

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Board Members

Susan Parry, Vice Chair
Beverley Clark
Rosa Gill
Jeff York
Patti Head
Tom Oxholm
Amy White

Staff Members Present

Bill McNeal, Superintendent
Jo Baker
Karen Banks
Danny Barnes
Del Burns
Mike Burriss
Michael Evans
Donald Haydon
Linda Isley
Cindi Jolly
Toni Patterson
John Ringo
Janice Shearin
Walt Sherlin

Board Attorney Present

Ann Majestic

Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kathryn Watson Quigg is attending a Leadership Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Bill Fletcher is attending the NSBA 30th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, DC.

RECOGNITION - ART CONTEST

To recognize the cooperative efforts between Wake County Public School System and the Home Builders Association. This 16th Annual 4th grade, "If I Could Build a House" contest was held in November and December 2002. The purpose of the contest is to increase children's awareness of the building industry and to provide an additional source of funding for public school teachers. The following six schools were winners and received \$500.00 for their schools art department: Phyllis Leach, Baileywick Elementary; Martha Bassett, Combs Elementary; Debra Houck, Davis Drive Elementary; Susan Separk, Durant Road Middle; Jim Hunt, Lincoln Heights; and Valeria Everett, Olive Chapel Elementary.

INFORMATION

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent McNeal reported to the board that Durant Road Middle School was named a "School to Watch" by the North Carolina Middle School Association. North Carolina was chosen as one of the three states in the nation to pilot the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform's "School to Watch" project.
- He reported that a team of Ligon Middle school seventh graders won NC's First Future City competition at the NC Museum of History. The team will compete in Washington, DC, on February 17 for the national title.
- The next CAC meeting will be on Thursday, February 6, at 8:00 a.m.
- The CAC plans to present its report to the joint meeting of the County Commissioners and Board of Education at their regular monthly luncheon meeting downtown on Wednesday, February 19, at noon.

- On February 10, the Board of Education and the Superintendent have invited the Wake Legislative Delegation to a luncheon meeting to share the district's performance data and to give an overview of the legislative system's agenda.
- On February 14, the district will be hosting a meeting for the new County Commissioners to give them an overview of the district.
- Superintendent McNeal gave an update of Voices & Choices. He stated that the goal of this group is to have 1,000 surveys completed by the end of January 2003 with a total of 2,000 surveys by the end of March 2003. To date 1,200 surveys have been completed. The Voices & Choices data will be presented at the Wake Education Partnership Summit on May 1 from 7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the McKimmon Center. The next meeting of Voices & Choices leadership group will be April 8 at 8:00 a.m. at The News & Observer.
- The Healthy Schools Task Force's January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. This meeting will not be rescheduled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Harriet B. Webster Center.
- Superintendent McNeal reported to the board that the overall dropout rate continued to decline in 2001-2002. In grades 7-12 the dropout rate was 2.4 %, the lowest in North Carolina. The WCPSS high school dropout rate decreased from 5.5% in 1995-1996 to 3.5% in 2001-2002.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Beverley Clark made a motion to add two closed session items to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board. M.C.W. by and through his next friend, M.E.W., M.E.W. and M.D.W., individually Petitioners vs. Wake County Public School System Board of Education. G.S.143-318.11(a)(3), and to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S.115C-319, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Jeff York made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 2, 2002 – Closed Session
 May 21, 2002 – Closed Session
 June 25, 2002 – Closed Session
 September 17, 2002 – Open Meeting
 December 18, 2002 – Facilities Committee

May 7, 2002 – Closed Session
 June 3, 2002 – Closed Session
 September 3, 2002 – Open Meeting
 October 21, 2002 – Public Hearing
 January 14, 2003 – Finance Committee

FACILITIES

1. Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation

Resolution requests reallocation from the PLAN 2000 projects at Daniels Middle, Apex Middle, Turner Creek Elementary, Carpenter Elementary, Highcroft Elementary, East Cary Middle, Enloe High, Forestville Elementary, Kingswood Elementary, Ligon Middle, North Garner Middle, Northwoods Elementary, K-12 Special/Optional, and Longview to a new PLAN 2000 category – Building Permit Fees. This change will serve as a vehicle to pay future permit fees. Total reallocation amount is \$446,820. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

2. Resolution: Funding for PLAN 2000 School Building Program

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2000 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request will provide construction funds for the Kingswood Elementary, North Garner Middle and Rolesville Elementary projects. Total of this appropriation request is \$18,598,568. Appropriations for PLAN 2000 to date total \$499,376,211. The total PLAN 2000 appropriations including this request, equals \$517,974,779.

3. Construction Documents: Apex Middle

Staff presented the construction documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA for Apex Middle additions and renovations. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$15,814,791, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. .

4. Construction Documents: East Cary Middle

Staff presented the construction documents prepared by The Roberts Group for East Cary Middle additions and renovations. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,299,636, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

5. Design Phase Change Order No. 1: Northwoods Elementary

Board approval was requested for Design Phase Change Order No. 1 to Arcadis G & M of North Carolina, Inc. This Design Phase Change Order in the amount of \$255,125 is for additional design services required to merge the current PLAN 2000 project with a future PLAN 2004 project to modernize all classrooms at Northwoods Elementary. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$4,191,600 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. A commitment of \$1,600,000 will be required from the next building program, PLAN 2004, for the construction costs associated with the modernization of the classrooms.

6. Change Order No. GC-5: Broughton High

Board approval was requested for Change Order No. GC-5 to J. M. Thompson Company. This change order in the amount of \$1,125,000 is for the replacement of the existing windows at Broughton High. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$15,197,735, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

7. Award of Electrical Contract: Farmington Woods Elementary

The proposed completion agreement with P.R. Faulk Electrical Corporation (the replacement contractor) for the addition and renovations project at Farmington Woods Elementary is attached. P.R. Faulk electrical Corporation will replace MC Electric, Inc. as the electrical contractor. The surety will be responsible for all additional costs associated with the default. Staff recommends award of this completion agreement to P.R. Faulk Electrical Corporation. Fiscal Implications: The performance bond requires the surety to assume all costs to complete the electrical work, including any costs in excess of the original contractor's contract balance. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$7,666,014 of which \$7,489,686 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program and \$176,328 is from the Board approved 1996 State Bond Program.

8. Bids: Frozen, Canned and Miscellaneous Food

Child Nutrition recommends the continuance of bid with US Foodservice for February 1- July 31, 2003. Bids are awarded based on item cost. Board approval is requested.

9. Bids: Cleaning Supplies, Small Equipment

Staff requested board approval to award foodservices contracts as follows: Cleaning Supplies to 1) Calico Industries, in the amount of \$34,000.00; 2) US Foodservice, in the amount of \$11,000.00; 3) PFS Sales, in the amount of \$320,000.00, and 4) Unisource in the amount of \$25,000.00. Small Equipment to Calico Industries, in the amount of \$30,000.00. Funds are available in the 2002-2003 expense budget.

FINANCE

1. Gifts To The System

Twenty-seven gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$11,502.97.

2. Change Order 5 To Advantage Professionals Of Raleigh LLC Service Agreement

Technology Services has held a contract with Advantage Professionals of Raleigh (APR) since September 2001 to provide technical contract personnel on an as-needed basis. Change orders to the original contract have been utilized through the last year and a half to increase funding and extend APR's contract through the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year. There is a need to acquire two additional contractors through APR at a rate of \$93 per hour per contractor. Change order 5 increases funding to cover the anticipated additional costs through June 30, 2003. Total amount of change order is \$255,000. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the 2002-03 fiscal year budget request. Funding is available in the Technology Services current expense budget.

PROGRAM

1. Renewal of Driver Education Contract 2003-2004

Service Report: 2002-2003 Jordan Driving School Status Report. Jordan Driving School has provided service to students and cooperated regarding all program modifications. Therefore, plans are to continue with the three-year renewable contract issued to them in July 2001. Total projected cost is \$1,664,000.00. The N.C. Department of Transportation Allocation will fund all costs of the program for Driver Education. No local funds will be used to support this program. This item is presented to the Board for approval to renew the contract for Driver Education with Jordan Driving School for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Employment *(Exhibit A)*

2. Recommendation for Administrative Appointment

Joan Belle McGlockton, applicant, to assistant principal at East Cary Middle School.

BOARD'S COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS -None

ACTION ITEMS

PROGRAM

1. Summer Camp Fees *(Exhibit B)*

Staff proposed that WCPSS Summer Camp fees increase from \$100 per week to \$125 per week. Continued use of the current fee structure will cause school programs to have a budget with a

significant deficit. Private summer camp programs charge significantly higher fees; the Y programs are charging \$140 per week for their program this summer.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

2. Revisions to Traditional Instructional Calendar *(Exhibit C)*

Wake County Public School System has been closed for a total of four days due to inclement weather as of Friday, January 24, 2003. WCPSS has used all the available days designated as inclement weather make-up days in the approved traditional calendar. Staff has reviewed options for additional dates to be designated as inclement weather days in the event it is necessary for schools to be closed on a scheduled student day prior to the end of the school year. In such an event, staff recommends extending the school year beyond May 29, 2003, per the attached schedule. Staff recommends that the Board approve the additional designated inclement weather make-up days.

Jeff York made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

3. Revisions to Modified Instructional Calendar *(Exhibit D)*

Wake County Public School System has been closed for a total of four days due to inclement weather as of Friday, January 24, 2003. WCPSS has used all the available days designated as inclement weather make-up days in the approved modified calendar. Staff has reviewed options for additional dates to be designated as inclement weather days in the event it is necessary for schools to be closed on a scheduled student day prior to the end of the school year. In such an event, staff recommends that the first make-up day be May 26, 2003, with additional days scheduled to extend the school year beyond May 30, 2003, per the attached schedule. There are no fiscal implications. Staff recommends that the Board approve the additional designated inclement weather make-up days.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

PROGRAM

1. Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the following subdivisions: Abbington Ridge (phase 2), and Long Lake (phase 1 and 2, track 5).

Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facilities-related costs will be avoided

CLOSED SESSION

Beverley Clark made a motion to go into closed session at 5:45 p.m. to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board. M.C.W. by and through his next friend, M.E.W., M.E.W. and M.D.W., individually Petitioners vs. Wake County Public School System Board of Education. G.S.143-318.11(a)(3), and to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S.115C-319, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

Board reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Seventeen students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Molly Kuo, Adams Elementary

Zack Kraus, Brooks Elementary

Keeley Simmen, Wakefield High

Karina McCorkle, Oak Grove Elementary

*Wesley E. Davis, Baileywick Elementary
Brett Meier, Fox Road Elementary
Julie Doran, Middle Creek Elementary
Devante' Mosley, Fuller Elementary School
Andrew Tibbetts, Hilburn Drive Elementary
Benjamin Reid, Centennial Middle
James Cross, Jr., Mary Phillips High*

*Joshua Standridge, Broughton High
Lisa Allen, Green Hope High
Carolyn Lewis, Rolesville Elementary
Nora Foegeding, Martin Middle
Reba Hodge, Partnership Elementary
Samuel Kirk, Carver Elementary*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Susan Parry adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair