Elementary. She and her husband chose Powell for their children because of the stability it provided them. She was not notified of the reassignment until she received a phone call 30 minutes before the hearing on January 15. Ms. Perry feels that this did not provide her with an adequate amount of time to prepare for the hearing. Ms. Perry wants to ask the Board to reconsider the drastic changes being made to Powell Elementary.
- **Michelle Armistead** – Ms. Armistead is the PTA President at Powell Magnet. Her concern was regarding the location of the reassignment hearings. Ms. Armistead would like to request that the Board consider holding a fourth hearing in the eastern area of the county.

CONSENT ITEMS

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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FINANCE

1. 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 December, 2007. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable

FACILITIES

1. TRANSIT EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION: CITY OF RALEIGH - LACY

As part of the renovation of Lacy Elementary, the City of Raleigh Transportation division requires the dedication of a new transit easement to be located on a portion of the school

property along Ridge Road. The City of Raleigh will erect and maintain a bus shelter and related facilities, containing 300 square feet, which will provide an area for members of the public to access public transportation. As an additional condition of site plan approval and permit issuance, the City of Raleigh is requiring the dedication of approximately 0.36 acres of right-of-way area along Lake Boone Trail, Ridge Road and Darien Drive. The requested easements will not significantly interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat which indicates the areas of the transit easement and right-of-way dedication is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

2. TREE CONSERVATION AREA EASEMENT: LACY

As part of the renovation of Lacy Elementary and as a condition of site plan approval and permit issuance, the City of Raleigh requires the dedication of Tree Conservation Area Easements located on the school property. The City has required the Tree Conservation Easements upon school property in order to preserve the integrity of tree protection and natural resource buffers. These requested easements are in compliance with the City of Raleigh Tree Conservation Ordinance. The requested easements will not significantly interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat which indicates the areas of the tree conservation easements is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

3. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH

A high priority project to be considered for the next building program is the construction of an addition and renovation to the Wake Forest-Rolesville High school. Negotiations have been completed with Clancy & Theys Construction Company **for only the construction manager's pre-construction services** for this project. The form of agreement for Construction Management At Risk has been previously reviewed and approved by the Board. Modifications to this agreement have been approved by the Board's attorney and are noted on the attached summary. This contract includes reimbursable general conditions. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of the standard form of agreement. Davis Kane Architects was previously selected as the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget will be determined with the development of the next building program. The current estimated budget is \$67,000,000, of which \$2,500,000 is currently available from the CIP 2006 and \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up. The remaining funds will be provided from the next building program or partially from the current building program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the construction manager in the amount of \$300,000 for pre-construction basic services. The amount authorized by this contract funds the pre-construction services through the Schematic Design Phase. Thus, this agreement is for \$100,000. The remaining amount of \$200,000 will be authorized by change order. The contract authorized by this action will be awarded from currently available funds. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. BIDS: ENLOE HIGH PHASE 3

Bids for the Phase 3 renovations at Enloe High School were received on January 8, 2008. Phase 3 includes the renovation of the locker rooms, relocation of the weight room and TV/audio studio, and the creation of tennis courts and a softball field. Staff and BJAC Architects, P.A., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Harrod and Associates Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,539,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$8,118,307, of which \$320,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$7,798,307 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: CHILD NUTRITION WAREHOUSE

Staff has reviewed the construction documents prepared by H. S. Annis, Architect, P.A., and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise for the construction of Child Nutrition Warehouse Additions and Renovations. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,769,122, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. DESIGN CONSULTANT SELECTION FOR E-25 ELEMENTARY

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes a new elementary school, designated E-25, located in Wake Forest. E-25 is currently being evaluated using a public-private partnership. In order to maintain the schedule for a 2010 opening of this school, the design must begin now if the public-private partnership method does not prove to be feasible and traditional delivery method is used. The decision concerning proceeding with a public-private partnership or the traditional method is scheduled to be made by the Board on April 22, 2008. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A., for the design of E-25 elementary. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this is a re-use of the E-34 Elementary prototype. This will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,991,311, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: HARRIS CREEK ELEMENTARY

As a result of an error by Stantec Inc., the project surveyor, additional costs were incurred for work involving road improvements on Forestville Road. Staff has agreed on a settlement of claim, whereby Stantec Inc. will pay \$49,900 by check, to the Wake County Board of Education. Board approval and authorization to release Stantec Inc. from further liability is requested. This settlement has been approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: At project closing, funds from this settlement will be reallocated to PLAN 2004 Program Contingency. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Contract (#1206): Wake County Smart Start, Speech Language Developmental Screening and Support Program / Instructional Services Division, Project Enlightenment (PRC 605).

- Contract (#1207): Wake County Smart Start, Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Program / Instructional Services Division, Project Enlightenment (PRC 602).
- Contract (#1208): Wake County Smart Start, Consultation and Support for Children with Special Needs / Instructional Services Division, Project Enlightenment (PRC 603).
- Contract (#1209): Wake County Smart Start, Transition to Kindergarten Program / Instructional Services Division, Project Enlightenment (PRC 604).
- Contract (#1210): Wake County Smart Start, Family Literacy / Instructional Services Division, Project Enlightenment.
- Competitive (#1212): US Department of Education, Carol M. White Physical Education Program / Instructional Services Division, Health and Physical Education.

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Contract Central Services Administrator

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

Ms. Head reported that the Community Relations Committee (CRC) met on Wednesday, January 16, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. with extraordinary community attendance. A lot of enthusiastic, vibrant, and energized conversation took place. David Holdzkom shared with the committee the conversations that took place in the focus groups regarding the community's most current concerns, leading to perhaps a new survey through E & R to assess those concerns and how parents and others feel in Wake County. E & R will make this into a report. A tentative timeframe to administer the new survey is late spring 2008. The CRC will meet again on February 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to discuss the Communications Department's strategic communication plans for the Curriculum Management Audit and the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success. Ms. Head thanked the committee members for sharing their opinions. She also thanked David Holdzkom and his staff for compiling this valuable information into an instrument that can be used by Communications, the Board, and the public.

Mr. Tart reported that the Facilities Committee met on January 15. Several items were discussed. One of these items was the crowding accommodations for the years 2008-2009 and projections through the years 2013-2014. In these years it was observed that the middle schools and high schools will be very crowded. Some more middle schools, especially, will have to be built. Other items discussed were public-private partnerships, Joint Use Agreement for Wakelon Elementary. The next Facilities Committee meeting will be on January 29.

Ms. Goettee reported that the Legislative Committee met on January 10. The committee is composed of 15 to 17 representatives from staff of various departments. The committee has begun formulating this year's Legislative Agenda to present to the Board. They will meet again on January 30 to formalize a first draft to be presented to the Board on February 5.

The final agenda will be formalized after receiving input from the Board. The committee plans to present a final Legislative Agenda to the Board at the February 19 Board of Education Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. NAME FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WENDELL (E-34)

On or about December 19, 2007, the Board of Education acquired approximately 17.63 acres for use as an elementary school in the E-34 target area, with a school scheduled to open in 2009. Naming of the new elementary school facility is now required. The following names are proposed for consideration (1) Lake Myra Elementary and (2) Elk Falls Drive Elementary.

Lake Myra Elementary is proposed because of the site's proximity to Lake Myra which is the nearest notable geographic or natural feature, and will be consistent with the adjacent Wake County Open Space Park that is to be named "Lake Myra County Park." Elk Falls Drive Elementary is proposed as it identifies the road from which the school will be accessed and will help to specifically identify the location of the site. Staff recommends name selection of Lake Myra Elementary. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Mike Burriss presented information to the Board regarding the naming of the new elementary school in Wendell. With no questions or discussion from the Board, Lori Millberg made a motion to name the new school Lake Myra Elementary, seconded by Beverley Clark. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: WAKELON ELEMENTARY AMENDMENT #1 DEVELOPMENT OF PARK FACILITIES

The Board of Education approved and entered into an Interlocal Agreement on December 20, 2005 with Wake County and the Town of Zebulon for the joint development of 34.72 acres of land in Zebulon known as the Wakelon Elementary School and Park site. The primary focus of the Interlocal Agreement was the collaborative design and construction of recreational improvements beyond the standard elementary school program including additional multipurpose fields, a shelter, additional play areas and hard courts. During the initial construction of the school, not all of the planned recreational improvements were constructed nor were all of the County's committed funds expended due to the Town's limited funds availability. The Town now has funds available and desires to proceed with completion of construction of the remaining recreational improvements as contemplated in the approved original master plan. As a result of collaborative planning and coordination, terms of an Interlocal Agreement Amendment have been negotiated with the Town and County to confirm the rights and responsibilities of the Board, Town and County in the planning, design, permitting, construction and construction administration of the remaining improvements. Board has no responsibility for the costs of these remaining improvements. County plans to commit the remaining \$127,000 of its appropriation and the Town plans to commit \$187,500 to the completion of this project. Completion of implementation of the original

Master Plan and utilization pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement and the Amendment will not adversely affect Wake County Public School System's current or future use of the property. A copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendment is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Mike Burriss presented information to the Board regarding the Interlocal Agreement with Wake County and the Town of Zebulon for the joint development of 34.72 acres of land in Zebulon known as the Wakelon Elementary School and Park site. After comments from the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. RESOLUTION REGARDING SMITH ELEMENTARY AND AVERSBORO ELEMENTARY

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After clarifying questions and comments from the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. FOURTH MONTH K-3 INDIVIDUAL CLASS SIZE WAIVER REQUESTS

Chapter 4, section III B of The School Attendance & Student Accounting Manual states in part

- Local boards of education are responsible for assuring the class size and teacher daily load requirements set forth in G.S. 115C-301 are met.
- The superintendent shall immediately determine whether the requirements have in fact not been met. If the superintendent determines the requirements have not been met, he/she shall make a report to the next local board of education meeting.
- The local board of education shall take action to meet the requirements of the statute (*area superintendents have worked with individual schools to correct all overages to the extent possible*). If the local board cannot organizationally correct the exception and if any of the conditions set out below are met; it shall immediately apply to the State Board of Education for additional personnel or waiver from the standards set above.
- Within 45 days of receipt of the request, the State Board, within funds available, may allot additional positions or grant waivers for the excess class size or daily load if the exception resulted from exceptional circumstances, emergencies, or acts of God; large changes in student population; organizational problems caused by remote geographic location; or classes organized for a solitary curricular area and if the local board cannot organizationally correct the exception.

Fiscal Implications: None at this time. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested to submit K-3 class size waivers to the State Board of Education.

Danny Barnes presented. After clarifying questions from the Board, Kevin Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patti Head made a motion to go into Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) and 115C-319, 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), and 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). The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg.

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 5:00p.m to approve Administrative Appointments.

RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS – 5 P.M.

Seven (7) employees were nominated for this month's Employee Excellence Award. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Maurice Boswell presented the employees for recognition. Ms. Gill stated that the Board is very proud of these employees and that WCPSS has the most knowledgeable and dedicated employees of any school system, anywhere in the country. To be nominated by your peers to receive this award is definitely an honor. Ms. Gill congratulated the employees being recognized and thanked them for what they do every day for the children of Wake County.

ACTION ITEMS- Cont'd

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointments:

- (1) Terri Allen, Applicant to Principal at North Ridge Elementary School, effective date March 1, 2008 (Permanent Position).
- (2) Gregory Ford, Assistant Principal at Durant Road Elementary School to Principal at Hilburn Elementary School, effective date February 1, 2008 (Permanent Position).
- (3) Joy M. Gorman, Assistant Principal at Briarcliff Elementary School to Principal at Briarcliff Elementary School, effective date February 1, 2008 (Permanent Position).
- (4) Larry Livengood, Assistant Principal at Enloe High School to Principal at East Millbrook Middle School, effective date January 28, 2008 (Permanent Position).

The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

At approximately 5:13 p.m. the Board returned to Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa U. Gill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Lorraine D. Dumas, Recording Secretary