

# WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 18, 2003

### **Board Members**

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

### **Staff Members Present**

*Bill McNeal, Superintendent  
Jo Baker  
Karen Banks  
Del Burns  
Mike Burriss  
Michael Evans  
Donald Haydon  
Ann Hooker  
Linda Isley  
Cindi Jolly  
Toni Patterson  
Janice Shearin  
Beverly White  
Jonbiel Willis*

### **Board Attorney Present**

*Ann Majestic*

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*Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Chairman's Comments**

- *The board does not endorse the recommendation for lifting the cap on charter schools in Wake County. It is not in the best interest of the children and will not provide the best educational opportunities for all children.*
- *Ms. Parry and Ms. Quigg had the opportunity to speak to the teaching fellows.*
- *The Board of Education and the mayors of the different municipalities had dinner on Monday, March 17, to discuss issues of current interest for both boards.*

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- *Superintendent McNeal reported that Enloe High School is the winner of the US Academic Decathlon. Green Hope High School came in second, with Fuquay-Varina High School only 8 points behind. Southeast Raleigh, Garner, and Apex High School came in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place. All teams had members who won medals. Enloe will compete in the National Competition in Erie, Pennsylvania, in April.*
- *Vandora Springs Elementary School has been recognized by the NC Department of Public Instruction as a Super Safe School for the fourth year. Vandora Springs is one of 37 schools across the state to receive this designation for providing a safe learning environment for its students and staff.*
- *The joint luncheon with the County Commissioners is hosted this month by the Board of Education.*
- *On Wednesday, March 26, Pieces of Gold will be held at the BTI Center for the Performing Arts. There will be two performances: an afternoon matinee at 3:00 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m.*
- *Les Miserables-School Edition performances will be at the Memorial Auditorium on April 10 at 7:00 p.m.; April 11 at 7:00 p.m.; and April 12 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

### **Resolution in Support of the Seniors Voting Project** *(Exhibit A)*

*The Seniors Voting Project is part of a countywide voter registration project co-sponsored by the Wake County Board of Elections and the Wake County Public School System to increase the number of registered voters throughout the county. Student Council presidents and teachers at each high school have committed to leading the effort at their respective schools.*

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> Bond Referendum - Bill Coleman, Cary Town Manager**

*The Cary Town Council has voted to place two community bond issues before Cary voters on April 8. The projects that will be funded by the bonds have been selected through strong citizen input. The \$130 million street bonds will be used to decrease traffic delays by increasing capacity on Cary roadways. The \$30 million recreation bonds will be used to continue the Town's commitment to providing a wide variety of parks, recreation, and cultural arts centers.*

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

*Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add the Resolution in Support of the Seniors Voting Project to the Action Agenda, seconded by Susan Parry.*

*Patti Head made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add a closed session item 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 for 20 acres of land at Brier Creek and Globe Road for a new elementary facility. G.S.143-318.11 (a)(5)*

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.*

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

***Traona Kearney-Wakefield High School student.*** *Asked the board to change the current tobacco policy to make Wake County Public Schools 100% tobacco free.*

***Jena Herdux-Wakefield High School student.*** *Requested that the board put in place a Wake County Public School System policy change in order to create a 100% tobacco-free environment.*

***Taurus Turner- Sanderson High School student.*** *Requested that the policy committee review the current tobacco policy of the Wake County Public School System. Currently 18 school systems in North Carolina have adopted 100% tobacco-free policy that prohibits tobacco use on school campus.*

***Deborah Cerrito-Project ASSIST Coordinator Wake County.*** *Ms. Cerrito thanked the board for the 1997 change to the current policy on tobacco use. The current policy states that teachers and students can't smoke during the school day. In 2003, the project is asking the board to change the policy to make the district 100% tobacco free at all times.*

***Gibbie Harris-Director Community Health for Wake County.*** *In support of a 100% tobacco-free Wake County Public School System. Smoking and other tobacco use is the most preventable cause of death in the United States.*

**Regina Heroux-Parent.** *In support of a 100% tobacco-free Wake County Public School System.*

**Swanne Depalmo-Parent.** *Requests that the school board adopt a 100% tobacco-free policy that prohibits tobacco use on campuses. Passing and enforcing this policy demonstrates a firm commitment to children's health.*

*Beverley Clark made a motion to refer the tobacco use policy to the Policy Committee for review. Seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

*Tom Oxholm made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 5, 2002 – Open Meeting  
 January 21, 2003 – Open Meeting  
 February 4, 2003 – Open Meeting  
 February 11, 2003 – Finance Committee Meeting  
 February 19, 2003 - Facilities Committee Meeting

### **FACILITIES**

#### **1. Resolution: Closing of Completed Phase IIIB Projects**

Resolution requests closing of completed Phase IIIB projects to include Land Acquisition, Enloe High, Energy Management, Code Compliance, Security, Fuller Elementary, Deferred Furniture and Modernization. The consolidated amount closed from these projects is \$699,300.85. These funds will be transferred to the Program Contingency Project.

#### **2. Preferred Brands of Equipment for Construction Projects**

N.C.G.S. 133-3 requires performance standards to be used when specifying products. Senate Bill 1217, approved by the last General Assembly, allowed preferred brands of equipment to be bid as an alternate on school system projects provided that the performance standards were approved by the Board. The alternate must either provide a cost savings or maintain/improve the functioning of a process or system affected by the brand alternate. Board approval the is request for specific brand alternates for lighting dimmers and control board along with the kitchen equipment. Additional cost, if any, for a brand alternate will be identified on the bid and will be part of the total contract that the Board awards.

#### **3. Design Consultant Agreement: Wendell Elementary Gymnasium Renovation**

The approved PLAN 2000 School Building Program includes the gymnasium renovation at Wendell Elementary. Negotiations have been completed with MBAJ Architecture for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Funding are available from the total project budget of \$1,565,891, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$100,270.

#### **4. Design Consultant Agreement: Daniels Middle Renovations**

The approved PLAN 2000 School Building Program includes the renovations at Daniels Middle. Negotiations have been completed with Cline Design Associates for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Funding is

available from the total project budget of \$4,493,061, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. The total project includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$238,000.

### **5. Bids: Highcroft Drive Elementary**

Bids for the construction of Highcroft Drive Elementary were received on January 28, 2003. Staff and Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee P.A. recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to Barnhill Contracting Company, in the amount of \$8,006,300. The total of the low-multi-prime bids is \$8,024,890. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$11,163,901, of which \$11,152,391 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$10,700 is from Wake County Parks and Recreation, which will fund the irrigation system of the multi-purpose field.

### **6. Bids: Forestville Road Elementary**

Bids for the new construction at Forestville Road Elementary were received on February 11, 2002. Staff and Small Kane Architects, PA recommended awarding the single-prime contract to R.N. Rouse & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,087,105. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$10,084,071. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$12,888,710 of which \$11,152,391 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$1,736,319 is from the Town of Knightdale.

### **7. Change Order No. G7: Broughton High**

Board approved request for Change Order No. G7 to Baker Roofing. This change order in the amount of \$141,980 is for additional tuckpointing work for the 1951 addition to help prevent water infiltration and damage to new interior wall furnishes. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$15,197,735, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

### **8. Proposed New “Front-End” and General Conditions for Construction Contracts Less Than \$300,000**

Staff recommended approval of new “front-end” and general conditions as shown on attached documents. They have been reviewed and approved by the Board attorney.

### **9. Bids: Grass Mowing at 103 Sites**

The Board approved the contract of term is March 31, 2003 through November 22, 2003 for 102 school sites and one office site. Staff recommended awarding contracts to Pinnacle Inc., in the amount of \$16,950 for 4 schools; Quality Lawn Care, in the amount of \$117,525 for 23 schools; Baines Landscaping in the amount of \$33,150 for 6 schools; Olive Farms, in the amount of \$145,500 for 22 school; Herb’s Lawn Care Service in the amount of \$145,500 for 23 schools and 1 office site; Faithful Lawn Care Inc. in the amount of \$150,300 for 24 schools. The contracts total \$608,925. Funds are available from the 2002-2003 current expense budget for the period March 31, 2003 through June 30, 2003. Funds are included in our 2003-2004 budget request for July 1.

## **FINANCE**

### **1. Report Of Administration Approved Contracts *(Exhibit B)***

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 for February 2003.

## **PROGRAM**

### **1. Grant Proposals**

Competitive (#746): BellSouth Foundation, EduPower 3 Program / Lead Mine Elementary School. Competitive (#747): P. Buckley Moss Foundation / Yates Mill Elementary School. Competitive (#748): Raleigh Women's Club / Mt. Vernon Redirection Middle School. Competitive (#749): State Library of North Carolina, Powerful Partners Collaboration / Combs Elementary School. Competitive (#751): Carolina Hurricanes / Central Office, Family Involvement and Outreach Services. Competitive (#752): North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration / Longview and Mt. Vernon Redirection Alternative Schools. Competitive (#754): Charles Stewart Mott Foundation / Lead Mine Elementary School. Competitive (#755): North Carolina Arts Council, Arts in Education / Individual Schools. Competitive (#756): United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Arts in Education / Individual Schools. Competitive (#757): IBM / Lead Mine Elementary School. Collaborative (#758): North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, / Central Office, Family Involvement and Outreach Services. Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

## **POLICY**

### **1. Revision of Policy 6200 – Student Assignment** *(Exhibit C)*

#### ***Revised; First Reading (waiver of Second Reading requested)***

Wake County Public School System Student Assignment Policy 6200 has been revised to reflect changes. The changes are aligned with our current policy and do not significantly impact current practice. The major area of change addresses the name change of Student Assignment to Growth Management. Other changes have been made for clarity and alignment with regulations.

### **2. Revision of Policy 6201 – School Admission** *(Exhibit D)*

#### ***Revised; First Reading (waiver of Second Reading requested)***

Wake County Public School System Student Assignment Policy 6201 has been revised to reflect changes. The changes are aligned with our current policy and do not significantly impact current practice. The major area of change addresses the name change of Student Assignment to Growth Management and addresses the homeless issues. Other changes have been made for clarity and alignment with regulations.

### **3. Revision of Policy 6203 – Transfer of School Assignment** *(Exhibit E)*

#### ***Revised; First Reading (waiver of Second Reading requested)***

Wake County Public School System Student Assignment Policy 6203 has been revised to reflect changes. The changes are aligned with our current policy and do not significantly impact current practice. The major area of change addresses the name change of Student Assignment to Growth Management. Other changes have been made for clarity of transfer appeal process to align with regulations.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. Recommendation for Administrative Transfer**

*Diann P. Kearney, assistant principal at Sanderson High School, to assistant principal at Kingswood Elementary School.*

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS**

***Finance Committee*** had its meeting on March 11 to review the list of Chief Financial Officer responsibilities. The next meeting will be held on April 8, and they will continue to identify skill sets for a school system CFO.



*Facilities Committee to continue its discussion on equity of facilities across the county.*

*Policy Committee will have its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on April 8, to discuss the policy on students/faculty smoking on school grounds.*

*Community Relations Committee began a discussion on the public view of the word diversity. It is the public conception that the school system uses race to accomplish diversity in the schools when in fact, the district uses socio-economic status. The committee will begin discussion on what terminology to use in place of the word "diversity."*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Resolution in Support of the Senior Voting Project**

The Senior Voting Project is part of a countywide voter registration project co-sponsored by the Wake County Board of Elections and the Wake County Public School System to increase the number of registered voters throughout the county. Student Council presidents and teachers at each high school have committed to leading the effort at their respective schools.

*Beverley Clark made motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.*

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. Construction Documents: Kingswood Elementary**

Staff presented the construction documents designed by Davis-Kane Architects, P.A. for the addition and renovation at Kingswood Elementary. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$8,235,195 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Current construction estimates anticipate a requirement of \$888,355 in additional funds, of which \$362,610 may come from PLAN 2000 Code Compliance and \$525,745 may come from PLAN 2000 School Building Program savings.

- *Faculty and students will relocate to Cedar Forks Elementary School for the 2003-2004 school year.*
- *New construction will consist of new classrooms, new administration offices, student support services, child nutrition services, and plant operations.*
- *Renovations will be made to the existing gymnasium and physical education spaces to bring them up to current program standard and building codes.*
- *Demolishing buildings A, B, and E. Upgrade site traffic, pedestrian walkways, and outdoor program.*

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.*

### **2. Schematic Design: Northwoods Elementary**

The schematic design documents prepared by Arcadis G & M of North Carolina, Inc. for the renovation of Northwoods Elementary. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$4,191,600, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. A commitment of \$1,600,000 will be required from the next building program, PLAN 2004, for the construction costs associated with the bid alternate for modernization of the classrooms.

*Staff requested that this item be pulled from today's agenda. Will come back at a future board meeting to discuss.*

### **3. Schematic Design: Rolesville Elementary**

Staff presented the schematic design documents prepared by Brown & Jones Architects, Inc. for the construction of Rolesville Elementary gym renovations. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,012,056 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

- *New construction will consist of new covered walkways to bus loading area.*
- *Renovate gym building.*
- *Upgrade ADA access to gym and correct erosion problems.*
- *Accommodations will be made for 2 mobile units containing 2 classrooms.*

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

*Patti Head made a motion to go into closed session at 4:20 p.m. to 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 for 20 acres of land at Brier Creek and Globe Road for a new elementary facility. G.S.143-318.11 (a)(5). Seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.*

*Board reconvened at 5:15 p.m.*

## **ACTION (cont'd)**

*Jeff York made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add (1) Offer to Purchase and Contract and (2) Acquisitions and Funding Resolution: New Raleigh Area Elementary. Seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

### **1. Offer to Purchase and Contract**

Terms and condition of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Brier Creek Associated Limited Partnership to provide approximately 20 acres of land at Brier Creek Parkway and Globe Road for a new elementary school and community park. The board of Education, Wake County and the City of Raleigh will jointly plan and develop the site with a Joint Use Agreement providing for shared use of all facilities. Estimated land cost is \$88,000.00 per acre \$1,760.00. Wake County contributes \$200,000.00. City of Raleigh contributes \$780,000. The Board of Education contributes \$780,000.

*Jeff York made a motion to approve the Offer to Purchase and Contract with Brier Creek Associated Limited Partnership, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.*

### **2. Acquisitions and Funding Resolution: New Raleigh Area Elementary**

Acquisition of approximately 20 acres of land at Brier Creek Parkway and Globe Road for a new elementary facility requires a resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners approving of the acquisition and funding for the purchase. Estimated total land cost \$1,760,000. Contribution by Wake County \$200,000. Contribution by City of Raleigh \$780,000. Contribution by Board of Education \$780,000.

*Patti Head made a motion to approve the Acquisitions and Funding Resolution: New Raleigh Area Elementary, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair