



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2011**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Ron Margiotta, Chair	Superintendent Anthony J. Tata	Don Haydon
Debra Goldman, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	David Holdzkom
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Ann Hooker
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	Julye Mizelle
Chris Malone	Joe Desormeaux	Cathy Moore
Carolyn Morrison	Laura Evans	David Neter
Deborah Prickett	Michael Evans	Andre Smith
John Tedesco	Stephen Gainey	Mark Winters
Keith Sutton	Lloyd Gardner	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic

Chair, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Superintendent's Comments

- Superintendent Tata thanked everyone for their support during the last month. He stated that, *"the overwhelming positive responses from the staff and the community have been greatly appreciated. I sincerely look forward to the opportunity to be a part of the Wake County Public School System, and my family and I look forward to being an integral part of this great community."*
- Mr. Tata congratulated Neel Mandavilli, a student at Southeast Raleigh High School, and Holden McLemore, a student at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. Neel has been selected as a delegate to the 2010 United States Senate Youth Program, which will be held in Washington, D.C. March 2-5. Holden was selected as a second alternate and will become a delegate if they find that one of the state's 2011 youth delegates must be replaced.
- Kingswood Elementary School has been recognized as a 2010 National Title I Distinguished School by the National Title I Association. Kingswood is one of only two schools in the state selected for this honor.
- Mr. Tata congratulated Dr. Linda Brannan, Cary High School's Dean of Student Services. Dr. Brannan has been named as one of ten national finalists for the American School Counselor Association School Counselor of the Year. Dr. Brannan will be traveling to Washington, D.C. within the next week to receive this award.
- Mr. Tata announced that on Thursday, January 20, the reception for the National Board certified teachers was held. 319 teachers earned certification, which placed WCPSS first in the state and nation for the total number who earned certification this year. Now, more than 2,000 teachers within the district have earned certification. Mr. Tata thanked Carolann Wade, who has the responsibility for coordinating National Board Certification for the district.
- On January 24, Wake County Public School System, along with fifteen law enforcement and emergency response agencies and organizations, conducted a major crisis drill at Dillard Drive Elementary and Middle Schools. The purpose of the drill was to test the combined planning and reaction capacities in the event of a serious incident. Mr. Tata thanked the

staffs at Dillard Dive Elementary and Middle Schools, the entire WCPSS Security Department, as well as, Russ Smith, Senior Director for Security, and Randy Dishong, an investigator for the efforts put into making this possible.

- Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation and the YMCA of the Triangle joined WCPSS in support of learning for WCPSS students. Wachovia has donated \$100,000 to support the Y-Learning Program at Wiley Magnet Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Margiotta shared that there would be an information item pertaining to Student Enrollment Projections which will be presented by Christina Lighthall. Chris Malone and Debra Goldman requested that an item be brought for action pertaining to the Board Room at Crossroads. Kevin L. Hill and Carolyn Morrison requested that an item be brought for action pertaining to redistricting. Chairman Margiotta added an item to the Agenda related to legal counsel for disputed worker's compensation cases and real estate.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the Amended Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Members' Comments

- Mrs. Goldman shared that she attended the safety and security drill at Dillard Drive. Mrs. Goldman stated that she was very impressed with Mr. Smith and Mr. Dishong with the planning, implementation, and collaboration with 16 agencies for the drill.
- Mrs. Prickett thanked all of the mid-year graduates in Wake County; this week she will have the honor to participate in the mid-year graduation at Leesville High School.
- Mr. Tedesco congratulated Carolann Wade and the recent National Board certified teachers for ranking first in the nation and state. Mr. Tedesco announced the Economically Disadvantaged Student Performance Task Force Meeting at Ligon Middle School on Thursday, February 3rd. Mr. Tedesco thanked Carolyn Morrison, Deborah Prickett, and Keith Sutton for attending and participated. He encouraged other Board members to attend.
- Dr. Morrison shared that she, Dr. McLaurin, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mr. Connelly attended the mid-year graduation at Mt. Vernon Middle School. Dr. Morrison shared that the school is impressive and that if board members get an opportunity, they should visit.

STATE OF THE SYSTEM ADDRESS

Mr. Margiotta shared that, *"As chair of the Wake County Board of Education, it is my privilege today to report on the state of the Wake County Public School System. It is also an honor to speak about the outstanding work of our teachers and staff. Every day, sometimes far from the limelight, the men and women of our schools work tirelessly on behalf of our students. They touch our children's lives, and encourage them to develop habits of learning that will last for a lifetime. So let's begin this report with my deepest thanks to our teachers, staff and administrators who give so much for Wake County's children."*

"I also cannot begin a report on the state of our schools without praising our Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Donna Hargens, who led the school system as ably as our Interim Superintendent. Dr. Hargens, I once again thank you for your service in that role."

“In the fall of 2009, Wake County’s voters called for changes in the policies and procedures of our school board. Since then, the conversations around our board table, and in our community, have been sometimes passionate, sometimes heated, and sometimes painful. That’s completely understandable, because the stakes for our children and communities are very high. But every single member of this board, believes in our students, and wants a strong and supportive school system to do its best for them. These conversations will continue in our community. It is my hope that if we disagree, it can be done constructively and respectfully. I hope that we can put our children’s interests ahead of our own, and that we can make our decisions based on the best facts and data available to us.”

“Since December, 2009, our board and school system have made progress in making our schools better for all children. For example, our board stood together in unity to fundamentally change our approach to long-term suspensions. For too long, we have been too quick to use that method of discipline, leaving our students without supervision or guidance. The streets are no substitute for a school. We are changing our policies, developing alternatives, and finding other ways to keep our schools safe while keeping our students learning. I am proud of our board for standing together on this.”

“Our school board also approved the use of EVAAS as a data tool for our schools, and discontinued the use of the Effectiveness Index. This was important for two reasons. It consolidated our resources, and it helps our schools make more objective decisions. Thanks to the use of EVAAS, our schools are now enrolling more qualified low-income and minority students in eighth-grade Algebra I.:

“Both of these developments were driven by the hard work of the Economically Disadvantaged Student Performance Task Force. The members of the task force are a broad cross-section of our community, and they are reviewing our policies, studying our test scores, and recommending other changes that will make our schools better serve lower-income students.” I want to thank all of the members of that committee and its chair, Mr. Tedesco, for taking this important leadership role.”

“Among our other accomplishments this year, our school board has done the following:”

- *We have opened four new schools,*
- *Completed major renovations at Wake Forest-Rolesville High and Wilburn Elementary,*
- *Started construction at Rolesville Middle,*
- *Purchased a site for the new Rolesville High School,*
- *During the last difficult budget year, we implemented reductions with a minimum impact on classrooms. We’re consolidating administrative buildings, and we’ve approved a new contract for cellular services that will save \$400,000 a year,*
- *We’ve cut the cost of contract transportation services, increased the efficiency of our bus system, and reinstated after-school activity buses,*
- *Fifty-four students who are our first graduating class from the Wake Early College of Health and Sciences walked across the stage,*
- *have worked with North Carolina State University to start a new STEM Early College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Meanwhile, we supported providing Wake County parents with more choices by urging the General Assembly to lift the cap on charter schools,*
- *We approved school improvement plans for each of our schools, which parents and citizens can read online,*
- *We have reinstated instructional time for students on Wednesdays, while maintaining Professional Learning Teams through other methods. We also approved consistent early release days for all schools.*
- *We used Race to the Top funding to include a Renaissance model, which will be used to reinvent four elementary schools with performance composite below 60 percent.*

As a final note, we have begun the process of fulfilling our promises to our community to return proximity and stability to the student assignment process in Wake County and we approved a resolution expressing our commitment to voluntary desegregation. Our commitment is to a student assignment plan that strengthens student achievement, not weakens it. That strengthens communities, not weakens them. That strengthens parental involvement, not weakens it. These are, again, goals shared by every member of our board, and every citizen of good will in Wake County. It is my hope that the ongoing conversation will be constructive, and place our children first.

Looking to the future, we have the most difficult budget year in recent history ahead of us. Once again, we commit to protecting our classrooms as much as we can, but there are more questions than answers at the state level. We will continue to seek ways to involve the public, including public hearings and changes in times and locations for meetings. We will find ways to work with the County to reduce the costs of maintaining services. We will begin the planning for a potential school construction bond. But the thing I am most looking forward to, is the beginning of our work with our new superintendent, Tony Tata. Of the many strong candidates who came forward, it was Mr. Tata's many accomplishments and unique experiences that distinguished him. His lifetime of service and leadership, his ability to make decisions based on data, and his ability to take charge of a complex organization, make him the right man for the job.

The Wake County Public School System has a proud history of student achievement. We are confident that our new superintendent will respect that history while making the necessary changes to improve upon it. Too many students still struggle, or make poor choices, or drop out. All of us have much work to do, to make a difference for these kids. I'd like to conclude this report by asking our community to support our new superintendent, and support each other, to get the job done. Thank you very much for being here this evening.

INFORMATION ITEM

FACILITIES

STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Wake County and Wake County Public Schools System staffs have jointly revised the student enrollment projections through the 2020-2021 school year, with input from ITRE. Subsequently, ITRE spread the overall enrollment projection across grade levels. Staff will present an overview of the enrollment projections. Fiscal Implications: The projection for the 2011-12 school year will impact the proposed operating budget, and the longer term projections will impact the need for new schools. Recommendation for Action: None; for information only.

Don Haydon shared a high level overview of the school system's enrollment projections for the next ten years. Mr. Haydon stated that next year's projection (2011-2012) for elementary, middle, and high school total 146,657 students, which is approximately 3,400 more than this fall which was 143,289 on the 20th day (the official count date).

In making the projections, staff begins with a typical cohort survival rate and then it is adjusted based on a historic economic cycle and reviewing live birth rates and how they impact kindergarten classes.

Mr. Haydon shared cautions with the Board that included,

- The information shared is a county-wide projection,
- It assumes that every seat is in use – 100% utilization
- It assumes all present temporary classrooms are in use,

- The rate of the economic recovery impacts the rate of enrollment growth

Board members asked clarifying questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 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 two 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.

- **Dave Gold** – Mr. Gold shared a business person’s perspective on the proposed reassignments for 2011-2012. Mr. Gold requested that the Board consider the long term effects that reassignments will have on Wake County’s reputation of having the capacity to bring business to the area.
- **Sharon Eckard** – Ms. Eckard spoke to the Board regarding achievement and stability with the proposed 2011 reassignments. Ms. Eckard shared that the reassignments are not correcting mistakes, but generating them.
- **Mary Martorella** – Ms. Martorella spoke to the Board regarding delaying the approval of school assignment changes for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Martorella requested that the Board wait and develop a more comprehensive plan.
- **Lynn Edmonds** – Ms. Edmonds spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of expanding the scope of the Shanahan Law Group’s representation of the Board and how it relates to the North Carolina Sunshine Laws. Ms. Edmonds questioned how many separate law firms are needed for the Board of Education.
- **Patty Williams** – Ms. Williams spoke to the Board regarding redistricting. Ms. Williams shared that the true purpose of redistricting is to make adjustments from balances in population so that each school district is roughly of equal size in order to comply with the one person, one vote requirement of the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions. Ms. Williams requested that the Board conducts its redistricting in full view of the public.
- **Diana Bader** – Ms. Bader spoke to the Board regarding school assignment changes for 2011-2012. Ms. Bader shared her concern of the student assignment policy emphasizing stability when in the 2011-12 student assignment plan, students that were moved last year and the year before, are being moved to a different school again. Ms. Bader shared that all children deserve a high quality education, and all children have a constitutional right to a sound basic education regardless of the color of their skin or the amount of money their parents have.
- **Rona Drummer** – Ms. Drummer spoke to the Board advocating for Carroll Middle School students. Ms. Drummer shared that Carroll Middle School is severely under enrolled and under-utilized. Ms. Drummer shared that in order to Carroll to have a healthy and successful school, it needs to attract students and families in current nodes back to Carroll and be a viable option to new families coming in through the magnet process. Ms. Drummer shared that if Carroll is made into a magnet and granted a strong leader; seats will be filled and will begin to open at other middle schools.

- **Patrick Niemann** – Mr. Niemann spoke to the Board regarding the South Creek subdivision in Garner off Benson Road, Node 504. Mr. Niemann shared that the reassignment of Node 504.1 is very common sense. Mr. Niemann encouraged the Board to make the final approval.
- **Peter Eberhart** – Mr. Eberhart spoke to the Board regarding the approval of the 2011-2012 student reassignments. Mr. Eberhart shared that the school board should reject the proposed student assignment plan. Mr. Eberhart shared his thoughts of the assignment plan purging high poverty students from suburban schools resulting in high poverty enrollment in many inner-city, Southeast Raleigh schools. Mr. Eberhart also shared that the proposed assignment plan violates the October 5th Board approved assignment directive.
- **Jim Martin** – Mr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding student assignment. Mr. Martin encouraged Superintendent Tata to work with those who've been trying to get past the rhetoric to work to support and improve schools. Mr. Martin recommended that Superintendent Tata go back and look for the said “diversity policy” and said “forced bussing policy” which has been the center of much discord. Mr. Martin stated that the “diversity policy” is a component of the student assignment policy. Mr. Martin requested that the board not disrupt the three-year plan, do not create concentrations of high poverty, and do not jeopardize the highly successful magnet system.
- **Melonie Taylor** – Ms. Taylor spoke to the Board regarding the state of the system. Ms. Taylor shared her personal experience of her children attending diversified schools in Wake County. Ms. Taylor voiced concern of the changes that have taken place in the county.
- **Beverley Clark** – Mrs. Clark spoke to the Board regarding the state of the system. Mrs. Clark shared her thoughts on how the Board continues to make decisions without analyzing the research, studying the data, calculating the costs, and planning for the consequences. Mrs. Clark shared further that the state of the system is that the impact of the most recent assignments fall 90% on children from high poverty neighborhoods. Mrs. Clark shared that to create high poverty schools without analyzing the research, studying the data, calculating the costs, and planning for the consequences is a criminal abdication of Board members’ responsibilities.
- **Anne Sherron** – Ms. Sherron spoke to the Board regarding the student assignment plan. Ms. Sherron shared that moving Node 504 with 76 elementary students was introduced for reassignment and described by a Board member as a win-win move, out of Creech Road; reducing class size for the Renaissance Model. Ms. Sherron shared that the reassignment increases Aversboro enrollment due to its loss of students to Barwell, balancing the poverty more equitably between Creech Road, Aversboro, and Barwell. Ms. Sherron went on to say that later, Node 504 was split and Node 504.1 (representing 1/3 of the students) was moved to Aversboro.
- **Carrie Dow-Smith** – Dr. Dow-Smith spoke to the Board regarding the approval of school assignment changes. Dr. Dow-Smith respectfully asked the Board not to make decisions that change or reduce magnet seats until a comprehensive magnet plan is completed. Dr. Dow-Smith requested that the Board clarify its support of magnet schools and the plan to continue the successful, voluntary, integration system.
- **Elizabeth Barnes** – Ms. Barnes spoke to the Board regarding student assignment. Ms. Barnes shared that for more than 50 years she and her husband have maintained a residence in Wake County. Ms. Barnes shared that voluntary desegregation does not work.

- **Aransa Sue Lascurain** – Ms. Lascurain spoke to the Board regarding her concern of the recent school reassignment of Node 78.2. Ms. Lascurain questioned the move prior to the comprehensive magnet review being conducted. Ms. Lascurain shared that the move would reduce magnet seats. Ms. Lascurain’s concern is moving poor children out of an affluent school without a comprehensive reassignment plan.
- **Vickie Adamson** – Ms. Adamson spoke to the Board regarding the loss of magnet seats. Ms. Adamson shared that the student assignment plan has a net loss of 307 magnet seats for the system. Two schools, Farmington Woods and Smith Elementary gained magnet seats, while Bugg, Combs, Conn, Poe, Carnage, Moore Square, Centennial, and SE Raleigh lost seats by the Board’s decision to increase the base at each of the schools.
- **Susan Evans** – Ms. Evans spoke to the Board regarding school assignments. Ms. Evans shared that the superintendent will face challenges; challenges that will include finding funding necessary to educate students that will raise the bar on student achievement while in the midst of a budget crisis. Ms. Evans shared that schools with high concentrations of high poverty students require more resources to educate those students equitably.
- **Elizabeth Morrison** – Ms. Morrison spoke to the Board regarding Node 504.1 Ms. Morrison shared her appreciation of the Board reviewing the node and working toward a plan that will keep her children closer to home and have them attend Aversboro Elementary School.
- **John Morrison** – Mr. Morrison spoke to the Board regarding Node 504.1. Mr. Morrison spoke to the Board regarding Node 504.1. Mr. Morrison thanked the Board for going to neighborhood schools.
- **Ian Robinson** – Mr. Robinson spoke to the Board regarding the school assignment changes for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Robinson shared that he supports children going to neighborhood schools and he appreciates the Board sending Node 504.1 to Aversboro instead of Creech Road.
- **Rhonda Curtright** – Ms. Curtright spoke to the Board regarding assignments. Ms. Curtright requested that the Board believe and articulate their decisions and help parents to understand the decisions that are being made.
- **Lisa Mowat** – Ms. Mowat spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Wake County regarding the re-districting process. Ms. Mowat shared that the League of Women Voters supports an open government system that is representative, accountable, and responsive in order to achieve representative democracy, re-districting plans must be drawn in a manner that allows elected bodies to reflect the diversity of the populous, especially racial and ethnic diversity. Ms. Mowat went on to say, that the League of Women Voters supports protecting the citizen’s right to know. Ms. Mowat requested that the process the Board adopts for re-districting be open, transparent, and fully inclusive of citizen participation.
- **Colleen Cassada** – Ms. Cassada spoke to the Board regarding a field hockey program for female athletes in Wake County, which is not currently being offered. Ms. Cassada shared that the sport is offered in Orange, Durham, Guilford, Mecklenburg, and other counties throughout North Carolina. In the past year, Ms. Cassada’s field hockey travel club team, the Carolina Fury, has grown from 13 athletes to over 60, which are current Wake County residents. Ms. Cassada requested support from the Board in developing field hockey in Wake County.

- **Matthew Brown** – Mr. Brown spoke to the Board regarding high poverty schools. Mr. Brown shared that he was pleased that Mr. Tata was selected to lead the school system. Mr. Brown compared D.C. Public Schools challenges with Wake County Public Schools. Mr. Brown requested that the superintendent not allow poverty rates to rise and to keep the middle class and qualified teachers from fleeing.
- **Tama Bouncer** – Ms. Bouncer asked the Board to commit to take a half hour on March 2, 2011 to read with a child. Ms. Bouncer shared that March 2nd is the anniversary of the birthday of Theodore Geisel who is better known as Dr. Seuss. On March 2nd, in honor of Dr. Seuss, the National Education Association, the North Carolina Association of Educators, and Wake North Carolina Association of Educators are sponsoring a celebration of reading, “NEA’s Read Across America.” The goal is to have every child in every school reading with a caring adult for at least 30 minutes that day.
- **Dr. John Little** – Dr. Little spoke to the Board regarding diversity and student achievement. Dr. Little shared that diversity and academic accomplishment are essential and compatible. Exposure to a variety of students from different cultures, races, and socio-economic backgrounds is necessary for a healthy democracy and sound student learning speaks for itself. The community and the individual student must both be served. Dr. Little shared that a retreat to a system of neighborhood schools will defeat both purposes. Dr. Little urged the Board not to return to the failed system of the past, but to work diligently to improve genuine learning within the present system or something close to it.
- **Adrienne Little** – Ms. Little spoke to the Board regarding diversity and student achievement. Ms. Little compared her teaching experiences from Guam and being a math teacher at North Garner Middle School with the Board. Ms. Little shared that she wants Wake County to continue giving all students a good education that they deserve. Ms. Little requested that the Board not overlook the present strengths in the school system; diversity and pursuit for quality education for all. Ms. Little thanked the Board for bringing back activity buses.
- **Jennifer Mansfield** – Ms. Mansfield spoke to the Board regarding the magnet lottery process. Ms. Mansfield thanked the Board for removing SES as one of the lottery components for magnet schools this year. Ms. Mansfield requested that the Board remove the crowding factor as well. Ms. Mansfield shared that capacity numbers seem to be misleading and shared several examples including Daniels Middle, Wakefield High School, and year-round schools.
- **Betsy Lovejoy** – Ms. Lovejoy spoke to the Board regarding diversity. Ms. Lovejoy thanked the Board members and Donna Hargens for the many hours of work that they put forth for the schools. Ms. Lovejoy welcomed Superintendent Tata and thanked him for coming to WCPSS. Ms. Lovejoy asked the Superintendent to embrace all diversity; cultural, ethnic, racial, mentally and physically challenged, academic and vocational, and socio-economic diversity. Ms. Lovejoy asked the superintendent to reinstate the diversity policy.
- **Alice Spickard** – Ms. Spickard thanked the Board for continuing to take public comments at their meetings and welcomed Superintendent Tata to Wake County Public Schools. Ms. Spickard shared that Carroll Middle School is an under-performing and under-enrolled school which needs the Board’s support. Ms. Spickard requested that the Board approve the hiring of a strong, experienced principal who can advocate for the Carroll community. Ms. Spickard shared that Carroll needs a leader who will hold staff and students accountable for their actions and who will celebrate their achievements. Ms. Spickard shared that families in the Carroll community are choosing academic excellence over close proximity, and those

that can, leave. Ms. Spickard asked that as the Board embarks on building a comprehensive plan for Wake County Schools, that the Board considers placing a magnet at Carroll.

- **Lisa Samples** – Ms. Samples thanked the Board for voting to not consider converting Highcroft Drive Elementary from a year-round calendar. Ms. Samples shared that she hopes the Board will continue to ensure choice for the many parents who love year-round.
- **Amy Lee** – Ms. Lee requested that while Mr. Tata is listening and learning, to make sure that he listens to Wake County teachers and parents. A recent survey of Wake County teachers indicated that while a majority of teachers are happy with the school system and their individual schools, a majority of those teachers also disagree with the Board’s decision to end socio-economic diversity. Ms. Lee reminded Mr. Tata to listen to himself.
- **Christine Kushner** – Ms. Kushner welcomed Superintendent Tata to Wake County. Ms. Kushner shared that she is hopeful that Mr. Tata will bring the sense of unity of self-sacrifice to the Wake County community. Ms. Kushner wished Mr. Tata well in his new assignment.
- **Michael Schulte** – Mr. Schulte spoke to the Board regarding diversity. Mr. Schulte inquired of the superintendent if he noticed the diversity and the strong academic community that exists in both Carnage Middle School and Enloe High School. Mr. Schulte shared with the superintendent that he will be able to look at things closer and use his experience to find long term solutions to a problem that needs to be fixed. If we let our academic community slide backwards, the achievement gap will increase; when the gap increases WCPSS will never be “the center of the universe”.
- **Sylvia Monaco**- Ms. Monaco shared with the Board that she is parent that wants to keep Highcroft Drive Elementary year-round. Ms. Monaco shared that a group of Highcroft Drive parents are appreciative of the Board keeping the school year-round. Ms. Monaco also requested that the Board look at providing a closer middle school for year-round, suggesting Salem Middle School as an option.
- **Kelly Roberts** – Ms. Roberts welcomed Mr. Tata as the new superintendent. Ms. Roberts shared that she knows that his military experience gives him a better understanding for the critical need for global thinking, for exemplary content in teaching, and for face-to-face meaningful interaction with a diverse community everyday to excel and be prepared for world-class university education and for work anywhere in the world. Ms. Roberts shared that she is glad to see that he is listening to teachers and staff. Ms. Roberts shared with Mr. Tata the kind of school system that has transformed a community.
- **Lois Nixon** – Ms. Nixon welcomed Superintendent Tata to Wake County and for listening and finding out what the facts are about Wake County. Ms. Nixon shared that Wake County has added an average of 5,000 students per year in the last 10 years. Ms. Nixon shared statistics pertaining to proximity of school to home, bus ride times, bussing pertaining to diversity, bussing to reducing overcrowding. Ms. Nixon shared that Wake County’s bussing program has achieved a 100% efficiency rating for many years. Ms. Nixon stated that the community and Board should learn what the real truth is about balancing transportation efficiencies with the human and economic costs of creating high poverty schools.

CONSENT ITEMS

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- December 8, 2010 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- January 4, 2011 - Committee of the Whole/ Work Session Minutes

FINANCE

8. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of North Ridge Elementary. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Recommendation for Action: Approval of Authorization Forms.

9. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Wake County School’s General Fund, Federal/FICA Tax, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, Child Nutrition, Individual Schools, Federal Programs, Flexible Benefits, Transfer Account, Individual Schools Child Nutrition, ACH Payroll Settlement, Individual Schools, Worker’s Comp/Payroll Deduction, Community Schools, NC401k, Wachovia Investment Account. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Recommendation for Action: Approval of Authorization Forms.

10. 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 2010. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

11. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

Two hundred and sixty gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$106,673. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action is Required.

12. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2010-2011

To report changes in the budget resolutions resulting from transactions processed during December,

2010. Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$	3,563,666
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+	\$	268,470
Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State	+	\$	160,286
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+	\$	3,865,249
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+	\$	0
Adjust Direct Grants Fund	+	\$	693,420
Adjust Other Restricted Fund	+	\$	0
 Net Changes	 +	 \$	 8,551,091

Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with the Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

13. POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LOCAL EXPENDITURES 2010-2011

To report potential changes in local expenditures for 2010-2011 as of December 31, 2010 Fiscal Implications: Potential adjustments within the local budget. Transactions transferring budget between accounts will be reported to the Board of Education with all Budget Amendments and Transfers quarterly. Recommendation for Action: No action. Administration is reporting potential changes in local expenditures.

FACILITIES

14. THIRD AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT (DANIELS MIDDLE)

Alltel Communications, LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless has leased space from Board at Daniels Middle School for a cellular communications tower and related operating equipment since June 15, 1998, and has requested approval of a Third Amendment to extend the term of the Lease. Terms and conditions have been reached for a five (5) year term to extend the lease, and an automatic extension for an additional five (5) year term thereafter, provided Verizon is not in default under the Lease. The annual rate for the first five years is 15% over the current rate, and if the term is extended, the rate for the second 5 year term will increase by another 15%. A copy of the proposed Third Amendment to Communications Tower Lease Agreement is attached. Fiscal Implications: Current rate is \$37,500; rate for first five (5) year extension term is \$43,125 and for second five (5) year extension term is \$49,593.75. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

15. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-14: BUGG ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-14 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract for Bugg Elementary. This change order, a reduction in the amount of \$338,412.30, provides final reconciliation of the architectural and owner's contingencies; unused general conditions and allowances; and the CM contingency. This change order will complete this contract. The final price for this contract is \$13,067,777.

The CMAR contract allows for unused construction manager contingency funds to be credited to the construction manager as follows: 40% for meeting substantial completion; 20% for meeting final completion; and 40% for meeting specific performance measures. This construction manager met substantial completion, final completion, and met 91% of the performance measures. The attachments show how the unused construction manager contingency was calculated, the process for evaluation of their performance, and other key criteria about this contract. Fiscal Implications: The total project budget is \$16,789,120, of which \$16,679,460 is from CIP 2006, \$75,000 from Plan 2004, and \$34,660 from Plan 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

16. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-09: ROLESVILLE HIGH WATERLINE EXTENSION PACKAGE

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-09 to Barnhill Contracting Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the construction of the new Rolesville High School. This change order, in the amount of \$131,451, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the installation of the waterline. This waterline will be an extension of the existing city water line, which must be routed under the Rolesville Bypass, which is scheduled to begin construction by the NCDOT in April 2011. The waterline installation package is one of

the 54 construction packages for this project. A list of the proposed bid packages is attached. The Board approved the advertisement of this portion of the project at their January 4, 2011 meeting. Future change orders will be brought to the Board to establish the GMP for the total project. Fiscal Implications: The current project budget is \$72,225,023, of which \$1,000,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, \$71,007,898 from CIP 2006, and \$217,125 from Offsite (Public) Improvements. Approximately \$3,500,000 of additional funding will be needed to pay for offsite improvements and site adaption to the new site. The additional funds will be requested in the spring of 2011 after the design of the site adaption is completed. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

17. RESOLUTION: CIP 2006 APPROPRIATIONS AND REALLOCATIONS

This resolution requests two actions: appropriations and reallocations. Funds must be appropriated to projects that require funding between March 2011 and February 2012, in accordance with the spending plan approved by the Board at the January 4, 2011 meeting. This resolution requests that \$92,077,729 of CIP 2006 funds be appropriated to fund Rolesville High, Life-Cycle Replacements, Property Acquisition, Educational Equipment Replacement, Life Cycle Furniture Replacement, Environmental & ADA Compliance, Program Management, Mobile Classroom Relocations, and 9th Grade Centers. The funds for the 2012 Crowding Solution and Start-Up Designs for the next building program will be requested at a future Board meeting. The remaining funds in CIP 2006 will be requested in the spring of 2012.

This resolution also requests a reallocation of \$7,000,000 of savings from Wilburn Elementary and Walnut Creek Elementary to provide additional funding for Life-Cycle Replacements. In addition, this resolution requests that \$244,161 be reallocated from Rolesville High to CIP 2006 Building Permits to fund the permitting for this school. Staff recommends approval of this appropriation and reallocation resolution. Fiscal Implications: This appropriation will fund the listed projects planned between March 2011 and February 2012. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

18. LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT: LEASE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SPACE WITH J.T. HOBBY & SON, INC. (ROCK QUARRY ROAD)

Terms and conditions of a Lease Renewal Agreement have been reached with J.T. Hobby & Son, Inc., to renew the lease of approximately 17,670 square feet of office/flex space at 1429 Rock Quarry Road, Suite 116, Raleigh, NC. The initial lease term began May 1, 2007 and expired April 30, 2009. The lease was renewed for a two year term which began May 1, 2009 and expires April 30, 2011. Terms have been reached to again lease the premises for a two year term. The renewal lease duration is from May 1, 2011 until April 30, 2013. The current use is as administrative office space for Facilities Design and Construction Department. Appropriate parking areas are also included. A copy of the renewal Lease is attached. Fiscal Implications: The lease renewal rate is \$9.50 per square foot of space, which equates to \$167,865 per year, and is payable in an annual single sum payment due on May 1st of each year during the term. The lease terms are the same as the terms of the original lease with no increase or decrease in the amount of \$167,865 due each year. Utilities costs and taxes are not included therewith. Funding is available from the Program Management budget in CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

19. BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO ROSTOCK AND BERLIN GERMANY

- Students participating will be representative of grades 10-12.
- Approximately 50 students will participate with 3 staff chaperones and 7 parent volunteers.
- Students will depart from RDU on Sunday, November 17, 2011 and return on Saturday, November 24, 2011.
- During this trip students will represent Broughton High School, the Sister Cities Association of Raleigh, and the City of Raleigh in the celebration of the 10-year anniversary of Raleigh's sister city relationship with Rostock, Germany. Students will participate in service oriented activities. Broughton is an International Baccalaureate World School, this is a vital part of the program.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per student will be approximately \$2200.00. Families, private donations, and fundraising will enable students the opportunity to participate in this activity.
Recommendation for Action: This item is recommended for consent.

20. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#009711): North Carolina Arts Council, Arts in Education / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009811): American Academy of Dermatology, Shade Structure Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#009911): United Arts Council, Arts in Education Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#0010011): Target Stores, Early Childhood Reading Grants Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#0010111): Target Stores, Arts & Culture in School Grants Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#0010211): The Woman's Club of Raleigh, Community Grants / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#0010311): Town of Cary, Town of Cary Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#0010411): North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), IPD Instructional Advocacy At-risk Mini Grant / Individual Schools.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUAMN RESOURCES

21. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Professional
2. Support

22. CHANGE ORDER #2: CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS

In May 2010, the Human Resources Department's contract with US Info Group was brought to the Board of Education for approval for the 7/1/10-6/30/11 time period. With the aid of this contract, the Human Resources Department runs criminal record checks on employment applicants and volunteer applicants in an effort to facilitate a safe learning and working environment for students and employees. This amendment is being made to accommodate the cost of criminal record checks for employment applicants and volunteer applicants for the

Wake County Public School System during the 2010-2011 school year. The large number of volunteer applicants during the 2010-2011 school year has been the primary factor regarding the need for this amendment. Per board policy 8361, this contract change requires prior board approval due to exceeding the \$100,000 limit. Change order #1 was implemented on 11/12/10 and appeared in the Board of Education report at the 1/4/11 meeting. Fiscal Implications: \$60,000 from contract services budget. Budget is available. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

The Board recessed at 7:29 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

23. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT CHANGES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present the 2011-12 Growth and Planning Student Assignment Plan for approval. A multi-year student assignment plan was approved by the Board of Education in February 2009. Staff held four assignment work sessions around the county for community input during the fall of 2010. The Board of Education held five public hearings in January 2011, and there were two Board of Education work sessions following the public hearings. The final plan includes changes agreed during the Board work sessions.

The 2011-12 Student Assignment Plan provides for the opening of Walnut Creek Elementary and Wake NCSU STEM Early College, changes in the traditional calendar application schools, and crowding issues. Fiscal Implications: Changes in bus routes may affect funding. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Laura Evans, Senior Director of Growth and Planning, presented the 2011-12 Student Assignment proposal. The proposal provides for the opening of the new Walnut Creek Elementary School as a traditional calendar school and the new Wake- NC State University STEM Early College High School; as well as, addresses crowding issues at some of the existing schools.

Ms. Evans thanked the members of the Growth and Planning Department for their work over the past several months and the members of the E & R Department for their assistance with the work sessions and data requests that were made. Ms. Evans also thanked Dr. Steve Bingham and Ms. Athena Kellogg who also helped the Growth and Planning staff with the public work sessions during the month of November. Ms. Evans also thanked the Board for working diligently with staff to review the proposal and make adjustments as needed and to allow the work to be completed in the timeline that was established.

Input and feedback was received during four community work sessions during the month of November, followed by five Board of Education public hearings during the month of January. Staff and Board members received input by mail, email, and from feedback on the school district website. As changes were made to the proposal, new postings were made to the district website asking for community feedback.

Board Policy 6200 was used as a guiding principle to develop the proposal staff is presenting. Distance, choice, stability of assignment, and facility utilization were all considered as staff developed the proposal.

Staff began by reviewing the third year of the multi-year assignment plan approved by the Board in February 2009. The final proposal includes requests by families, the school board, and school principals, along with recommendations from staff to the final year of the multi-year plan. The proposal currently includes 3,856 students including 2,186 in elementary school, 988 middle school students, and 682 high school students.

Fewer students will actually change school assignments because 1,869 students and their siblings are eligible to continue at their current schools under the grandfathering rules. The grandfathering rules allow rising 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to request a transfer to remain at their current school. Siblings of these students in the same grade configuration are also eligible to grandfather.

Staff is requesting Board approval of these proposed assignment changes. After Board approval of the assignment plan, letters will be sent to all currently enrolled families impacted by these assignment decisions. Staff will also provide information to the families regarding choice opportunities, the grandfathering process, and the transfer process.

On February 15th, the Board will hold a public hearing on three final assignment changes. Families who may be impacted by these changes will receive notification by mail and by backpack. The Board will hold a special meeting after the public hearing on the 15th to discuss and vote on these three changes.

The magnet calendar application period for parents who want to apply for a magnet school or for their calendar application school, will begin February 21st and be open through March 7th. The transfer period for parents to request assignment to any other Wake County school will begin May 13th and run through June 1st. Chairman Margiotta, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Ms. Evans and the Growth and Planning Department for the work that they did.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve staff's recommended assignment plan, seconded by Chris Malone.

At the request of board member, Anne McLaurin, staff provided the Board with a comparison of projected percentages of free and reduced lunch students for 2011-12 to actual 20th day percentages of free and reduced lunch 2010-11 students by school based on the Proposed Assignment Plan.

Mr. Hill made a motion to divide a complex motion and break some of the assignment changes of the proposal out, instead of voting the entire document up or down. Mr. Hill offered an amendment to the motion to pull the following item numbers from consideration of the 2011-2012 Proposed School Assignment Changes (See Attachment A), #4, 5, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 30, 37-47, 49, 56, 57, 58, 59, . The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin.

Board members shared their concerns with the amendment to the motion. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion passed on a 5 to 3 vote.

Dr. McLaurin shared an observation from the report that she requested from staff. Dr. McLaurin stated that, *“if the board looks at the high schools in the information that was shared, that there are significant increases in the percentage of free and reduced lunch students in the projected 2011-12 proposed student assignment plan.”* Dr. McLaurin shared that the assignment plan has significantly increased in certain schools, feeder patterns, minority isolation, and probably likewise, high poverty schools.”

John Tedesco made an amendment to the motion to approve an additional work session for the Board to continue in its collaborative effort and work together toward a plan that it can approve with a detailed understanding of how all items are hinged together. There was no second to the motion, the motion died.

John Tedesco made a motion collectively to remove and discuss the following items, #1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 51, 52, and 54.

Chairman Margiotta stated that the Board would begin by voting to **remove** the following items #4, 5, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 30, 37-47, 49, 56, 57, 58, 59 from the Proposed School Assignment Changes.

- Item #4 – Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from West Lake MS to Carnage MS (move TCA from Dillard Dr. MS to Carnage MS.) The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to **remove Item 4 from the assignment plan.**
- Item #5- Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern – assign students from Middle Creek HS to Southeast Raleigh HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #5 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #13 – Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from North Garner MS to Carnage MS (move TCA from Dillard Dr MS to Carnage MS) The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldan voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. the Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #13 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #17 – YRA – Change YRA from Lufkin MS to Salem Ms. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #17 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #20 – Crowding – Farmington Woods ES – assign students from Farmington Woods ES to Poe ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #20 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #24 – Crowding – Hodge Road ES – assign students from Hodge Road ES to Bugg ES (move TCA from Forestville Rd ES to Bugg ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #24 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #27 – Crowding- Mills Park ES- assign students from Mills Park ES and Mills Park MS to Reedy Creek ES and Reedy Creek MS (move YRA from Highcroft ES to Adams ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #27 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #30 – Crowding – Heritage MS – assign students from Carnage MS to East Wake MS (move YRA from Heritage MS to East Wake MS) – The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no” John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #30 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #37 – Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from West Lake MS to Carnage MS (move TCA from Dillard Dr MS to Carnage MS). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #37 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item 39 – Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from Leesville Road HS to Southeast Raleigh HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item

from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #39 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #40- Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from Lufkin MS to Carnage MS and TCA from Apex MS to Carnage MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to **remove Item #40 from the assignment plan.**
- Item #41-Crowding – Farmington Woods ES- Feeder Pattern – assign students from East Millbrook MS to Moore Square MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #41 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #42 – Crowding – Lacy ES- assign students from Lacy ES to Conn ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to **remove Item #42 from the assignment plan.**
- Item #43 – Crowding – Leesville Rd MS- assign students from Leesville Rd MS to Carroll MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #43 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #44 Crowding – Leesville Rd MS – Feeder Pattern- assign students from Sycamore Creek ES to Green ES (move TCA from Hilburn ED to Lynn ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #44 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #45 – Crowding – Leesville Rd MS – Feeder Pattern – assign students from Leesville Rd HS to Sanderson HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”,

and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #43 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #46- Crowding – North Ridge ES – assign students from North Ridge ES to Green ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #46 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #47 – Crowding – Northridge ES – Feeder Pattern – assign students from West Millbrook MS to Carroll MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #46 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #49 – Base- assign students from Green Hope ES and Davis Dr MS to Reedy Creek ES and Reedy Creek Ms. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #49 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #56-Base-assign students from Davis Dr ES and Davis Dr MS to Reedy Creek ES and Reedy Creek MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #56 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #57- Base-assign students from Weatherstone ES and Davis Dr MS to Combs ES and Centennial MS; YRA from Morrisville ES to Adams ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #57 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #58-Base-assign students from Davis Dr ES, Davis Dr MS, and Green Hope HS to Combs ES, Centennial MS, and Athens HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman

Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #58 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #59-Base-assigning students from Davis Dr ES, Davis Dr MS, and Green Hope HS to Smith ES, N Garner MS, and Middle Creek HS (move YRA from Oak Grove ES and West Lake MS to Timber Dr ES and N Garner MS). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #59 remain in the assignment plan.**

John Tedesco made a motion for the Board to review and vote on the remaining items staff recommended to the Board in the 2011-12 Proposed School Assignment Plan. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to hear the remaining items.

- Item #1 - Walnut Creek ES – open as a traditional calendar school. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #1 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #2 – Walnut Creek ES – Identify East Garner ES as the year-round application school for Walnut Creek ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #2 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #3 - Walnut Creek ES – assign students from East Garner ES (move TCA from Vandora Springs ES to Walnut Creek ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #3 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #6- Walnut Creek ES – assign students from Farmington Woods ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #6 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #7 – Walnut Creek ES- assign students from Hilburn ES; assign students from Leesville Rd MS to Daniels MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this

item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #7 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #8- Walnut Creek ES assign students from Jeffreys Grove ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #8 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #11 – Walnut Creek ES – assign students from Root ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes” Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #11 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #12 – Walnut Creek ES- assign students from Smith ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #12 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #14- Walnut Creek ES- assign students from Timber Dr ES (move TCA from Smith ES to Walnut Creek ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”. Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #14 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #19 – Crowding – Douglas ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #19 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #22- Crowding – Forestville Rd ES- assign TCA from Forestville RD ES to Knightdale ES so that all of Hodge Rd ES applies to Knightdale ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #22 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #23 – Crowding – Hodge Rd ED – assign students from Hodge Rd ES and East Wake MS to Knightdale ES and Wendell MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting

- “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #23 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #25- Crowding – Lacy ES – assign students from Lacy ES to Olds ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #25 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #28- Crowding – Wiley ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #28 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #29 – Crowding – Heritage MS – The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #29 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #31 – Crowding – Heritage MS – Feeder Pattern – move TCA from Forestville ED to Knightdale ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #31 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #32- Crowding – Brooks ES. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #32 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #33 – Base- assign students from Aversboro ES to Barwell Rd ES (move YRA from Timber Dr ES to Barwell Rd ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #33 remain in the assignment plan.**
 - Item #34 – Base- assign students from Barwell ES to East Garner ES (move TCA from Forestville Rd ES to Creech Rd ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and

Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #34 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #35 – Base – assign students from East Garner ES to Barwell Rd ES (keep Creech Rd ES as TCA). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #35 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #36- Base- assign students from Timber Dr ES to Barwell Rd ES (move TCA from Smith ES to Creech Rd ES). The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #36 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #51- Base – Carpenter Village- assign students from Panther Creek HS to Green Hope HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #51 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #52- Base- assign students from Wake Forest Rolesville HS to Heritage HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no” Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #52 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #53 – Base- Black Horse Run – assign students from Millbrook HS to Leesville Rd HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Marigotta broke the tie by voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 4 to have **Item #53 removed from the assignment plan.** Mr. Tedesco requested from the Chair to reconsider his last vote as he thought he did not make himself clear and wanted to go back and clarify his vote on Item #53. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote again with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3 to have **Item #53 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #54 – TCA – Kitts Creek – assign TCA students from Reedy Creek MS to West Cary MS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”,

Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 6 to 2 to have **Item #54 remain in the assignment plan.**

- Item #55 – Base- assign students from East Cary MS to Davis Dr MS and TCA from Reedy Creek MS to Davis Dr Ms. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The Board unanimously approved having **Item #55 remain in the assignment plan.**
- Item #62 – Base- Bedford at Falls River – assign students from Heritage HS to Wakefield HS. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to remove this item from the Assignment Plan with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The Board voted 7 to 1 to have **Item #62 remain in the assignment plan.**

Laura Evans then reviewed with the Board the items that **were removed from the Assignment Plan. Those items included #4** (Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from West Lake MS to Carnage MS (move TCA from Dillard Dr MS to Carnage MS), **Item #40** (Walnut Creek ES – Feeder Pattern- assign students from Lufkin MS to Carnage MS and TCA from Apex MS to Carnage MS), **and Item #42** (Crowding – Lacy ES- assign students from Lacy ES to Conn ES).

Mrs. Prickett made a motion to magnetize York Elementary School to better manage facility utilization and capacity management for the 2011-2012 school year. John Tedesco seconded the motion. After several comments from Board members regarding the process of magnetizing schools, the Board voted by Roll Call vote with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The motion failed to pass on a 3 to 5 vote.

Dr. Hargens shared that staff has organized with the area superintendent for York and Hilburn Drive Elementary, to review the comprehensive data to find any strategies that could help. Staff is reviewing the data because of the concerns from the public hearings and from the Board regarding the two schools. Dr. Morrison shared that Carroll Middle School is in the same situation and requested the same consideration for Carroll.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

24. AMIKIDS, INC.

We are proposing to contract with AMIkids, Inc. to provide on-site alternative instructional services for students with disabilities that have been long term suspended. The services provided through AMIkids Inc. will meet the instructional needs of students that require more intensive special education services. These services will be provided in accordance with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wake County Public School System policies and procedures pertaining to students with disabilities. This will assist us in meeting our obligation to continue general and special education services for students with disabilities removed from school for disciplinary reasons. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the Special Education Services’

budget in the amount of \$213,930 will be used to pay for the cost of these services.
Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Connelly shared that staff is requesting to contract with AMIKIDS, Inc. to provide on-site alternative instructional services for students with disabilities that have been long term suspended. Instructional services will be provided in accordance with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Standard Course of Study and the Wake County Public School System's policies and procedures.

Mr. Tedesco made a motion to request that his colleagues consider tabling the item to the next Board meeting as input regarding this item was given to Board members from members of the Economically Disadvantaged Task Force. Some of the members would like for the Board to delve into deeper questions regarding the services and how they impact children.

Mr. Connelly clarified that the students receiving the services are students who are significantly low intellectually performing students who were formally served on homebound by Special Education teachers; staff is seeking to serve the students in a school setting with certified teachers.

Debra Goldman seconded Mr. Tedesco's motion to table the item until the next Board meeting. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting "no", Keith Sutton voting "no", Deborah Prickett voting "yes", Chris Malone voting "yes", Debra Goldman voting "yes", Kevin L. Hill voting "no", John Tedesco voting "yes", and Anne McLaurin voting "yes". The Board voted 5 to 3, the motion passed to table the item until the next Board meeting.

BOARD

25. SHANAHAN LAW GROUP CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Per Board Policy 1214, Shanahan Law Group, PLLC, serves as legal counsel to the Wake County Board of Education as circumstances and the Board's need require. On August 16, 2010, a contract for attorney services was signed. We are proposing to increase the contract by \$25,000, based on the possibility of future consultation and potential pending litigation. Any unused funds will be returned to the legal/contract services budget. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from legal/contract services budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Cobb presented information to the Board. Chairman Margiotta clarified that the Shanahan Law Group is defending the Board of Education in pending litigation regarding the appeal of the Open Meetings lawsuit. Dr. Cobb responded that Shanahan is defending the Board in that case.

Mrs. Goldman thanked the Shanahan Law Group for its legal services to the Board in connection with the litigation and advice on the SACS matter. Mrs. Goldman stated further that, *"her personal feeling is that the Shanahan Law Group has experience and training in the area of re-districting and that the Board will be well served to task Shanahan with helping the Board with re-districting as well."*

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the recommendation for the Shanahan Law Group Contract Amendment with the addition of the Shanahan Law Group being retained to act as

counsel to the Board in connection with re-districting and that initially, a separate appropriation of \$10,000 be set aside to cover the expense. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone.

Dr. McLaurin asked for clarification on the \$25,000 currently being used for the Shanahan Law Group if the Board is covered by insurance for the current litigation the Board is involved in. Chairman Margiotta responded that, “he is not sure that the Board has used up all of the funds with the Shanahan Law Group.” Chairman Margiotta further stated that, “his understanding from the Finance Department is that the Board is very close to the \$25,000 threshold of the original fee.”

Board members Anne McLaurin and Kevin L. Hill shared that they had some concerns. After several comments, Kevin L. Hill made a friendly amendment to the motion that the Board lowers the contract from \$25,000 to \$10,000 and that the Board receives detailed billing information up to this point. Mr. Hill clarified that the total be \$10,000 for this month. If there is a need for more funding, then it should come back to the Board. The friendly amendment was not accepted, the Board voted by Roll Call Vote on the motion to approve the recommendation for the Shanahan Law Group Contract Amendment with the addition of a separate appropriation of \$10,000 for the Shanahan Law Group to be retained to act as counsel to the Board in connection with re-districting. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The Board voted 5 to 3. The motion passed.

26. NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH RESOLUTION

In partnership with the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission, February 2011 has been designated as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. We urge all Wake County citizens to respond to and work toward ending teen dating violence by supporting our communities’ efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships. We encourage community leaders to assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, to develop a comprehensive response to dating violence and to engage in discussions with adult and youth community members to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet but heinous crime of teen dating violence in our communities. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Chief Communications Officer, Michael Evans, shared the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Resolution with the Board. The resolution read,

WHEREAS, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

WHEREAS, youth who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs, alcohol, attempt suicide and carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

WHEREAS, females between the ages of 16 and 24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group, experiencing abuse at almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, only 33 percent of teens who are in an abusive relationship tell anyone; and

WHEREAS, 81 percent of parents either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is; and

WHEREAS, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and changing their attitudes away from supporting violence to embracing mutual respect, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DOES THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCLAIM, in partnership with the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, February 2011 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. We urge all Wake County citizens to respond to and work toward ending teen dating violence by supporting our communities' efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships. We encourage community leaders to assist victims in finding and accessing the resources they need, to develop a comprehensive response to dating violence and to engage in discussions with adult and youth community members to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet but heinous crime of teen dating violence in our communities.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of February 2011.

Ron Margiotta, Chair
Wake County Board of Education

Anthony J. Tata, Superintendent
Wake County Public School System

Mr. Sutton encouraged his colleagues to support the resolution as he brought the resolution to the Board through his professional position with the Governor's Crime Commission. Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Keith Sutton. With no additional concerns or comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

27. RESOLUTION FOR RE-DISTRICTING BY THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION- February 1, 2011

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to have the Board consider for action the following resolution;
Whereas, the redistricting process for the Wake County Board of Education only requires a vote by the members of the Board of Education and does not require state or federal review; and

Whereas, the new redistricting plan need only to be in place before the opening day for candidates filing for these elected seats (June 30); and

Whereas, local boards of elections usually ask for at least a 30-day notice to receive the new district lines before the first day of filing for office opens for candidates (May 30); and

Whereas, allowing adequate lead time to implement changes in the voter database saves money

and reduces error at the Wake County Board of Elections office and is considered good practice.

To this end, ensuring that the public understand what data are being used, how decisions will be made to draw a line, what criteria will be used to make these decisions, and giving the public opportunities to review and revise will lead to a greater acceptance of the results. Critical to this process is the explicit documentation of the expectations being used in redrawing lines to prevent any opportunity for individuals to distort the process with personal or political motives.

Futhermore, if the Board is to receive sufficient and usable public input, it needs to notify the public in advance. The Board should ensure that all stakeholder groups within the community are notified of the steps that will be taken in the redistricting process, when they will be taken, and what opportunities for public input will be well in advance. The Board should proactively reach out to a diverse array of potentially interested individuals and organizations informing them about the process and deadlines to which the Board will adhere. The board should construct a database needed to redraw any district lines and post this information, along with the resulting maps, on a WCPSS redistricting website well before the public hearing and before any board vote. By doing so, those who want to submit suggestions or alternate plans will have sufficient information. Allowing the Board time for possible corrections and/or adjustments will improve the plan and strengthen public confidence in the process.

Be it hereby resolved that the Wake County Board of Education commits to develop a redistricting plan through an open, transparent, and inclusive manner. Having an open process, with significant public input both before and after proposals are put forward, and before the plan is finalized by a vote of the Board, is considered good governance and will reduce accusations of duplicity from the public.

In this spirit, the following time line is suggested to promote a positive, open, and engaged redistricting process:

- **February 1-15:** Board establishes the procedures for redrawing lines and the redistricting criteria they will follow and share this information with the public in a written document.
- **February 1-15:** Staff members use preliminary Census Data to show Current Population by Districts and Percent Change in each district since 2000 census. These preliminary maps should be posted on the WCPSS website. This information will help the public understand where potential changes may be needed based on the criteria for redrawing lines.
- **February 15-28:** Allow for public input on these preliminary population estimates and their implications for redistricting. The public should be able to post comments on the WCPSS redistricting website.
- **March 1-30:** Receive detailed census data and finalize a draft plan for public review.
- **April 1-15:** Post the draft plan for public review on the redistricting WCPSS website.
- **April 1-15:** Hold two or three public hearings on the redistricting plan.
- **April 18-22:** The Board makes corrections and/or adjustments to the draft plan based on public comment.
- **April 25:** Post final plan for public review on the WCPSS website
- **May 3:** Hold special meeting allowing public comment and then vote on new plan

- **May 3:** Inform the Wake County Board of Elections of the new district boundaries.

The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. Debra Goldman offered an amendment to the resolution, where the timeline offered, remains as a recommendation only, as the Board has not received the data and does not know when it will be received; Mrs. Goldman shared that she believes that this will provide an opportunity to utilize the board's ad hoc committee structure. Debra Goldman made a motion that the matter of re-districting be referred to the Ad Hoc Superintendent's Search Committee and that the committee be re-commissioned as a Re-Districting Committee to work with staff and counsel to come up with a re-districting plan to come before the Board for consideration and also to consider adding an additional board member to the committee. Anne McLaurin seconded the motion.

Board members shared their concerns regarding the process of using a committee, and agreed that the entire Board should be a part of the process and to have input from legal counsel prior to making re-districting decisions.

Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, shared that the *"further more paragraph, talks about the Board constructing a database needed to redraw the district lines"*. Based on Tharrington Smith's experience of re-districting, her understanding is that the Board will have to acquire a \$7,500 piece of software. The body that is seeking to re-district, does hire a firm that has the software that inputs the Census data, produces alternatives based on the Census data and a set of criteria that the governing body adopts about the factors that will be considered in doing the re-districting. Mrs. Majestic recommends that the Board not put in the resolution something about constructing the database.

Mr. Sutton requested that the Board review the Town of Cary's process for re-districting and immitate what they are doing and that staff should have a prominent role, with consultation from counsel.

Mrs. Majestic shared that it is sensible to have counsel who is going to work with Board on re-districting also recommend a time table.

Debra Goldman withdrew her ad-hoc committee recommendation amendment and made a motion to table the resolution on re-districting and bring it back to the Board on February 15th where Mr. Shanahan can be present to discuss information with the entire Board and if action needs to be taken, the Board will be able to do so. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting "no", John Tedesco voting "no", Kevin L. Hill voting "no", Debra Goldman voting "yes", Chris Malone voting "yes", Deborah Prickett voting "no", Keith Sutton voting "no", and Carolyn Morrison voting "no". The vote was 6 to 2, the motion failed to pass.

The Board voted by Roll Call Vote on the motion made by Mr. Hill seconded by Keith Sutton with Anne McLaurin voting "yes", John Tedesco voting "no", Kevin L. Hill voting "yes", Debra Goldman voting "no", Chris Malone voting "no", Deborah Prickett voting "no", Keith Sutton voting "yes", and Carolyn Morrison voting "yes". The vote was tied 4 to 4; Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting "no". The vote was 5 to 4, the motion failed to pass.

Debra Goldman made a motion to invite Mr. Shanahan to the Board Meeting and Board Work Session on February 15th to discuss publicly information with the Board regarding re-districting. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Margiotta read the following resolution regarding legal counsel for disputed worker’s compensation cases and real estate. *“At the January 19, 2010 action meeting, the Board of Education approved the contract with Ogletree and Deakins to conduct a comprehensive review of the manner in which legal services are rendered in the Wake County Board of Education and the Wake County Public School System.*

The results of the review praised our current legal counsel and noted many areas of excellence. The report included several recommendations related to potential cost savings and processes for moving forward. One of the recommendations in the report recognized that the County Attorney’s staff currently handles real estate and disputed worker’s compensation cases. It was noted that the County Attorney’s existing staff may be able to assume some or all of these functions currently performed for the Wake County Public School System by outside counsel at little or no additional cost to the taxpayer.

In consideration of the current economic situation and the need to identify potential cost savings, I would like to propose that the County Commissioners consider having the County Attorney’s staff work with the Wake County Board of Education Attorney, Ann Majestic, to identify any potential legal issues that this type of representation may present. In addition, we ask staff and the superintendent to identify the issues as well and provide information including potential cost savings in making this change. At the appropriate time, in which this issue has been adequately explored, the information including a recommendation for moving forward, should be brought back to this Board for discussion and consideration.”

John Tedesco made a motion to authorize the Superintendent and the Board Attorney to reach out to the County Manager and the County Attorney, to adopt the resolution and begin the process of exploring. The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman and Deborah Prickett. Several board members shared that they would support the resolution, but object to the process. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Ann McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion at 11:00 p.m. to suspend Board Policy ending Board Meetings at 11:00 p.m. to allow the Board to engage in items on the Closed Session Agenda. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes” and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The motion passed on 5 to 3 vote to suspend the policy ending Board Meetings at 11:00 p.m. to allow the Board to engage in Closed Session items.

The Board returned to Open Session on a motion by Chris Malone, seconded by Kevin L. Hill.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

HUMAN RESOURCES

27. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointments:

- (1). Anne Marie Johnson, Assistant Principal at Wildwood Forest Elementary School to Principal at Yates Mill Elementary School effective February 2, 2011.
- (2). C. Diane Payne, Retiree to Interim Principal at Carroll Middle School effective February 2, 2011 – March 31, 2011.
- (3). Jacqueline Grant, Teacher at Wilburn Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Hodge Road Elementary School effective February 2, 2011.
- (4). Keisha Rock, Applicant to Assistant Principal at Cary High School effective TBD.
- (5). Melva Scott, Retiree to Assistant Principal at Carroll Middle School effective February 2, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board agreed to amend the Agenda to add the following Facilities property items

FACILITIES

28. RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF CONDEMNATION: PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT: PERRY FARM, LLC PROPERTY (ROLESVILLE HIGH)

As part of the Rolesville High School project, the NCDOT is requiring the construction of an additional southbound turn lane at the Forestville Road/US 401 intersection. This intersection is also being improved under NCDOT Project R-2814A ("R-2814A"). It would be cost effective and limit nuisance to the public if the improvements related to the school project could be included with R-2814A. Construction drawings to modify R-2814 A to include the required roadway improvements are currently under review by NCDOT. While NCDOT will construct the roadway improvements, the Board is responsible for the cost of all school related improvements and acquisition of all necessary real property interests. The Construction Agreement for the reimbursement of construction costs to NCDOT will be brought before the Board in the near future. Construction is underway on R-2814A, therefore WCPSS is under a tight schedule to obtain all real property interests necessary for the school related improvements. Based on preliminary construction drawings, a permanent drainage and utility easement is necessary on property of Perry Farm, LLC (Wake County PIN 1748733146). The exact acreage of the drainage easement will be determined by survey. NCDOT requires the acquisition of real property interests all necessary easements prior to the execution of the Construction Agreement. Subject to construction drawing approval, the above-referenced easement needs to be acquired by March 15th. Staff intends to timely complete negotiations with the owner for acquisition of the necessary property interest in order to assure procurement of the easement within the time constraints imposed. Staff requests the granting of a Resolution and Order of Condemnation is attached, together with the preliminary construction drawing identifying the area in question. Fiscal Implications: Estimated cost for all necessary easements will be determined upon receipt of final easement plats. If a condemnation action is required, a deposit will be made with the court system upon filing the action based upon the fair market value of the property as determined by an appraisal. Funding is available from the CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was

unanimously approved.

29. RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF CONDEMNATION: RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION AND EASEMENT ACQUISITION: MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS-BURLINGTON MILLS ROAD (ROLESVILLE MIDDLE)

The NCDOT, City of Raleigh and Town of Rolesville recently issued their final approval on road improvement plans related to the development of Rolesville Middle. Staff is now in negotiations with multiple property owners regarding land located along Burlington Mills Road to acquire right-of-way, slope, utility and temporary construction easements necessary to complete the road improvements related to improvements along the school frontage.

(Additional road improvements related to two intersection improvements are currently in design, and similar requests are anticipated to be forthcoming once all approvals are obtained.)

Construction is scheduled to begin March 2011. Staff will make reasonable good faith efforts to timely complete negotiations with the owners for acquisition of all necessary property interests in order to assure procurement of the easements within the time constraints imposed by the construction schedule. All off-site improvements must be completed in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy.

Staff requests the granting of a Resolution and Order of Condemnation as to each affected property. A list of the affected properties, the proposed compensation and copies of the proposed Resolutions and Orders of Condemnation are attached, together with a survey identifying the areas in question. Fiscal Implications: Estimated cost for all necessary dedications and easements is approximately \$6,999.82. If a condemnation action is required, counsel will be retained, and a deposit will be made with the court system upon filing the action based upon the fair market value of the properties. Funding is available from the CIP 2006 Off Site Improvements budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anne McLaurin. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Anthony J. Tata, Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary

