

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Board Members

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair
Susan Parry, Vice Chair
Beverley Clark
Bill Fletcher
Rosa Gill
Jeff York
Patti Head
Tom Oxholm
Amy White

Staff Members Present

Bill McNeal, Superintendent
Jo Baker
Danny Barnes
Maurice Boswell
Del Burns
Mike Burriss
Luther Cherry
Michael Evans
Donald Haydon
Linda Isley
Toni Patterson
John Ringo
Janice Shearin
Walt Sherlin

Board Attorney Present

Ann Majestic

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- Ms. Quigg attended the Cool/TV presentation at Carroll Middle School on Wednesday, February 12. Cool/TV is an innovative program that supplements traditional classroom teaching with recorded lessons. Teachers identify topics that students have problems with and record short review lessons on those topics for students to review.
- Ms. Quigg shared with the board an article on Social Capital Benchmark Survey: Bridging the Gap and Connection.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent McNeal informed the board that because of the weather conditions, there would be a 2-hour delay on start times for school on Wednesday, February 19.
- Three Wake County Students were named as finalists for the 2003 Morehead Awards to UNC-Chapel Hill. They are Damian Cannon and Zachary Clayton of Broughton High and Ashmita Chatterjee of Sanderson High.
- Garner student, Shannon Stancil was named NC's top youth volunteers for 2003 by nationwide program, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Serena Jones, Southeast Raleigh High Junior was one of the six other finalist recognized for her service work.
- Sanderson High student Erin Duber has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law, March 11-16 in Washington, DC. She is one of 350 high school juniors and seniors from across the nation who will attend this year's forum.
- The Citizens Advisory Council will present its final report at the joint luncheon of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners on Wednesday, February 19.
- Healthy Schools Task Force January meeting was canceled due to snow. The next scheduled meeting is February 27, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Harriet Webster Center.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Jeff York made a motion to move Facilities-Construction Documents: North Garner Middle School from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Rosa Gill made a motion to add a closed session item to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319.

Jeff York made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Quigg reported to the board that because of inclement weather conditions, the Employee Excellence Awards will be pulled from the agenda and will be done at the March 4, 2003, board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Charlotte C. Turpin-President NCAE. *Invited the board and the community to attend the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Public School Rally on February 19, 2003, at the NC Museum of History. This event will show support for public education in North Carolina.*

Mike Jarom-Parent. *Requesting financial assistant from the board if the ban on international travel is not lifted in time for students to attend a planned trip to France.*

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 18, 2002 – Open Meeting

January 14, 2003 – Community Relations Committee

December 17, 2002 - Open Meeting

FACILITIES

1. Bids: Green Elementary Roof Top Unit Replacement

Bids for the roof top replacement at Green Elementary were received on February 7, 2003. Staff and Telesis, LDS recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to Watco Corporation, in the amount of \$143,900. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$164,200, as provided in the modernization component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

2. Bids: Rand Road Elementary Roof Replacement

Bids for the roof replacement at Rand Road Elementary were received on January 23, 2003. Staff and Rooftop Systems Engineers, P.C. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to Jedco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$384,320. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$1,550,000, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

3. Bids: Asbestos Abatement (Windows) Broughton High

Bids for the asbestos abatement project (windows) at Broughton High were received on December 9, 2002. Staff and Childress Environmental Consultant, Inc. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to Associated Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$102,960. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$15,197,735, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

FINANCE

1. Report of Administration Approved Contracts *(Exhibit A)*

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all contracts having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000 and all change orders for January 2003.

2. Report of Administration Approved Contracts *(Exhibit B)*

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all contracts and change orders for the second fiscal quarter of 2002-2003, which were approved by the administration, having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000.

PROGRAM

1. Grant Proposals

Competitive (#741): North Carolina Department of Public Instruction / Central Office, Family Involvement and Outreach Services. Collaborative (#742): National Science Foundation, Teacher Enhancement / Central Office, Curriculum and Instruction collaboration with North Carolina State University as the fiscal agent. Competitive (#743): North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Planning Committee / Central Office, Family Involvement and Outreach Services. Entitlement (#744): U.S. Department of Education, Title VIII Impact Aid Program / Central Office, Administrative Services. Competitive (#745): General Mills Foundation, Youth Nutrition and Fitness Grants, General Mills Champions / Conn Elementary School and Garner Senior High School.

2. Amendment #1 To Contract #2002-0030 Between Wake County SmartStart, Inc. and Wake County Public School System

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to Contract #2002-0030 approved at the September 13, 2002 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$83,614.00, to bring the total funding to \$176,518.00. No Wake County Public School funds are required. Staff recommended that the Board approve the contract to receive the additional funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

3. Amendment #1 To Contract #2002-0031 Between Wake County SmartStart, Inc. and Wake County Public School System

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to Contract #2002-0031 approved at the September 13, 2002 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$30,171.00, to bring the total funding to \$69,870.00. No Wake County Public School funds are required. Staff recommended that the Board approve the contract to receive the additional funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

4. Amendment #1 To Contract #2002-0032 Between Wake County SmartStart, Inc. and Wake County Public School System

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to Contract #2002-0032 approved at the September 13, 2002 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$94,441.00 to bring the total funding to \$215,520.00. No Wake County Public School funds are required.

5. Amendment #1 To Contract #2002-0033 Between Wake County SmartStart, Inc. and Wake County Public School System

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to Contract #2002-0033 approved at the September 13, 2002 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$109,264.00, to bring the total funding to \$252,388.00. No Wake County Public School funds

are required. Staff recommended that the Board approve the contract to receive the additional funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

Beverley Clark asked that staff give an overview of the grants that were being reported.

BOARD'S COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

***Community Relations** had a discussion on Wake Education Partnership Public Education Community Assessment and WCPSS Surveys. WEP's Public Education Community Assessment was a poll conducted to provide an independent snapshot of citizens' perceptions about the school system. The assessment is a tool to guide the work of WEP and to assist elected officials.*

***Policy Committee** held its first meeting on February 11 to discuss the board's calendar policy.*

***Finance Committee** will give its recommendations on alternative revenue sources to the Board at today's board meeting. Citizens Advisory Council will give their final report at the County Commissioner's Luncheon on February 19, 2003.*

Bill Fletcher attended the NSBA's 30th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, DC, on February 2-4, 2003.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. Schematic Design: Daniels Middle

Staff presented the schematic design documents prepared by Cline Design Associates, PA for Daniels Middle renovations. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$4,493,061, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

2. Joint Use Agreement North Garner Middle School-Wake County Public School Systems, Town of Garner *(Exhibit C)*

Board and Town desire to jointly use North Garner Middle School baseball field property for benefit of school and community. Town desires to assist Board in maintenance of baseball facility at North Garner Middle School as per Joint Use Agreement.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

3. Construction Documents: North Garner Middle

Staff presented the construction documents prepared by Skinner, Lamm & Highsmith, P.A. for North Garner Middle additions and renovations. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$10,828,012, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Current construction estimates anticipate a requirement of \$2,070,266 in additional funds, of which \$148,366 will come from PLAN 2000 Code Compliance and \$1,921,900 will come from PLAN 2000 School Building Program savings.

Amy White made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

PROGRAM

1. Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools

The staff of the Office of Growth Management will present 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.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was 7 to 1 with Rosa Gill voting "no."

2. International Baccalaureate Programme

The International Baccalaureate Organisation (IOB), a nonprofit educational foundation based in Switzerland, offers the Diploma Programme for students in the final two years of secondary school, the Middle Years Programme for students age 11-16 years, and the Primary Years Programme for students age 3-12 years. This program is based on intellectual rigour, high academic standards, and international understanding. Staff recommended implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programme at Garner Senior High School, North Garner Middle School, and East Garner Middle School. \$170,000 new funding to be included in the 2003-2004 budget. Staff requested approval from the Board to designate Garner Senior High School, North Garner High School, and East Garner Middle School as magnet schools.

Amy White made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

POLICY

1. Revision of Policy 3900/4900 – Employee Grievance

Revised; First Reading (waiver of Second Reading requested)

This policy revision is being made to reflect the change to N.C. General Statute § 115C-45(c) regarding the grounds for appealing a final administrative decision to the Board. The revision is designed to differentiate between appeals of right and appeals that are granted at the discretion of the Board and to establish a process by which the Board reviews discretionary appeals.

Jeff York made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

2. Revision of Policy 6520 – Student Grievances

Revised; First Reading (waiver of Second Reading requested)

This policy revision is being made to reflect the change to N.C. General Statute § 115C-45(c) regarding the grounds for appealing a final administrative decision to the Board. The revision is designed to differentiate between appeals of right and appeals that are granted at the discretion of the Board and to establish a process by which the Board reviews discretionary appeals. In addition, the student grievance policy in Step III (6520.4), establishes the standards by which the Board should review a final administrative decision in either case.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Rosa Gill made a motion to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

Board reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendation for Administrative Appointment

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve the administrative appointment of Crystal Scillitani, assistant principal at Green Hope High School to principal at Fuller Elementary School, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

PROGRAM

1. Magnet/Year-Round Selection Process (Exhibit D)

The staff of the Office of Growth Management reviewed the magnet/year-round selection process.

2. Growth Management Reassignment Plan for 2003-2004 (Exhibit E)

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the 2003-2004 Growth Management reassignment plan.

FACILITIES

1. PLAN 2000-Status Report/Discussion

Staff provided an annual update of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program that will reflect schedule, funding, and capacity information. Fiscal Implications: No implications at this time. Recommendation for Action: This item is for information only.

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the March 4, 2003, board meeting.

FINANCE

1. Finance Committee Recommendations For Alternative Revenue Sources (Exhibit E)

The attached recommendations regarding alternative revenue sources for the Wake County Public School System are presented at the request of the Finance Committee.

Tom Oxholm requested that these recommendations be sent to staff for consideration and be brought back to the board's Committee of the Whole meeting no later than 2nd meeting in August. Staff should quantify cost and benefits as well as make recommendations.

The Board of Education will have a board work session on Student Reassignment, Monday, March 17, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. in the board conference room.

Please note your calendar that on Monday, March 17, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. the Wake County Mayor's Association has invited the Board of Education to a dinner at Bogart's America Grill.

The Board of Education will hold a Student Assignment Retreat on Wednesday, April 23, at 12:00 noon and Thursday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., place TBA.

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