



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MINUTES-BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Bill McNeal, Superintendent	
Jo Baker	Cindi Jolly
Karen Banks	Ray Massey
Brenda Barker	Toni Patterson
Danny Barnes	John Ringo
Maurice Boswell	Janice Shearin
Del Burns	Stella Shelton
Mike Burriss	Walt Sherlin
Ann Hooker	Jonibel Willis
Linda Isley	

Board Attorney Present:

Ann Majestic

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *Kathryn thanked everyone for their participation in "Read Across America."*

Superintendent's Report

- *Mr. McNeal reported that Dave Coley, Cary High School, is one of 12 principals from across the nation selected by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to serve on its advisory board of elementary and secondary principals.*
- *Durant Road Middle School Principal Tom Benton was named Middle Level Administrator of the Year in Region 3 for North Carolina Middle Schools.*
- *Sanderson High School Band Director Chris Branam has been named one of 50 "Directors who make a Difference" by School Band and Orchestra magazine.*
- *Enloe High School's Eagle Productions brought home the prestigious Emmy Award from the 16th Annual Mid-South Regional Emmy Awards, their 3rd in 5 years. The National*

Academy of Television Arts & Sciences awarded the Emmy during a ceremony at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

- *The next Education Issues Forum hosted by The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with WEP and the Carolina Hurricanes will focus on small schools. It will be held April 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the Raleigh Chamber.*
- *The Board of Education will host the County Commissioners luncheon this month on Wednesday, March 20, at noon in the Board Conference Room. Susan Harrison will give a brief presentation on the Board's recently approved Legislative Agenda.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. Upon further consideration, Tom Oxholm made a motion to amended the agenda to remove action item "Student Assignment Plan for 2002-2003," seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Kate Howard - member of the Health Education Task Force. Asked the Board to approve a comprehensive Health Education.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2002 – Program Committee
February 12, 2002 - Finance Committee
August 27, 2001 - Closes Session
September 4, 2001 – Closed Session
September 18, 2001 – Closed Session
October 2, 2001 – Closed Session

October 16, 2001- Closed Session
November 7, 2001 – Closed Session
December 4, 2001 – Closed Session
December 18, 2001 – Closed Session
January 8, 2002 – Closed Session
January 22, 2002 – Closed Session

FACILITIES

Bids: Asbestos Abatement - Broughton High

Pre-approval was requested for asbestos abatement bids, which are scheduled to be received on February 26, 2002, if the bids are within the abatement budget of \$400,000. Staff provided recommendation for award and bid tabulations at a future board meeting. Pre-approval allows acceleration of preliminary abatement activities at minimal financial risk. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,797,735, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action – Board pre-approval is recommended, with the condition that bids are within the abatement budget.

Bids: East Garner Middle Addition

Pre-approval was requested for bids, which are scheduled to be received on February 28, 2002, if the bids are within the CCAP of \$8,230,000. Staff provided recommendation for award and bid tabulations at a future board meeting. Pre-approval allows acceleration of preliminary construction activities at minimal financial risk. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$10,644,843, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building

Program. Recommendation for Action - Board pre-approval is recommended with the condition that bids are within the CCAP.

Bids: Mary E. Phillips High Building Replacement

Bids for Mary E. Phillips High School replacement were received on February 12, 2002. Staff and The Freelon Group, Inc. recommended awarding a single-prime contract to Poythress Commercial Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,540,500. The low multi-prime bid was \$4,473,487. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$6,531,161, of which \$6,384,305 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program and \$146,856 is from the 1996 State Bond Program.

Designer Selection: Design Package 2002A

In accordance with the designer selection procedures adopted by the Wake County Board of Education, the pre-selection committee will present recommendations for the board to select architectural firms for the following projects:

Enloe High – BJAC, pa
Daniels Middle – Cline Design Associates PA
North Garner Middle – Skinner, Lamm & Highsmith PA Architects
Knightdale Elementary – Shuller Ferris Lindstrom & Associates
Wendell Elementary– MBAJ architecture
Rolesville Elementary– Brown & Jones Architects

Fiscal Implications - Design fees will be negotiated in accordance with designer selection procedures.

Future Right-of-Way Dedication – Cary Elementary

Approval of plans by Cary officials to renovate the Cary Elementary campus includes a requirement to provide right-of-way for the future extension of Harrison Avenue. The exact alignment has not been determined and construction may be 8 to 10 years away. Cary officials have agreed to accept a letter from the board of education agreeing to convey right-of-way and construction easements when an alignment has been determined and a construction schedule has been developed. Fiscal Implications -Right-of-Way and construction easements to be conveyed at no cost to the Town of Cary. Recommendation for Action - Staff requested the board approve to convey right-of-way and construction easements for the future Harrison Avenue extension at no cost to the Town of Cary at a future date to be determined by Cary officials.

FINANCE

Gifts to the System

Forty-nine gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$288,899.72. (*Exhibit A*)

Increase Existing Purchase Order For Presort Mail Services

As per Board policy 8361.1, Board approval was necessary to extend existing purchase order beyond \$100,000.00 limit. Fiscal Implications: Original purchase order was for \$90,000.00, anticipate incurring an additional \$143,117.00 for postage services. Money to cover this is in the fiscal year 2002 budget.

Service Contract: Professional Mail Services, Inc.

The attached contract is provided for action as per board policy 8361.1. The contract will provide Wake County Public School System with a new mail presort service. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the

amount of \$233,117.00 per year for the next three years is currently available through the Office of Community Services postage expense budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendation for Employment (Exhibit B)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Policy Committee discussed the policy regarding Wireless Communication Devices. The committee will make a recommendation to the board on some minor word changes to the policy.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

Construction Documents: Broughton High Renovations

Staff presented construction documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA, for the design of renovations to Broughton High. Fiscal Implications -Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,797,735, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

- *This project will include the use of 20 mobile unit classrooms during 4 phases of construction. This project will take up to two years to complete.*

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

FINANCE

Finance Committee Recommendations For WCPSS Legal Representation

The attached resolution and recommendations regarding legal representation for the Wake County Public School System are presented at the request of the Finance Committee.

- *The Board of Education approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to maintain the current legal counsel with Tharrington Smith Attorneys at Law. The Finance Committee spent several months gathering information and interviewing attorneys.*

Tom Oxholm made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

Army Junior ROTC Program

Wakefield High School applied for an Army Junior ROTC program and has received conditional approval from the Department of the Army. The support from the Department of the Army will include half the salary for an officer and half the salary for a non-commissioned officer. The school must commit to pay the other half of each salary. Additionally, the Department of the Army will provide equipment, uniforms, and supplies to support the program. WCPSS will provide classroom space, storage space, and proof of insurance. Students and instructors will be included under the system's insurance. Wakefield High School will absorb the start-up costs and the personnel to support the program from its school operating budget and ADM allocation. Staff recommends that the board approve entering into this contract with the Department of the Army for an Army Junior ROTC program at Wakefield High School.

- *Principal Steve Tackas stated that the staff favored the program and that more than 100 students have expressed interest and value the leadership skills that the program teaches the students.*

Susan Parry asked the staff to evaluate the Junior Army ROTC to determine if the program meets the school system's needs.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was 6 "for" with Beverley Clark and Susan Parry voting "no".

INFORMATION

FACILITIES

Site and Building Options for Longview Facility and PLAN 2000 Special/Optional

Staff presented for information the site and building options that have been considered for the Longview facility and the new special/optional middle school included in PLAN 2000. Options include a cost-saving proposal to construct a new Longview facility on the Noble Road site and to renovate the existing Longview facility for the new special/optional middle school that is included in PLAN 2000. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

CLOSED SESSION

Susan Parry made a motion to recess into closed session at 5:08 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115-319 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. G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5), seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Board Work Session-Student Assignment at 5:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Fifteen students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Douglas Boytos, Davis Drive Elementary	Megan Knoedler, Millbrook High
Haly Isabel Bui, Dillard Drive Elementary	Keith Ambrose, Morrisville Elementary
Trumane Lee, East Millbrook Middle	Darin Weaver, Mt. Vernon Redirection
Patricia Garcia, East Wake Middle	Drayton Edgerton, Salem Elementary
Jocelyn Mason, Fuquay-Varina Middle	Matthew Rodwell, Underwood Elementary
Maricarmen Cristobal, Green Elementary	Carmela Jones, Wake Forest Elementary
Paign Sakrison, Green Hope Elementary	Tanya Satterfield, Wake Forest Middle
Katie Albergetti, Lead Mine Elementary	

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recommendations for Administrative Appointment

- *John F. Castranio, teacher at Garner High School, to assistant principal at Garner High School.*
- *Marion Evans, assistant principal at Zebulon Elementary School, to principal at Zebulon Elementary School.*

Public Record Comment by Chair:

Kathryn Watson Quigg stated for public record that she would like on record that Board Members, Bill Fletcher has entered a professional contractual agreement with a company named

Interactive Information Systems of Raleigh. This company is a service provider for the Wake County Public School System.

During his work with Interactive Information Systems, Mr. Fletcher will not participate in any discussion with Wake County School System employees about any project and /or contract pending with this company. He will also recuse himself from voting on any future contract that may arise with this company. He will, however, be permitted to ask questions regarding this company and its work with the district as part of the fact-finding work of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair

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