



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 6, 2007

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	David Holdzkom
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Ann Hooker
Beverley Clark	Danny Barnes	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Maurice Boswell	David Neter
Ron Margiotta	Mike Burris	Bev White
Lori Millberg	Kathy Chontos	Jonibel Willis
Carol Parker	Chuck Dulaney	Mark Winters
Susan Parry	Michael Evans	
Horace Tart	Lloyd Gardner	
	Donna Hargens	Board Attorney Present
	Don Haydon	Ann Majestic

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments (Exhibit A)

- Patti welcomed the Wake County doctoral cohorts in the audience. She had them stand and introduce themselves to the Board. In attendance were all 16 cohorts: Shane Barham, Peggy Beasley-Rodgers, Portia Bradley- Lambright, Josephus Brown, Melissa Burns, Diann Kearney, Brandy Nelson, Tracy Purvis, Rosa Rangel, Mary Rich, Fran Riddick, Lisa Rockefeller, Pamela Smith, Stacey Weddle, Trudy Whitehead, and Cathy Williams.
- Wednesday, February 28 marked the closing of the application process for our Magnet and Year-Round schools. For the first time, families who were impacted by the transition to mandatory year-round calendars also had the opportunity to apply for traditional calendar schools. The Board has worked hard to provide options to parents while ensuring maximum use of all schools to accommodate the continued yearly growth in student population.
- Staff identified, and this Board approved, the identification of more than 2,500 traditional seats in addition to existing traditional magnet seats for those families who feel that a year-round calendar could not work.
- Ms. Head reported that at the conclusion of the application process, it appears that most or all of the families who applied for a traditional calendar seat can be accommodated. A total of 1519 applications were received for 2500 identified seats.
- Over 9200 applications were filed for magnet schools and more than 3300 applications were received for year-round schools.
- Applications are being processed and parents will be notified of their selection by March 18, 2007. Families have until April 13, 2007 to accept or deny assignment.
- On February 21, 2007, the Board had a joint meeting with the Wake County Commissioners, Raleigh Town Manager and community representatives to discuss Public/Private Partnerships. The Board will be examining this business endeavor to provide more schools for Wake County.
- The National Board Certified Teacher Reception was held on February 21, 2007. The President of NBCT was present. 186 teachers were honored.

- Per the February 26, 2007 Board Work Session, Ms. Parry will look at the policy in place regarding the magnet process.
- On February 26, Board members met with legislators and shared a legislative agenda to introduce bills that are important for education.
- The Board will have another Work Session on March 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The agenda will include Magnet Programs.
- Meeting for Board Advisory Chairs is scheduled for March 15, 2007.

Ms. Head continued her comments by making the following statement:

“It is important for us to take a moment and recognize that the growth this school system is attempting to manage has forced us into our two-year discussion with the community regarding year-round calendar schools. Our recent successful bond referendum was built upon year-round calendars as a core strategy for maximizing our buildings and being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. Our Board and staff have worked to provide as many options as possible for our families to take advantage of all of the wonderful things happening in each of our schools, be they magnet, year-round or traditional calendars. I, for one, am very proud of the application process and our ability to offer and accommodate so many families.”

Superintendent’s Report (Exhibit B)

- Superintendent Burns was honored to present the Honor School of Excellence banners to the principals of ten WCPSS schools: Baucom Elementary, Brassfield Elementary, Cedar Fork Elementary, Davis Drive Elementary, Green Hope Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Davis Drive Middle, Salem Middle School, and Green Hope High School. Schools must have above 90% on ABC performance scores to meet Honor School of Excellence qualifications.
- On March 1, Dr. Burns presented three WCPSS students with the NCSU Park Scholarship. The scholarship is nearly a \$60,000 value.
- Dr. Burns recognized Mason Park, a 6th grade student at West Millbrook Middle for receiving the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.
- Instructional Services has created a PLC video and will make it available to all schools to show an effective PLC.
- The Curriculum Audit process is underway. The audit visit will be May 6-11, 2007. The lead auditor, with a team of 25 other auditors, will visit every student and every classroom.
- Dr. Burns attended the National Board Certified Teachers Reception and honored the recipients. Dr. Burns applauded the N&O for taking out a full page ad to honor the Wake County NBCTs. WCPSS has the largest number of NBCTs in the nation (1,135 out of 55,000 nationwide).

In order to recognize Board Member Eleanor Goettee as a NBCT, Dr. Burns presented her with a framed copy of the N&O Honor Page. The Board applauded her accomplishment.

Other Board members shared the following announcements/comments:

- Carol Parker reported that East Millbrook Middle School held a Pancake Supper and \$1100 was raised for their sister-school in Guatemala. She also shared that a fund-raiser will be held for the music teacher in Garner that was burned out in the large townhouse fire in February.
- Carol Parker shared a Public School Forum article with the Board members. She expressed concern for the future of occupational/vocational skills not being offered. A brochure on Preventing Homelessness was also shared by Ms. Parker.
- Eleanor Goettee and Carol Parker commented on the positive experience they received by participating in the Reading Across America Program last week.
- Eleanor Goettee represented the Board yesterday when speaking to the Teaching Fellows.

- Susan Parry visited Centennial Middle and shared the excitement she experienced through her visit. She invited Board members to also visit the Centennial Middle School and Friday Center. The school provides a great location for teacher training/lab for students and teachers.
- Beverley Clark recognized that the Centennial School principal was included in the National Board Certified Teachers' list at the administrator's level.
- Beverley Clark reminded everyone of the Pieces of Gold Production scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at Memorial Auditorium and of the Battle of the Books at Garner High School on Saturday, March 10.
- Lori Millberg visited Zebulon Middle School and recognized the hard work of the teachers.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Patti amended the meeting agenda to add to Closed Session: "To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5).

Susan Parry requested that #1 Policy/Consent item: POLICY 6400-CODE OF CONDUCT is moved to ACTION and reminded all Board members that all policies are active July 1, 2007.

Carol Parker requested #3 Facilities/Consent item: BIDS: DURANT ROAD MIDDLE ROOFING and #14 Facilities/Consent item: RESOLUTION: PLAN 2000 LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION be moved to ACTION.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

FINANCE

1. PRESENTATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

To present the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success for 2007-2008. Fiscal Implications: This document establishes the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success for fiscal year 2007-2008. Also, included are Projections for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Recommendation for Action: The Board of Education should establish dates for budget work sessions and for public hearing on the Plan for Student Success for 2007-2008.

Dr. Burns presented a mid-term report last month. In that report, he announced steps to move forward for the success of WCPSS students. Dr. Burns presented to the Board the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success for 2007-2008. He referred to the plan as a detail roadmap with a 3-year projection. The plan is concentrating on aligning and competing. Staff is not seeking funding for new initiatives but for increased student enrollment and legislated salary and benefits. Eighty-eight cents of every dollar received is going directly to the schools. Drivers that may cause us to make changes are:

- State legislated salary and benefits
- Growth – student enrollment (more than 8000 students expected)
- Commitment to whole-school conversions and year-round conversions
- Retain and recruit quality employees

Dr. Burns recognized Terri Kimzey and the Budget Department for their hard work on the Success Plan. He then turned the presentation over to David Neter, Chief Business Officer who continued the review of the Student Success Plan. Mr. Neter gave a thorough overview of the contents of the manual. He pointed out

each topic covered and it's location in the book. He asked that all questions regarding the Success Plan be emailed to Terri Kimzey.

Patti Head thanked Dr. Burns and staff for providing such a thorough document. Members of the Board asked about the availability of the document to the public. Mr. Neter said that it would be available on the WCPSS website by the end of the day.

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.

- **Jennifer Lanane, President of Wake NCAE.** Ms. Lanane shared her concern regarding Personal Days, which require a teacher to pay \$50 for the day off (with or without a substitute). She shared that no other state observes this practice and that it is a statewide problem. She requested that the Board consider revising the guidelines for using a Personal Day.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

FACILITIES

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present recommendations for the following subdivision: Seagroves Farm (Phase 3-Track 1 and 2, and Phase 5). Fiscal Implications: Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facility-related costs will be avoided.

Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for information.

Chuck Dulaney reported that the Growth Management Department has reviewed over 6000 family units and the potential student impact of the new subdivisions on school planning. Data was gathered on town-homes, apartments, and single family units that will become available. It was noted that the increase of housing doesn't necessarily bring growth. Mr. Dulaney will be sending the Board the student formula used in planning for subdivision growth.

Mr. Dulaney shared a location map for Seagroves Farm. The subdivision is currently in Apex Middle School and Apex High School – traditional calendar schools. It is estimated that 158 units will be built, which will yield approximately 120 students. Growth Management recommends spot nodding to assign them to Baucom Elementary, Lufkin Middle and Apex High School to maintain some traditional seats. Mr. Dulaney stated that to establish the subdivision as year-round area to begin with will save problems later.

This Information item will be presented to the Board as an Action item at the next meeting.

2. NAME SELECTION FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORTHWESTERN RALEIGH (E-17)

On or about March 16, 2007, the Board of Education will acquire approximately 17.24 acres for a new elementary school in Raleigh, NC, that is scheduled to open in 2008. The property fronts on Leesville Road north of I-540; with its main entrance planned at the intersection with Farless Road. Sedgefield Road, which is a fairly short residential street, also intersects Leesville Road across from the school site. Naming of the new elementary facility is now required. The following names have been reviewed with staff and officials with the City of Raleigh: (1) North Leesville Elementary, (2) Sycamore Creek Elementary, (3) Sedgefield Elementary.

North Leesville is suggested because the site is located approximately 2.2 miles north of the existing Leesville Elementary School. Sycamore Creek is suggested because water draining from the site will flow into Sycamore Creek, which is the nearest notable geographic or natural feature. Sedgefield Elementary is suggested as its intersection location on the north side of the site helps to specifically identify the location of the site. Staff recommends name selection of Sycamore Creek Elementary. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff presents these naming options for information purposes only, and will come before the Board at its next meeting for approval of a recommendation to officially name the new elementary school – Sycamore Creek Elementary.

Mike Burris met with Mayor Meeker and staff from the City of Raleigh to work on a public development agreement. He has a meeting next Monday with Raleigh Transportation regarding the road in front of the school. Betty Parker stated the naming of the new school is in consideration of its location to Sycamore Creek.

This Information item will be presented to the Board as an Action item at the next meeting.

3. NAME SELECTION FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORTHWESTERN CARY (E-22)

Staff will soon close upon the acquisition of an elementary school site in the E-22 target area in Cary that is scheduled to open in 2008. The site will be co-located with the M-10 middle school site, and Town of Cary park sites. The school site is located near Green Level to Durham Road and will be adjacent to I-540, with its main entrance planned on Mills Park Drive. The Cary Park neighborhood is located in close proximity to the site, whose developer was instrumental in the cost effective acquisition of the site and site development funds donation. Throughout negotiations, the site was frequently referred to as the Cary Park site. The following names have been reviewed with staff and officials with the Town of Cary: (1) Panther Creek Elementary, (2) Mills Park Elementary, (3) Cary Park Elementary.

Panther Creek Elementary is suggested because water draining from the site will flow into Panther Creek, which is the nearest notable geographic or natural feature. (Panther Creek High School is located approximately 3 miles northeast of the site.) Mills Park Elementary is suggested because it identifies the road that the school will front on and will help to specifically identify the location of the site. Cary Park Elementary is suggested because of the prior frequent references to the site and the common association of the site with the name. Staff recommends name selection of Mills Park Elementary. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff presents these naming options for information purposes only and will come before the Board at its next meeting for approval of a recommendation to officially name the new elementary school – Mills Park Elementary.

Betty Parker shared that the acquisition for the new elementary school site in Northwestern Cary will soon be closed. The school is slated to open in 2008. Staff is requesting the new school be named Mills Park Elementary to coincide with street location. The Town of Cary has agreed to sell additional land at a discount. The developer has made funding available and it is in reserve with a Letter of Credit with the Town of Cary.

4. NAME SELECTION FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NORTHWESTERN CARY (M-10)

Staff will soon close upon the acquisition of a middle school site in the M-10 target area in Cary that is scheduled to open in 2010. The site will be co-located with the E-22 elementary school site, and Town of Cary park sites. The school site is located near Green Level to Durham Road and will be adjacent to I-540, with its main entrance located on Mills Park Drive. The Cary Park neighborhood is located in close proximity to the site, whose developer was instrumental in the cost effective acquisition of the site and site development funds donation. Throughout negotiations, the site was frequently referred to as “the Cary Park site”. The following names have been reviewed with staff and officials with the Town of Cary: (1) Panther Creek Middle, (2) Mills Park Middle, (3) Cary Park Middle.

Panther Creek Middle is suggested because water draining from the site will flow into Panther Creek, which is the nearest notable geographic or natural feature. (Panther Creek High School is located approximately 3 miles northeast of the site.) Mills Park Middle is suggested as it identifies the road that the school will front on and will help to specifically identify the location of the site. Cary Park Middle is suggested because of the prior frequent references to the site and the common association of the site with the name. Staff recommends name selection of Mills Park Middle. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff presents these naming options for information purposes only and will come before the Board at its next meeting for approval of a recommendation to officially name the new middle school – Mills Park Middle.

Betty Parker shared rationale for suggested school name. Item will be presented to the Board as an Action item at the next meeting.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. ACADEMICALLY GIFTED PROGRAM SERVICES AND SUCCESS

The Academically Gifted Program currently serves nearly 22,000 children identified as Academically Gifted. The program provides:

- Opportunities for high growth for all K-12 students in the district.
- Professional development and support in the differentiation of instructional strategies for classroom teachers.
- Direct and consultative services for students.
- Individualized assessments by a psychologist for potentially gifted students with specific learning issues (Exceptional Children).
- Individualized assessments in aptitude and achievement for underserved populations as needed.
- Nurturing programs to seek and identify students who demonstrate potential for high-level performance, focusing on students from all backgrounds including underserved populations.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for information.

Joyce Gardner, Director of the Academically Gifted Program gave a brief presentation regarding the AG Program. She provided information on how AG students are identified and served. Ms. Gardner shared that the WCPSS screening process is more complex than the state approved guidelines and that it is used as a model by other areas. There is a mass screening done system wide in the third grade. Numerous indicators are used to identify students. The amount of services available and students served are driven by state funding allotment. Ms. Gardner shared that students are served in both pull-out and push-in settings. The AG program teachers serve to support classroom teachers and enhance curriculum. She stated how important it is to nurture gifted behavior and build a culture for learning. Ms. Gardner shared an outline model and initiatives list. Parent involvement and access to information are available through the webpage, planning guides, conferences and Connections booklet.

Mr. Turner, Senior Administrator for AG shared information on the Governor's School process. He shared that 68 students were selected in 2006 and 30% were minority population participants. Mr. Turner explained that slots for Governor's School are allotted by state and have remained unchanged throughout the past few years. WCPSS receives the maximum number of slots.

Ms. Gardner shared two "success stories" that were given to her by her AG teachers.

Staff answered the Board's questions about the AG initiatives, identification process, funding, models, and Governor's School selection. A breakdown of minority participants for Governor's School will be made available to the Board members.

Beverly Clark stated that it is imperative that families coming into WCPSS see the quality of the program and understand that the state only funds it at 4% ADM. This information needs to be made available on the website.

Patti Head thanked the AG staff for the presentation and for their hard work in identifying and serving the Academically Gifted students of WCPSS.

Patti Head called for a short break at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 4:28 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. Amendments included moving: Facilities – Bids: Durant Road Middle Roofing; Facilities – Resolution: Plan 2000 Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation; and Policy- Policy 6400/Code of Conduct to Action Items. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2006 - Human Resources Committee Minutes
 November 14, 2006- Finance Committee Minutes
 January 9, 2007 – Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
 January 10, 2007 – Instructional Program Committee Minutes
 January 22, 2007 - Board of Education Work Session Minutes
 January 23, 2007 - Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
 January 26, 2007 - Board of Education Work Session Minutes
 February 6, 2007 - Board of Education Work Session Minutes
 February 13, 2007 - Facilities Committee Minutes
 February 20, 2007 - Committee of the Whole
 February 21, 2007 - Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and BOE

FINANCE

1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

Seventy-two gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$80,832.76. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action is required.

FACILITIES

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department presented recommendations to the Board of Education on February 20, 2007 for the following subdivision: Providence Place (Phase 1, Map 4 and 5; Phase 2, Map 2; Phase 3, Map 1; and Phase 4, Map 1). 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.

2. LEASE AGREEMENT – LEASE AMENDMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE FOR WAKE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Terms and conditions of a First Amendment to the existing Lease Agreement have been reached with Board of Trustees of Wake Technical College to lease additional space known as Suite 102 (containing approximately 2,542 square feet of space) within a building on their WakeMed campus on Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh. The Amendment is within the scope of the existing two year lease which began on July 1, 2006, with opportunities for annual renewals thereafter. The projected use is for administrative space, and a multipurpose space with specific intended uses as a dining facility and classroom for the Wake Early College High School. Fiscal Implications: Rental rate under the original Lease is \$1 for the entirety of the initial two year term of the lease, and \$1 per year thereafter for any annual renewals. Funding for this lease would come from the Operating Budget. No additional fiscal implications are related to the First

Amendment. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of a First Amendment To Lease Agreement with Board of Trustees of Wake Technical.

3. LEASE AGREEMENTS: MODULAR CLASSROOM UNITS AT EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE

Agreement has been reached with Vanguard Modular Building Systems for the lease payments for three eight-classroom modular complexes and three multi-purpose modular complexes required for the renovation and addition project at East Millbrook Middle School. These are for swing space required for the renovation project. Staff recommends approval of the agreements in the combined total amount of \$404,987.97. Board approval is being requested due to the combined total of these agreements. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$30,995,052, of which \$3,470,802 is from PLAN 2004, \$109,089 from PLAN 2000 Start up, and \$27,415,161 from CIP 2006.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-02: RIVER BEND ELEMENTARY (E-19)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-02 to Barnhill Contracting Company, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new River Bend Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$16,236,973, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the construction of this project. A list of the bid packages is attached. Fiscal Implications:

Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,382,020, of which \$2,292,654 is from PLAN 2004, \$19,511,165 from CIP 2006 and \$578,201 from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-02: BANKS ROAD ELEMENTARY (E-23)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-02 to Barnhill Contracting Company, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Banks Road Elementary School near Fuquay-Varina. This change order, in the amount of \$17,436,497, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the construction of this project. A list of the bid packages is attached. This GMP includes the Town of Fuquay-Varina's park development, which will be funded by the Town of Fuquay-Varina and Wake County. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,889,069, of which \$745,000 is from PLAN 2004; \$21,159,465 from CIP 2006; \$575,440 from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements; and \$409,164 will be provided by the Town of Fuquay-Varina and the Wake County Parks and Recreation Department for additional ball fields, parking and utilities for future upgrades to the park facility. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-02: LYNN ROAD ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-02 to Centex Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the renovations and additions at Lynn Road Elementary. This change order, in the amount of \$13,561,928, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for all but the landscaping bid package for this project. That package will be re-bid in the future to obtain a more competitive price and presented at a future Board meeting. A list of the bid packages is attached. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,098,150, of which \$1,206,943 is from Plan 2004 and \$20,891,207 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. CHANGE ORDER NO. 10: SANFORD CREEK ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 10 to DeVere Construction Company, Inc. This change order, in the amount of \$118,124.84, is for all the playground equipment for Sanford Creek Elementary. The original bid documents did not include the playground equipment. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$19,123,008, all of which is from PLAN 2004. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

8. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: LACY ELEMENTARY

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes additions and renovations at Lacy Elementary. Negotiations have been completed with Skinner Lamm & Highsmith Architects, PA, for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,854,837 of which \$525,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start Up and \$21,329,837 from CIP 2006. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$858,051. A separate agreement in the amount of \$85,805.10 was previously issued for design through schematic design. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

9. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: ROOT ELEMENTARY

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes additions and renovations at Root Elementary. Negotiations have been completed with GMK of North Carolina, PC, d/b/a Ramsay GMK for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$19,930,017, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start Up and \$19,630,017 from CIP 2006. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$876,236. Separate agreements totaling \$111,923.60, were previously issued for design through schematic design. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

10. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES ADDITION

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes an addition to the Child Nutrition Services warehouse at the Central Services Complex. Negotiations have been completed with H.S. Annis Architect, AIA, for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,778,383, all of which is from CIP 2006. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$147,800. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

11. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: SMITH ELEMENTARY

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes additions and renovations at Smith Elementary School. Negotiations were completed with Brown Architecture, Inc., for the design of this project, and the agreement was approved by the BOE on February 6, 2007. Before the contract was fully executed, Brown Architecture, Inc. was acquired by another firm, Shuller Ferris Lindstrom + Associates. A new agreement, with terms identical to the previous contract, has been executed with Shuller Ferris Lindstrom + Associates. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for information.

12. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: HERITAGE HIGH

Negotiations have been completed with Trigon Engineering Consultants, Inc., to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for Heritage High School in the amount of \$260,000, in accordance with the Master Service Agreement for Geotechnical/Materials Testing Services and the Individual Project Proposal Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$62,568,407, of which \$1,564,638 is from PLAN 2000 Start-Up, \$513,391 from PLAN 2004, \$56,129,055 from CIP 2006, \$1,253,301 from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements, and \$3,108,022 from the Town of Wake Forest and the Wake County Parks and Recreation Department for additional ball fields and upgrades to the school's ball fields. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT 07-247 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN)

- This amendment to the contract approved at the July 18, 2006 Board meeting increases funding for Project Enlightenment services.

- The contract pays for transition programs for children of greatest need who will be entering kindergarten next year.

Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$21,528.00 to increase funding to a total of \$119,742.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

2. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WAKE COUNTY SMART START, INC. (MORE AT FOUR)

The amendment is an increase of two slots at Project Enlightenment for the More at Four Program.

Fiscal Implications: The total reimbursement from the Local Partnership to the Service Provider for provision of services for this increase of 2 (two) slots, shall not exceed \$41,846.00. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

3. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WAKE COUNTY SMART START, INC. (MORE AT FOUR)

The amendment is an increase of four slots at Lynn Road for the More at Four Program. Fiscal

Implications: The total reimbursement from the Local Partnership to the Service Provider for provision of services for this increase 4 (four) slots, shall not exceed \$45,962.00. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

4. TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES: SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER

Under “No Child Left Behind” Legislation, a Title I school that has not met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals for three consecutive years, must offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for all eligible students. Students are eligible if they qualify for free/reduced lunch. These services must be provided by a provider who is approved by the Department of Public Instruction. Parents select the provider from the approved list. Parents of approximately 130 students at Hodge Road Elementary have selected Sylvan Learning Center as their SES provider. Fiscal Implications: The state approved maximum allocation per student is \$1,198. The total cost of the services for 130 students is \$155,740.00.

Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends the Board approve this contract.

5. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#1135): State Library of North Carolina, Library Services and Technology Act, EZ School Library Collection Development / Wakefield Middle School and Others.
- Competitive (#1136): US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, Title I School Improvement Funds / Central Services, Title I.
- Competitive (#1137): NC State Collaborative for Children and Families, NC Department of Public Instruction / Central Services, Student Support Services.

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

Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

POLICY

1. POLICY 6410-INAPPROPRIATE STUDENT CONDUCT

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to draw all policies under Board Policy 6400 which indicates discipline can be imposed “anytime, anywhere, any place that has a direct effect on maintaining safety for all staff and students”. These revisions will eliminate "specific jurisdiction" wording. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

2. POLICY 6420-DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to draw all policies under Board Policy 6400 which indicates discipline can be imposed “anytime, anywhere, any place that has a direct

effect on maintaining safety for all staff and students”. These revisions will eliminate "specific jurisdiction" wording. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

3. POLICY 6425-FIGHTING/PHYSICAL AGGRESSION OR ASSAULT

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to align with General Statute 115C-391. Additional wording added for clarification. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

4. POLICY 6427-WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS/ SUBSTANCES

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made for clarification based on trends of inappropriate behaviors. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation: Staff is requesting Board approval.

5. POLICY 6429-NARCOTIC, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, CHEMICALS AND DRUG PARAPHERNELIA

Revised. Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to establish a definition for clarification and alignment with other policy changes. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation: Staff is requesting Board approval.

6. POLICY 6500-DISCIPLINE

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to align with General Statute 115C-391 and to establish clarification of all policies recommending suspensions for 365 days or suspensions up to 365 days. Additional wording added for clarification. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation: Staff is requesting Board approval.

7. POLICY6530-Due Process

Revised. Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, deletions have been made to eliminate duplication of policy. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Recommendation: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR EMPLOYMENT

- A. Professional
- B. Support

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This represents a new nomination to the Board Advisory Councils. The nomination form is attached for the Board's review and consideration. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

- Facilities Committee: Horace Tart reported that on February 27 he met with CPAC, Systems Advisory at the McKimmon Center. The committee will divide into three sub committees; program and design, site and planning, and construction management. This was a public meeting and each committee did a detailed report. This was a very informative meeting. The next Citizen's Facility Advisory Meeting will be on March 27 at 4:00 pm downtown. The Facility Committee will meet on March 13 to address an explanation on program management cost/municipal planning, permit issues, and public/private partnerships. We will be discussing where we are, where we want to be and the steps to get there regarding public/private partnerships.
- Policy Committee: Susan Parry reported that the committee met on March 13. Discussion included the revision of the Emergency Preparedness Policy. We will be holding additional Policy Committee meetings to discuss the Transfer Policy revisions.
- Finance Committee: Carol Parker reported that the committee met on March 13 and the appointed citizens to advise the Finance will serve for two more meetings. The purpose of them serving was to help us simplify the budget and financial information. All nine citizens are eager to continue serving. We will be presenting the Budget to Finance Committee and on April 17, we will look at a draft to simplify the budget information for the public.
- Community Relations: Lori Millberg said they will not meet in March.
- Human Resources: Eleanor Goettee said they would meet in March but not in April.
- Instructional Program: Beverley Clark said that the committee will meet on March 14 but the meeting time may be changed to an earlier time.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. BELL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2007/08 SCHOOL YEAR

Annually the Board of Education approves bell schedules for the next school year. The only changes proposed for the 2007-2008 school year are the additions of new schools. New elementary schools at East Garner and Sanford Creek are recommended for placement on third tier, 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; and North Forest Pines is recommended for 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New middle schools Wendell Middle and East Cary Middle Year Round are recommended for placement on first tier, 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Wake Forest Rolesville High 9th Grade Center is recommended for a 7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. bell schedule and Wakefield High 9th Grade Center is recommended for a 7:36 a.m. to 2:06 p.m. bell schedule. Fiscal Implications: Buses already purchased will provide resources to accommodate proposed bell schedule. Additional bus drivers will be recruited. Recommendation for Action: Approval of bell schedules for new schools is recommended.

Lori Millberg made the motion to approve the bell schedule, seconded by Susan Parry.

Eddie Adams shared the proposed schedule. He stated that the recommendation will not add vehicles or personnel in order to accommodate the recommended bell schedule. Eleanor Goettee expressed concern for the existing bell schedule at East Cary regarding the release of 9th and 6th graders. Mr. Adams reassured the Board that safeguards are in place in regards to grade level differences. Mr. Adams also shared the rationale for setting bell schedules and transportation tiers. The Board shared their concern for the safety of the students and the hardship the bell schedules may/or may not cause for parents. After additional discussion the vote was unanimous.

RECOGNITION

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS – 5 p.m. (Exhibit C)

Eighteen students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Eric Sparks presented 18 Spotlight on Students recipients to the Board. Each student was individually recognized for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments. Dr. Burns presented each student with a plaque.

Patti Head commended the students and their families for being selected as their schools only Spotlight on Student this year. Ms. Head shared the Board's pride in their accomplishment. The audience and Board joined Ms. Head in giving these outstanding students a standing ovation. The Spotlight on Students list is attached (Exhibit C).

Patti Head called for a short break at 5:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

FACILITIES

2. BIDS: MODULAR UNITS AT KNIGHTDALE HIGH

Bids were received on December 12, 2006 to provide modular classroom units. Two eight- classroom units are needed at Knightdale High for seating capacity. Work includes the delivery, installation of footers, block, level, and tie-down for the units. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to CoMark Building Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$162,244. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$16,935,553, all of which is from the CIP 2006 Mobile Classroom Relocation and Leasing, 2007-2009 projects. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Mike Burriss gave the Board a recap on why and how figures are different as shown on the handout (Exhibit D). Requirements changed driving price up to approximately \$50,000 per classroom, which does not include design. Design is already underway and funds encumbered. The mobile units should be in place by August. Single units may be ready earlier. After reviewing the handout, Mr. Burriss answered the questions posed by the Board in regards to cost. The vote was 7 to 1 with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Rosa Gill, Ron Margiotta, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee voting "yes" and Lori Millberg voting "no". The motion passed.

3. RENEWAL OF GROUND LEASE FOR MODULAR CAMPUS – DUBOIS PROPERTY – WAKE FOREST

Terms and conditions of a renewal of the ground lease with the National Alumni Association of Dubois High School (Dubois) have been reached providing approximately 6.22 acres for a modular school complex, and an opportunity for use of the existing gymnasium. The lease term is five years beginning August 1, 2007, and terminating on June 30, 2012, with an option to renew this lease for a maximum of five (5) years beyond the initial lease term with option term lease payments increasing by 3% annually. Fiscal Implications: If use of gymnasium by Board of Education: \$45,570 per year, \$26,000 of which will be paid in the form of a credit against a Note of Dubois to the Board of Education until the Note is paid in full, after which annual payments will be made without credit or setoff. (The current Note balance is \$52,000.) Tenant has the option to use the Gymnasium, and will inspect the building to determine whether renovations or upgrades to the building or its facilities are required for use. If it is economically feasible to complete such improvements to prepare for student use, then Tenant is responsible for making such improvement with notice to and prior consent of Landlord. Additional Rent for use of the

Gymnasium is inclusive of utilities and maintenance, and secures Tenant's priority use until 3:00 p.m. on each school calendar day. If gymnasium is not used by Board of Education: \$37,800 per year, \$26,000 of which will be paid in the form of a credit against a Note of Dubois to the Board of Education until the Note is paid in full, after which annual payments will be made without credit or setoff. (The current Note balance is \$52,000). Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Betty Parker made a presentation regarding the renewal of the ground lease. She shared that the Dubois Property is working well. Discussion was held regarding the comparison of the cost of that property to other leased properties (i.e. Winn Dixie). Ms. Parker shared that the lease for the Dubois Property is less than the Winn Dixie property. She shared that she has not received any negative feedback from community members regarding the Dubois Property site. Ron Margiotta expressed his objection to the leasing of the land and questioned the timing of the Board's decision. Ann Majestic made clarification to the previous Board decision. The vote was 7 to 1 with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Eleanor Goettee and Susan Parry voting "yes" and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

4. REQUEST TO DECLARE LAND SURPLUS: A PORTION OF THE LEESVILLE ROAD CAMPUS

The Board of Education owns 104.91 acres of land on Country Trail known as the Leesville Road Schools tract that it currently uses for Leesville Road High School, Middle School and Elementary School. The property includes an unusable portion at the southern end of the property that is separated from the main body of the tract by Country Trail, and its limited size and shape prohibit cost effective school uses. The particular portion sought to be declared as surplus at this time is only the three (3) acre portion of the property that lies south of Country Trail and adjacent to a tract owned by City of Raleigh. Staff requests that the Board of Education surplus the 3 acre portion of the property identified as PIN # 0787386736, the precise area of which shall be confirmed by survey. Fiscal Implications: Upon approval from the Board of Education, staff will implement per Board Policy 7250. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval and declaration of property as surplus.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. For clarification, Betty Parker showed a map of the location of the surplus land being discussed. Staff accepts the offer as a fair market value. The vote was unanimous.

5. BIDS: DURANT ROAD MIDDLE ROOFING

Bids for the roof repairs and coating of all the low slope roofs at Durant Road Middle School were received on February 13, 2007. Staff and Roof Engineering, Inc., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Sunlife Systems International, Inc., in the amount of \$177,500. This project was added to PLAN 2000 Deferred Maintenance due to the deteriorating roof condition causing leakage in the building. The single ply roof had a 10-year warranty. The roof is in year nine and the manufacturer is being pursued for the pro-rated value. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$230,000, all of which is from PLAN 2000 Deferred Maintenance. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

A motion was made by Carol Parker to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Mike Burriss offered explanation on the condition and the warranty terms on the Durant Road Middle School roofing. The warranty does not include installation, only materials are warranted. A handout with current schools using the same roofing material was shared with the Board (Exhibit E). Greg Clark gave a more detailed explanation on the condition of the roof and the impact it will have on the building. He discussed the alternatives for roof replacement. The recommended roof comes with a replacement value warranty. Staff shared the measures being used to receive compensation for the current roof at Durant Middle School. The vote to approve the roofing was unanimous.

6. RESOLUTION: PLAN 2000 LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from various completed PLAN 2000 projects to Program Contingency. Total reallocation amount is \$546,458. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Staff is requesting to move savings from finished projects to allocate for program contingency. Mike Burriss shared the Plan 2000 Closeout Status handout (Exhibit F). Clarification on start-up funds and Plan 2000 and Plan 2004 Building Program funds overlaps were discussed. The vote was unanimous.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. 2008-2009 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR AND SINGLE-TRACK YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR

At the request of the board, the traditional calendar is being reconsidered. The single-track year-round calendar is also being reconsidered to ensure spring break alignment.

The traditional calendar presented is for 2008-2009.

- This calendar meets all requirements of the Calendar Law.
- This calendar contains 180 student days, 11 paid holidays, 10 paid vacation days, and 9 or 14 teacher workdays. The Division of Principals will make recommendations for the remaining teacher workdays.
- The first day for students will be Monday, August 25, 2008. The last day will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

The single-track year-round calendar presented is for 2008-2009.

- The single-track year-round instructional calendar combines features of the traditional and year-round calendar.
- The calendar is broken into six-week instructional periods with either a one- or two-week break between each instructional period.

Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications. Recommendation for Action: These items are presented for action.

Beverly Clark made a motion to rescind the January 23 approval of the calendars to allow for further discussion, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Dawn Dawson presented the revised traditional calendar and Ken Branch presented the revised single-track year-round calendar that realigned spring break dates. After discussion, the Board agreed to move spring break on the traditional calendar to the week of April 6-10 to align with a break on the single-track year-round calendar. Information regarding the 2008-09 calendars will be added to the website. The vote was unanimous.

POLICY

1. POLICY 6400-CODE OF CONDUCT

Revised: Second Reading.

At the advice and guidance of Ann Majestic, revisions have been made to align with General Statute 115C-391. The proposed revisions were presented to the Policy Committee on 2.13.07. Fiscal Implications: none. Staff Recommendation: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Victoria Curtis said the policy was reworded to provide for a better understanding by students and parents. Staff asked that the word "cyberspace" be added to the policy so that there is no question regarding the Code of Student Conduct. The vote was unanimous.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319; to establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:08 to approve administrative appointments and administrative transfers. On a motion by Eleanor Goettee and Seconded by Rosa Gill, the following administrative appointments and administrative transfers were approved:

- Sylvia Wilkins, applicant, to principal at Dillard Drive Elementary School, effective Jun1, 2007.
- Betty Starr Braswell, retired principal to interim Assistant Principal at Jones Dairy Elementary School, effective date March 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
- Ann Deegan, retired principal to interim principal at Dillard Drive Elementary School, effective date March 17, 2007 through May 31, 2007.
- Gary Gammill, retired principal to interim assistant principal at Baileywick Elementary School, effective date March 7, 2007 through TBD.
- Tracy Purvis, teacher at Carroll Middle School to assistant principal at Reedy Creek Elementary School, effective date March 7, 2007
- Wendel Evans, assistant principal at Wakefield Middle School to assistant principal at Wakefield High School, effective date to TBD.
- Syreeta Smith, assistant principal at Wilburn Elementary School to assistant principal at North Forest Pines Drive Elementary School, effective date April 1, 2007.

On a motion by Susan Parry seconded by Rosa Gill, the Board returned to Closed Session at 8:12. At 10:14, the Board returned to Open Session. On a motion by Lori Millberg and seconded by Susan Parry, the Board approved the staff's recommendation to purchase and contract 71.89 acres of land in southeastern Wake County for a new high school (H-8), purchase and contract space for Northwestern Cary Area (E-30), an offer to purchase land in southeastern Wake County for a new middle school and elementary school (M-12 and E-31), an offer to purchase land in northwestern Cary for a new elementary school (E-30), an offer to purchase land in northern Wake County for a new middle school (M-6). Being no further business, the Board adjourned on a motion by Susan Parry seconded by Rosa Gill.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sandra C. Hux, Recording Secretary

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education