



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2013**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Keith Sutton, Chair	Stephen Gainey, Interim Superintendent	Todd Wirt
Christine Kushner, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Marvin Connelly
Tom Benton	Cris Mulder	Karen Hamilton
John Tedesco	David Neter	Joe Desormeaux
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Mark Winters
Jim Martin	Rose Ann Gonzalez	
Deborah Prickett	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	
Susan P. Evans	Clinton Robinson	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Jacqueline Ellis	Jonathan Blumberg

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair’s Comments

- Chairman Sutton congratulated the schools and teams that participated in last week’s North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s basketball playoffs. Wake County has three schools in the final eight, Broughton High School, Millbrook High School, and Southeast Raleigh High School. Chairman Sutton wished them luck.

Superintendent’s Comments

- Dr. Gainey shared that on February 21st, he had the opportunity to attend a safety celebration at Brassfield Elementary that was sponsored by the PTA. Dr. Gainey thanked principal, Elizabeth McWilliams for the invitation.
- Last week, there were several opportunities to read and honor Dr. Seuss. Dr. Gainey visited Vandora Springs Elementary, Millbrook Elementary, and Cary Elementary School. Dr. Gainey thanked each of the principals for inviting him.
- Dr. Gainey announced that twenty-five of Wake County’s magnet schools have been recognized as a School of Distinction or a School of Excellence; eight were recognized as a School of Excellence, and seventeen were recognized as a School of Distinction. Dr. Gainey thanked Dr. Cochran and he congratulated the principals and staffs at the magnet schools.
- A video was shared showcasing Music in Our Schools Month. The two schools highlighted were Briarcliff Elementary and Cary High School. The video ended with a clip from Pieces of Gold.
- Dr. Gainey thanked Mike Charbonneau and Cris Mulder for their service to the county as they leave to work for the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Board Members’ Comments

- Dr. Martin shared that he had fun reading at Millbrook Elementary on Friday, March 1st he looks forward to reading at Combs Elementary on Friday, March 8th.

- Mr. Tedesco shared that on this past Saturday, Garner held its annual Storytelling Festival at North Garner Middle School. The event is sponsored by the Garner Educational Foundation. Mr. Tedesco thanked the Foundation for putting on the event. Mr. Tedesco encouraged everyone to attend Pieces of Gold.
- Mrs. Kushner shared that she also enjoys the Read Across America event; she too visited Millbrook Elementary and read; she also went to Mary E. Phillips High School to read. Mrs. Kushner announced that Stough Elementary had their Global Celebration last Saturday and that Brentwood Elementary School's Engineering Day was held last week. Mrs. Kushner visited Joyner Elementary and learned it more about innovations that are coming forth on discipline policies. Last week, Broughton High School had a silent auction to support their visual arts. Mrs. Kushner shared that she also attended a multi-school choral celebration where Sanderson, Millbrook, Southeast Raleigh, and Athens Drive had excellent choral participation and wonderful presentations.
- Mrs. Prickett shared that on last evening, she attended a meeting at Leesville High School to discuss safety concerns. The community has come together and brought in other resources from the City of Raleigh and Parks and Recreation to review possible solutions to prevent another student from being injured. Mrs. Prickett thanked the parents that are involved in the initiative.
- Mr. Benton thanked every board member for the hospitality that they have shown him. Mr. Benton shared that the Board of Education is a hardworking, dedicated group of individuals.
- Mrs. Evans shared that on February 20th she attended a luncheon that was sponsored by the Apex Chamber of Commerce to honor the Teacher of Year nominees from the Apex area schools. She was also invited to attend and speak at the Holly Springs Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday morning; the opportunity to share was appreciated. Mrs. Evans shared that she was appreciative of the opportunity to meet with the Wake Delegation of the North Carolina General Assembly yesterday afternoon where Chairman Sutton spoke on behalf of the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Christine Kushner. The motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 P.M.

Citizens who sign 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.

- **Robert Signore** – Mr. Signore spoke to the Board regarding the School Health Advisory Council's recommendation to ban unhealthy food from booster sales. Mr. Signore shared that fundraising is an important role of athletic booster clubs and that a majority of the funding comes from concessions; approximately 60% of the athletic budget is raised from a school's booster organization. Mr. Signore requested that the Board keep with its recommendation of not allowing food and beverage fund raisers during the school day and also encouraged that the Booster Clubs work with the SHAC to find healthy alternatives that Booster organizations can

offer at concessions. Ms. Signore requested that the Board not ban candy and soda from high school athletics.

INFORMATION

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

6. SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) ANNUAL REPORT

Per the state's *Healthy Active Children* policy:

- Each school district shall establish and maintain a local School Health Advisory Council to help plan, implement, and monitor this policy as well as other health issues as part of the coordinated school health plan.
- The local School Health Advisory Council shall be composed of community and school representatives from the eight areas of a coordinated school health program.

Per Wake County Public School System's SHAC By-Laws, an annual report to the Superintendent and Board of Education is required. Larry Bauder will present the report outlining commendations and recommendations identified by SHAC. Fiscal Implications: N/A. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: The report is presented as information only at this time.

Brian Glendenning, Senior Administrator for K-12 Healthful Living and the WCPSS SHAC Liaison presented information to the Board. Mr. Glendenning shared that the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is charged with providing recommendations to the Board of Education and Superintendent. The recommendations are to be aligned with the eight areas of a coordinated school health program.

Larry Bauder, Chair of the Student Health Advisory Committee presented the council's Annual Report to the Board of Education. See Attachment A.

Board members shared comments and asked clarifying questions regarding the report specifically school nurse ratios and student health centers. Mr. Rivelli and Mr. Bauder provided responses.

FINANCE

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

To present the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2013-2014. Fiscal Implications: This document establishes the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action requested at this time. The Board of Education should establish dates for budget work sessions and for public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2013-2014.

David Neter, Chief Business Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the Superintendent's Proposed Budget. See Attachment B.

CONSENT ITEMS

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. Mr. Hill pointed out that on Agenda Items # 13 and #15 the school system is again partnering with the City and County in terms of public partnerships in the use of Joint Use Agreements. With no further discussion or debate, the motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8. October 10, 2012 - Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

9. 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 January 2013. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not Applicable.

10. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

Three hundred and thirty eight gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$167,452. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action is Required.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2012-2013

To report changes in the budget resulting from transactions processed during January, 2013.

Fiscal

Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$424,800
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	-	\$165,965
Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State	+	\$84
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+	\$26,887,976
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	-	\$6,828
Adjust Direct Grants Fund	+	\$162,346
Adjust Specific Revenue Fund	+	\$ 0

Net Changes

Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

12. CENTURYLINK CUSTOM COVER AGREEMENT FOR CENTREX VOICE SERVICES

WCPSS utilizes Centrex voice service throughout the entire district. The current contract with CenturyLink to provide Centrex voice service to all school sites in the Fuquay-Varina and Wake Forest areas will expire June 30, 2013. Due to federal requirements for application of E-rate discounts against these services, and in order to meet this year’s application deadlines, a bid request was posted. CenturyLink is recommended to continue to provide the services for this area of the district. A two-year agreement with the option of a third year will be executed to begin July 1, 2013. Rates for voice service and voicemail will remain the same. Based on a three month average of recent invoiced amounts, the monthly cost moving forward is estimated to be \$45,400.00. Fiscal Implications: Estimated total for two years of service is \$1,089,600.00.

Amount to be encumbered in each of the next two fiscal years starting with 2013-14 is \$544,800.00. Funding for contracted services will be identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2013-14 operating budget request. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of agreement.

13. WAKE COUNTY SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ATHENS DRIVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Wake County Public School System and Wake County Public Library System have a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Public Library located at Athens Drive High School.

The Wake County Service Agreement provides for reimbursement to the Wake County Public School System of salaries and benefits for Athens Drive Public Library staff for 2012-13. The agreement provides for funding not to exceed \$154,145. It has been confirmed that associated staff salary and benefits will not exceed this amount. The service agreement details how Athens Drive Public Library expenses are to be managed and the library hours. Hours are:

Monday-Thursday - 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 - am – 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday – closed

Fiscal Implications: Funding for Athens Drive Public Library staff, not to exceed \$154,145, is provided by this agreement. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FACILITIES

14. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: TOWN OF GARNER (GARNER HIGH)

The Town of Garner is undertaking a project to make pedestrian improvements to benefit Garner Magnet High School as part of the Safe Routes to School Program. The improvements include additional crosswalk signage and sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Spring Drive and Forest Ridge Road. In order to construct the improvements, a temporary construction easement containing 120 square feet is needed. The requested easement is temporary and will not substantially interfere with the present or future use of the property. A copy of the easement document is attached with the area of the easement identified on the attached Exhibit “A”. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

15. JOINT USE AGREEMENT: LYNN ROAD ELEMENTARY

Since November 1991, Wake County Public School System and the City of Raleigh have enjoyed the shared use of the outdoor recreation amenities located on City-owned property (Williams Park) along with the softball/multipurpose combination field, designated parking areas, and drive access located on Board of Education property (Lynn Road Elementary School). Board and City staffs reviewed the previous agreement and have agreed to renew the agreement. The City will be responsible for maintenance of the softball/multipurpose combination field located on Board property as well as the designated outdoor courts, shelter, multipurpose field, playground and playground equipment located on City property. The Board and City will share (Board-80%/City-20%) the costs of routine and major maintenance of the parking areas and drive access. The school’s use of Williams Park will be coordinated with the Director of the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department or designee. The term of this renewal agreement is 25 years. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

16. SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT CENTENNIAL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School (CCMMS) wants to continue to offer its yearly leadership institute from June 17-21, 2013 on the school’s campus.
- Cost for student participants is \$185 for the week or \$350 for two sibling students. This cost includes the Leadership Day with other school partners.
- Scholarships available through Fund 6
- Lunch provided daily
- Transportation will not be provided
- Activities include: Technology instruction, team building activities, keynote and small session leadership speakers, and daily physical activity through leadership games
- Staffed by CCMMS teachers who will be funded through the school’s income from the institute fees

Fiscal Implications: None to WCPSS – all costs covered with grant funds and camp fees.
Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

17. SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT CENTENNIAL CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL HOSTS A LEADERSHIP DAY WITH SCHOOL PARTNERS

- The Wake Young Men’s Leadership Academy, Wake Young Women’s Leadership Academy and Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School wants to partner with Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School’s Summer Leadership Institute to offer a leadership seminar on June 20, 2013
- The Leadership Day will be held during the Centennial Campus Leadership Institute
- If students are participating only on this day, the charge is \$30.
- Scholarships are available through partner donations.
- Lunch provided for the day.
- Transportation will not be provided.
- Activities include: Team building activities, guest leadership speakers, daily physical activity through leadership games and service learning experience
- Staffed by teachers from each school who will be funded through the school’s income from the institute fees.

Fiscal Implications: None to WCPSS – all costs covered with grant funds and camp fees.
Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

18. AMENDMENT ONE TO THE CHESHIRE CENTER

Speech therapy is a required service under state and federal law. Therefore, even when a therapist is on leave, we must continue to provide these services. We contract with The Cheshire Center to cover leaves for our staff speech therapists. We are having to increase our contract with The Cheshire Center by \$112,320 to cover some additional unanticipated staff leaves. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the Special Education Services’ budget in the amount of

\$112,320 is to be used to pay the cost of these services. The total contract amount is \$317,344.

19. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#17613): American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), Jump Rope For Heart/Hoops Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#17713): Monsanto Fund, US Site Grants / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#17813): National Science Foundation (NSF), Promoting Research and Innovation in Methodologies for Evaluation (PRIME) Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#17913): National Scholastic Athletics Foundation (NSAF), Tony Wells Team/Club Development Grant / Individual Schools.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

20. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Professional
2. Support
3. Contract Central Services Administrators

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

21. BOARD POLICY 1322: AGENDAS

Revised; First Reading

The revisions to this policy were reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team on 1/28/13 and 2/11/13. This same information was presented at the Policy Committee meeting on 2/26/13. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey, Interim Superintendent, presented information to the Board. Dr. Gainey shared that the policy was presented to the Policy Committee on February 26th.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Board Policy 1322: Agendas, as revised. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco.

Board Members sought clarification of Item #2 and shared concern of the Board Chair having autonomy to add or not add action items to the Agenda after board members have requested an item and have provided supporting documentation.

Jonathan Blumberg, Attorney for the Board of Education, stated that the prior policy was silent about when two board members could try to get an action item on the Meeting Agenda. The revised language was thought to bring clarity to the issue. After discussion from the Board, the Board added the words "any two or more" to Item #2 of the proposed revision to Board Policy 1322.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the policy on first reading.

22. BOARD POLICY 2521: SAFE SCHOOLS VISITATION

Revised; First Reading

The revisions to this policy were reviewed by the Superintendent’s Leadership Team on 1/28/13 and 2/11/13. This same information was presented at the Policy Committee Meeting on 2/26/13. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey, Interim Superintendent, presented information to the Board. Dr. Gainey shared that R & P 2521 is being deleted and all of R & P 2521 is being moved to the new “Section A” of Board Policy 2521.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Board Policy 2521: Safe Schools Visitation as revised. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The Board voted unanimously to approve the policy on first reading.

23. BOARD POLICY 6600: SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Revised; First Reading

The revisions to this policy were reviewed by the Superintendent’s Leadership Team on 2/11/13. This same information was presented at the Policy Committee Meeting on 2/26/13. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey, Interim Superintendent, presented information to the Board.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Board Policy 6600: Search and Seizure as revised. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The Board voted unanimously to approve the policy on first reading.

24. BOARD POLICY 2350/3050/4050: STUDENT SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

New Policy; First Reading

This new policy was reviewed by the Superintendent’s Leadership Team on 1/28/13 and 2/11/13. In addition, it was presented at the Policy Committee meeting on 2/26/13. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey, Interim Superintendent, presented information to the Board. Dr. Gainey explained that the policy was created due to legislation that was passed. Staff was directed to create policy that spoke to staff intervening in student altercations. Dr. Gainey stated that the policy mirrors the School Boards Association drafts of the policy.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Board Policy 2350/3050/4050: Student Safety and Supervision as created. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The Board voted unanimously to approve the policy on first reading.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319 and to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved to go into Closed Session.

ACTION ITEMS

HUMAN RESOURCES

25. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointments:

- (1). Darryl Fisher, Retiree to Interim Principal at Wilburn Elementary School effective 4/1/13 – 6/28/13.
- (2). Freda Cole, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at River Bend Elementary School effective 3/6/13 – 6/11/13.
- (3). Charles Langley, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at Brentwood Elementary School effective 3/6/13 – 6/11/13.
- (4). Sue Sisson, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at Reedy Creek Middle School effective 3/6/13 – 6/11/13.
- (5). ShaRhonda Smith, Teacher at Lincoln Heights Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Wendell Middle School effective 3/6/13 – 6/28/13.

The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, John Tedesco made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Sutton Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Stephen Gainey, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary