



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

| <u>Board Members Present</u> | <u>Staff Members Present</u> | |
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| Patti Head, Chair | Superintendent McNeal | Julye Mizelle |
| Carol Parker, Vice Chair | Maurice Boswell | Toni Patterson |
| Lori Millberg | Mark Winters | Chuck Dulaney |
| Beverley Clark | Bev White | Del Burns |
| Rosa Gill | Donna Hargens | Don Haydon |
| Eleanor Goettee | Michael Evans | Mike Burriss |
| Horace Tart | Danny Barnes | David Holdzkom |
| Susan Parry | Kathy Chontos | Jo Baker |
| Ron Margiotta | Linda Isley | |
| | Janice Shearin | <u>Board Attorney Present</u> |
| | Lloyd Gardner | Ann Majestic |

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- On February 14, there was a special Board of Education meeting to receive the 2006-2007 Proposed Student Reassignment Plan from the Office of Growth Management staff. Ms. Head reviewed the dates for the Public Hearings:

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| March 1 at 6 p.m. | North Garner Middle School and Wakefield High School |
| March 2 at 6 p.m. | Green Hope High School and Sanderson High School |
| March 6 at 6 p.m. | Middle Creek High School and Knightdale High School |

Board members will be present at these sessions to listen to public comments. Due to the fact that the hearings are being held at two locations each night, Board members will receive a DVD of the public comments made at each of the sessions they do not attend. On March 8, the Board will have a Work Session; and on March 21, the Board will vote on the final 2006-2007 Student Reassignment Plan. Ms. Head reminded the public that there are three options for signing up to speak at the public hearings:

- 1) Sign up online on the WCPSS website
 - 2) Call Customer Service at 850-1600 to have a staff member sign you up electronically
 - 3) Arrive one hour early (5 p.m.) at one of the above locations to sign up
- The joint meeting of the Board of Education and County Commissioners was held on February 15. The three most current Capital Improvement Plan scenarios were discussed, and there was an update on the County Commissioners' retreat.
 - The Board held a retreat on February 16 and 17. On February 16, Mike Burriss shared information on building comparisons of WCPSS, DPI, and several LEAs. On February 17, there was discussion of year-round conversion issues.

- On February 20, Patti Head attended the Miracle League Field Groundbreaking. Ms. Head acknowledged everyone who contributed to this endeavor. The field is being built at Adams Elementary School for special needs children. Ms. Head brought greetings from the Board at the groundbreaking, and Ms. Head expressed her praise of this wonderful “Field of Dreams.”
- The Blue Ribbon Committee will be meeting on February 24 at the RBC Center. The topic will be Wake Tech and WCPSS. Superintendent McNeal will be presenting at the meeting.
- *Pieces of Gold* will be held on March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts.
- Ms. Head shared that February 16 was a very important day in the life of the Wake County Public School System. At 3:30 p.m. that day, the Board announced to the media that Dr. Del Burns had been appointed the next superintendent of the Wake County Public School System. Ms. Head asked Dr. Del Burns to come forward as she read the following public statement from the Board: *The Wake County Board of Education began the process of a Superintendent search following Bill McNeal’s announcement that he would be retiring on June 30, 2006. We’ve received valuable input from many community members, interested stakeholder groups, educators, business leaders, and parents. There was consensus among all groups, including the Board of Education, that our school system needed a leader with the following skills and attributes: a dynamic vision for a large, vibrant, growing school system; the ability to motivate staff, students, and the community to work together to provide an outstanding educational program; exemplary character, intelligence, and creativity; a strong background in school finance; and an ability to galvanize support to meet our current and future challenges. It was important to the Board of Education to select a superintendent who exemplifies these traits. Dr. Del Burns is that person.*

He began his career in Wake County Public Schools in 1976 as a special education teacher. He has held numerous positions within the school system as well as in private industry. Since July of 2003, he has served as Deputy Superintendent for our system. Dr. Burns is a proven leader with a passion for education and this community. We have great confidence in his vision, and we are excited about his plans for leading our schools. We are proud to introduce the next superintendent of the Wake County Public School System, Dr. Del Burns.

Following Ms. Head’s reading of the Board’s public statement, Dr. Burns was given a standing ovation from the Board and the audience. Dr. Burns made the following statement to the Board: *“ Thank you, Ms. Head and members of the Board, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of the Wake County Public School System. Serving over 120,000 students, 16,000 employees, and you as superintendent in one of the finest school systems in our nation, is both an honor and a privilege. It is a fact that we must face challenges, changes, and choices ahead; they are coming at us hard and fast. I must say that I look forward to working through them together with you as we build upon the very strong foundation that has been built by my colleague and friend, Bill McNeal, and many others. I have had a few folks ask me about my vision for the future, and I would like to share briefly with you a few goals, which I view as frames. We’ll paint the pictures within those frames in the months and the years to come, but I would like to give you some information this evening. As superintendent, my goals for the Wake County Public School System will include:*

- *A rededication and focus on our core business of teaching and learning*
- *Retention, recruitment, and training of high quality employees*

- *Development and implementation of systems and organizational structures to support schools, insure accountability, and engage the community*
- *Expansion of the focus upon fiscal accountability, including hiring a Chief Business Officer to oversee Finance and Human Relations Departments within the Wake County Public School System*

That's enough for now. There will be more to come in the future. I do want to thank you again for your confidence and your support, and please know that I will work as hard as I can, on your behalf, for every student in the Wake County Public School System. Thank you."

Ms. Head followed by stating that the Board has appointed Dr. Burns pending contract negotiations; however, it is the belief of the Board that he is the man that is needed in Wake County Public Schools and for our children at this time in the school system's history and in looking to the future of Wake County Public Schools.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent McNeal expressed his unwavering support for the selection of Dr. Del Burns as the next superintendent of the Wake County Public School System. Mr. McNeal spoke of Dr. Burns' passion for this school district; his understanding of this district; and the way he cares about the children and teachers in this district. Mr. McNeal further stated his belief that this school system will not only continue to strive for excellence, but will move to the next level under Dr. Burns' leadership.
- The following teams won winter sports state championships and will be recognized at the March 21 Board Meeting:
 - Leesville High boys' team won the state championship for gymnastics
 - Enloe High won the state championship for boys' swimming
 - Southeast Raleigh won the state championship for indoor girls' track
- Two Wake schools – Vandora Springs Elementary and Brassfield Elementary – join with 41 other NC public schools recognized as Super Safe Schools by the NC Dept. of Public Instruction.
- Wake County Battle of the Books will be held Saturday, March 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Southeast Raleigh High School. Superintendent McNeal highly recommended that Board members attend this spirited contest.

Other Board members shared additional information:

- Ron Margiotta attended the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council (STAC) meeting on February 15. He summarized the meeting by sharing that Carolann Wade made a very informative presentation on National Board Certification. Mr. Margiotta shared that in Wake County that are 970 National Board Certified Teachers, and he expressed his concern with the high cost to these teachers of re-certification. He suggested looking at ways to help these teachers with the re-certification fees. Mr. Margiotta shared an update with STAC members about the superintendent search. Superintendent McNeal gave an update to STAC members on the joint meeting of the Board of Education and County Commissioners regarding growth and the upcoming bond referendum. Mr. Margiotta closed his summary by giving a reminder about the Teacher Forum on March 16, and he shared his praise of the positive manner in which the STAC meetings are conducted. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19.
- Carol Parker participated in the Board Strategic Planning Meeting for the Regional YMCA. Don Haydon also attended, and Ms. Parker and Mr. Haydon were allowed to give input into the YMCA's Strategic Plan. They raised the issues of the need to have support for year-round schools and for the possibility of increasing that number of year-rounds as well as more assistance in remediation and in scholarships.
- Beverley Clark received letters from Arts Education students at Martin Middle School emphasizing the importance of the arts in school along with a reminder about *Pieces of Gold*.

- Susan Parry reported that she and Rosa Gill served as interviewers last Saturday at NCCU for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows for the central region. Rosa Gill shared the good news that the number of scholarships increased by 100 this year for a total of 500 scholarships.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens who signed up to address the board during public comment will be called on in priority order first for items on the agenda and then for items not on the agenda. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks. Issues or concerns involving personnel matters are not appropriate for this public comment setting. After 30 minutes of public comment, any speakers remaining will be recognized at the end of the agenda for their comments.

- **Paula G. Williams, parent.** She is concerned about the high percentage of F &R students at Garner Schools and shared possible solutions.
- **Calla Wright, member of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children.** She publicly thanked Superintendent McNeal for his efforts in assisting CCCAAC in developing a partnership with WCPSS. She expressed to Dr. Burns that CCCAAC is looking forward to working with him in the future, and she invited Board members to attend a seminar on Saturday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Martin Street Baptist Church. The focus of the seminar will be a discussion of strategies related to retention issues in WCPSS.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE: *The 2006-07 Proposal for Student Assignment was posted to the district's website on Monday, December 12, 2005, for a public comment period through January 1, 2006. The Board will receive the proposed plan in February 2006. After that presentation is made, the Board of Education will set public hearing(s) to receive public comment on the proposed plan; therefore, student assignment comments **will not** be heard as part of the Board's regular business meeting public comment.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Beverly Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to remove from the Consent Agenda under Facilities, Item #8: "Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools" and add this item to the Action Agenda.

On the recommendation of staff, Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to remove from the Consent Agenda under Facilities, Items #6 and #7: "Lease Agreement: Modular Classroom Units (Package A) – 2005/2006 Crowding Solutions" and "Lease Agreement: Single Classroom Units (Package B-1) – 2005/06 Crowding Solutions." The purpose of removal is for further review by Board attorneys.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to remove from the Consent Agenda under Facilities, Items #4 and #5: "Construction Manager at Risk Agreement: East Millbook Middle" and "Construction Manager at Risk Agreement: Lynn Road Elementary" and add these items to the Action Agenda.

Carol Parker made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the Action Agenda under Facilities, Item # 2: "Bids: Sole Source Chiller Replacement for Garner High School."

Carol Parker made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the Closed Session Agenda to consult with an attorney employed by or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) and to establish or instruct staff or the attorney concerning the Board's position in negotiating the material terms of an employment contract.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Beverly Clark. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes
 January 31, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes
 February 7, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes
 February 7, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes
 February 7, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes
 November 16, 2005 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Education & County Commissioners Notes
 December 7, 2005 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Education & County Commissioners Notes
 January 18, 2006 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Education & County Commissioners Notes
 January 11, 2006 – Instructional Program Committee Minutes

FACILITIES

1. EASEMENT: SANFORD CREEK ELEMENTARY – UTILITY EASEMENT

For the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, Progress Energy requests that Wake County Board of Education grant to Progress Energy Carolinas a 10-foot easement to construct, maintain, and operate electric and/or communication facilities consisting of poles, cables, wires, underground conduits, enclosures, and other pertinent facilities within the easement, upon land known as Sanford Creek Elementary School. The requested easement will accommodate utility service to the elementary school and will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends Board approval to grant Progress Energy an easement on the Sanford Creek Elementary property for electrical service benefiting the Sanford Creek Elementary School.

2. BIDS: LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Bids for the roof replacement at Leesville Road High School were received on January 26, 2006. Staff and Roof Engineering, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to Owens Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$869,190. The performance of this existing type of roof system is poor beyond the 10-year warranty period. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$1,536,900, as provided in the re-roofing component of the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. BIDS: NEW SIX CLASSROOM MODULAR HOLLY RIDGE MIDDLE – 2005/2006 CROWDING SOLUTION

Bids were received on February 9, 2006, for the site set-up of a six-classroom modular complex, at Holly Ridge Middle. Staff and Rotman Architecture, PA, recommend award of the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company, LLC, in the amount of \$153,900. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$12,960,000 for the purchase and set-up of 151 classrooms (mobile/modular units) which is part of the \$29,900,000 Crowding Solution budget for 2005. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

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 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 January 2006. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

2. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM (Exhibit B)

Forty-three gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$67,229.45. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

1. Competitive (#1027): State Library of North Carolina, EZ School Library Collection/Root Elementary School.
2. Competitive (#1028): NC Governor's Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Planning Committee/Central Office, Counseling Department.
3. Competitive (#1029): NC Department of Public Instruction, School Improvement, Writing/Central Office, Special Programs.
4. Competitive (#1030): NC Department of Public Instruction, School Improvement, Math/Central Office, Special Programs.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

2. CHANGE ORDER 2: EFFECTIVE SOFTWARE, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION APPLICATION

The original agreement to provide software analysis services as well as create system and functional documentation for the StARS application was approved in October 2005. The initial term was set to expire on January 13, 2006, at which time the development phase would begin. As part of the discovery during analysis of the Special Education application, it was determined development of the DEC 4 process should begin early. A change order was approved to begin development and extend the end date to March 31. Funding was increased slightly to account for initial increase to invoiced amounts against additional task. True needs have now been determined to carry the project into production. Change Order 2 adds \$120,000 and extends the contract end date to June 30, 2006. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of the change order is \$120,000, which brings the contract total to \$219,500. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Instructional Program Committee

Beverly Clark reported that the committee met on February 8. She shared that guidance counselors from elementary, middle, and high schools were present to share the different steps the Guidance Department and guidance staff in the schools take to ensure smooth transitions for students when entering kindergarten; exiting from elementary to middle school; and exiting from middle to high school. The presentation by the guidance counselors on transitions was very informative. The committee also looked at the ratio of guidance counselors to students.

Policy Committee

Susan Parry reported that the committee met on February 14. At the meeting, the committee completed its discussion of the Board Advisory Council policy. A number of recommended changes to the policy have been made. Ms. Parry stated that Virginia Cardenas is compiling all of the recommendations, and it is the intention of the committee to send these recommended changes to Board members for their review. Ms. Parry asked that Board members share this information with their advisory councils. Once this has been accomplished, the committee will bring this back to the Board for an approval of the recommended revisions.

Finance Committee

Carol Parker reported that the committee met on February 14. Kelly Todd with Summerford Accountancy gave an update on the hours and amount of work that has gone into the special purpose audit. The Board will be receiving a report from Summerford at the March 7 Board Meeting. Ms. Parker encouraged Board members to inform their constituencies of this report presentation. Mark Winters also made a presentation to the committee on the RFP for the upcoming financial audit, and the committee gave input and made suggestions regarding the RFP. The new RFP will be sent out for bids for the financial auditor, and the committee will be discussing the results at the April meeting. The focus of the committee meeting in March will be the issue of the audit committee and the policy on internal audits.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. REAL ESTATE SERVICES SUPPORT FIRMS AGREEMENT

Selections of Real Estate Service Support teams were approved by the Board on November 1, 2005. All selected firms (Triangle Commercial, Inc., Coldwell Banker Commercial Trademark Properties, and The York Companies) will execute the final form of agreement as approved by the Board's attorney and the Board of Education. The contract duration is no more than eighteen months, beginning upon execution and ending June 30, 2007. Services will be provided as needed to support and assist in the procurement of real property for the Wake County Public School System. A copy of the Master Real Estate Support Services Agreement is attached (sections 3.4.7.3.4 and 3.4.7.3.6 to be completed). Fiscal Implications: Compensation proposed in the Agreement is a combination of fixed lump sum fee and brokerage commission. Real Estate Service fees will be negotiated in accordance with professional services procedures. Funding is available from the property acquisition component of PLAN 2004. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of standard form of agreement.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Mike Burriss made a brief presentation before introducing Betty Parker, Director for Real Estate Services, for her presentation to the Board. Ms. Parker gave an overview of the contract and answered questions from Board members. Beverley Clark expressed her eagerness to see this process at work and gave her "hats off to staff" for their efforts. The vote was unanimous.

2. BIDS: SOLE SOURCE CHILLER REPLACEMENT FOR GARNER HIGH

The centrifugal chiller at Garner High suffered catastrophic failure. The cooling tower serving the chiller was scheduled for replacement prior to chiller failure. The estimated cost of the cooling tower repair/replacement project and repair of the eighteen-year-old centrifugal chiller is 80% of the cost to purchase and install a new energy efficient air cooled chiller. The physical dimensions of the space available in the mechanical courtyard located in the front of the campus were recorded and submitted to four air-cooled chiller manufacturers and only one manufacturer produces equipment small enough to fit into the space available in the tonnage required. In order to complete the installment of the new equipment prior to the need for conditioned air, work must be committed now. Board approval is requested for a sole source purchase and installation contract with Brady Trane Services in the amount of \$159,500. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the 2005-06 Maintenance and Operations budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Joe Desormeaux made a presentation and answered questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Before proceeding to the next item on the agenda, Patti Head recognized three lateral entry teachers who were in the audience as well as two students from Meredith College who were present as part of their course requirements. Ms. Head expressed her thanks to both the teachers and students for coming.

3. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

On February 7, 2006, the staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the following subdivisions: Bishops Grant (Phase 1A), Bowling Green (Phase 2A), Glenlake (Phase 1), Heritage South, Wildflower Townhomes, and Heritage Village Apartments. Fiscal Implications: Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facility-related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for Board approval.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Beverley Clark raised a concern with the Glenlake Subdivision being assigned to Brooks Elementary, which is already at 104% capacity. Stough Elementary is located in close proximity to this subdivision; therefore, Ms. Clark suggested that Glenlake be assigned to Stough as a walk zone school. Ramey Beavers and his staff concurred with Ms. Clark's recommendation.

Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the assignment of Glenlake Subdivision from Brooks Elementary to Stough Elementary, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

Rosa Gill made a motion to accept the amended Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

4. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT: EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE

The next building program includes construction of additions and renovations at East Millbrook Middle School. Negotiations have been completed with Barnhill Contracting Company for the construction management of this project. The form of agreement for Construction Management At Risk has previously been reviewed and approved by the Board. The Roberts Group was selected as design architects for this project. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget will be determined with the development of the next building program. The estimated current budget is approximately \$30,000,000 of which \$3,470,802 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The remainder of the funds will come from the next building program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the Construction Manager of \$200,000 for pre-construction basic services and 3.5% of the construction cost for the construction management fee. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Ken Fuller made a presentation to the Board. Ron Margiotta asked for clarification as to the project costs for East Millbrook Middle and asked for research on the benefits of the Construction Manager At Risk program. Mr. Fuller cited Carroll Middle School's construction project as an example of a cost-saving benefit and shared further expected benefits. Beverley Clark shared additional information on the benefits of the Construction Manager at Risk program. Further discussion ensued, and Ken Fuller answered questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

5. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT: LYNN ROAD ELEMENTARY

The next building program includes construction and renovations at Lynn Road Elementary. Negotiations have been completed with Centex Construction for construction management of this project. The form of agreement for Construction Management At Risk has been previously reviewed and approved by the Board. The firm of Skinner Lamm & Highsmith was selected as design architect for this project. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget will be determined with the development of the next building program. The estimated budget is approximately \$20,000,000, of which \$1,206,943 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the Construction Manager of \$130,000 for pre-construction basic services and 3.5% of the construction cost for the construction management fee. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

POLICY

1. POLICY 4430 – REDUCTION IN FORCE: NONCERTIFIED EMPLOYEES, *Second Reading*

Staff is requesting approval of revisions in Policy 4433 - Reduction in Force: Non-Certified Employees. The revisions clarify the factors to be considered by the superintendent in making reduction in force recommendations to the board. The revisions also include information to be included in written notification to employees. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE

1. 2006 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The 2006 Legislative Agenda has been reviewed by the Legislative Committee and is being presented for Board approval. Fiscal Implications: Undetermined at this time. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the 2006 Legislative Agenda to add an item to request that the state legislature increase the cap on charter schools, seconded by Carol Parker. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue. The vote was 3 to 5 with Carol Parker, Horace Tart, and Ron Margiotta voting “yes,” and Rosa Gill, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, Susan Parry, and Lori Millberg voting “no.” The motion failed.

Ron Margiotta stated that he could not support this agenda unless there is removal of the item supporting local options sales tax. Carol Parker voiced her support of this item remaining on the agenda.

Susan Parry made a motion to amend the 2006 Legislative Agenda by adding an item to seek the repeal of the requirement that children have a comprehensive eye exam prior to entrance into kindergarten, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to amend the 2006 Legislative Agenda by moving Retain and Recruit Teachers from Additional Key Issues to Priority Initiatives. The vote was unanimous.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve the 2006 Legislative Agenda with revisions, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was 7 to 1 with Carol Parker, Lori Millberg, Horace Tart, Eleanor Goettee, Beverley Clark, Rosa Gill, and Susan Parry voting “yes,” and Ron Margiotta voting “no.” The motion passed.

Susan Harrison gave the tentative date of April 13 for the Wake Delegation Breakfast. She asked Board members to let Ms. Head know of any conflicts with that date.

CLOSED SESSION

Rosa Gill made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319; to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) due to current litigation, WCBOE v. ABL; to consult with an attorney employed by or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3); to establish or instruct staff or the attorney concerning the Board’s position in negotiating the material terms of an employment contract; and to establish or instruct the Board’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Board in negotiation of (i) the

price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The properties, if acquired, are located at the intersection of Banks Road and Chambers Road, Fuquay-Varina (PINs 0688.642547 and 0688.652248) and at the intersection of Leesville Road and Leesville Church Road, Raleigh (PINs 0778952399 and 0778851532). The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (contd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the administrative appointment of Edward McFarland, Principal at Aversboro Elementary School, to Sr. Director of Employee Relations, effective date to be determined. The motion was seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER

Eleanor Goettee read the following administrative transfers:

- Jesse Dingle, Principal at Wildwood Forest Elementary School, to Principal at Lufkin Road Middle School, effective date March 1, 2006
- Wayne Price, Assistant Principal at Daniels Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Cary High School, effective date February 22, 2006.

Lori Millberg made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add four Facilities items to the Action Agenda, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT – SOUTHEAST WAKE COUNTY AREA ELEMENTARY (E-23)

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Timothy Wayne Doss, and spouse, Patricia A. Doss, and Jeffrey Douglas Cable, and spouse, DeAnn H. Cable, to acquire approximately 53 acres on Chambers Road, Fuquay-Varina, for a new elementary facility. Fiscal Implications: Estimated land cost at \$15,000 per acre is \$795,000.00 and would come from the Land Acquisition Component of Plan 2004 Funds. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of an Offer to Purchase and Contract with Lenwood C. Barlow, Jr., unmarried, Brenda R. Christopher and spouse, Lonnie E. Christopher, Timothy Wayne Doss, and spouse, Patricia A. Doss, and Jeffrey Douglas Cable, and spouse, DeAnn H. Cable to acquire approximately 53 acres of land at a cost of \$15,000 per acre.

Horace Tart made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

2. FUNDING AND ACQUISITION RESOLUTION – SOUTHEASTERN WAKE COUNTY AREA ELEMENTARY (E-23)

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Timothy Wayne Doss, and spouse, Patricia A. Doss, and Jeffrey Douglas Cable, and spouse, DeAnn H. Cable to acquire approximately 53.0 acres on Chambers Road, Fuquay-Varina, for a new elementary facility. A Resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners is required to approve of the acquisition and funding. Fiscal Implications: Total cost of the land, building and site improvements is \$795,000.00, with an estimated land value at \$15,000.00 per acre. Funding for this acquisition would come from the Land Acquisition Component of Plan 2004 Funds. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board

approval of a Resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners to approve of the acquisition and funding approximately 53 acres for a new elementary facility on Chambers Road, Fuquay-Varina.

Horace Tart made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

3. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT – NORTH RALEIGH AREA ELEMENTARY (E-24)

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Macaroni Development LLC to acquire approximately 33.91 acres on Leesville Road, Raleigh, for a new elementary facility. Staff has engaged in preliminary discussions with City of Raleigh, who desires to acquire a portion of the land (approximately 15 acres) for park use, and in reliance thereon have pursued acquisition of this property. Fiscal Implications: Estimated land cost at \$103,215 per acre is \$3,500,000.00 and would come from the Land Acquisition Component of Plan 2004 Funds. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of an Offer to Purchase and Contract with Macaroni Development LLC to acquire approximately 33.91 acres of land at a cost of \$103,215 per acre.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

4. FUNDING AND ACQUISITION RESOLUTION – NORTH RALEIGH AREA ELEMENTARY (E-24)

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Macaroni Development Company to acquire approximately 33.91 acres near Leesville Church Road and Westgate Road, Raleigh, for a new elementary facility. A Resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners is required to approve of the acquisition and funding. Fiscal Implications: Total cost of the land, building and site improvements is \$3,500,000, with an estimated land value at \$103,215.00 per acre. Funding for this acquisition would come from the Land Acquisition Component of Plan 2004 Funds. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners to approve of the acquisition and funding approximately 33.91 acres for a new elementary facility near Leesville Church Road and Westgate Road, Raleigh.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn Open Session and reconvene Closed Session by Lori Millberg, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous. The open meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education