



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2008**

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Lloyd Gardner
Eleanor Goettee	Terri Cobb	Donna Hargens
Patti Head	Danny Barnes	Don Haydon
Kevin L. Hill	Maurice Boswell	David Holdzkom
Anne McLaurin	Mike Burriss	David Neter
Ron Margiotta	Kathy Chontos	Bev White
Lori Millberg	Marvin Connelly	Jonibel Willis
Horace Tart	Michael Evans	Mark Winters
		Board Attorney Present
		Ann Majestic

Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- On March 6, 2008, the Board of Education held a meeting with the elected officials from the municipalities in the Eastern Area. Chair Gill thanked those who were able to participate in a very productive discussion. The Board will have upcoming meetings with elected officials from the Town of Wake Forest and the Town of Holly Springs on March 26, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 3600 Wake Forest Road in the Board Conference Room. On April 15, the Board will meet with elected officials from the Town of Morrisville, the Town of Fuquay-Varina, and the Town of Cary at Crossroads II from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and on April 17, the Board will meet with elected officials from the Town of Apex, the Town of Garner, and the City of Raleigh at Crossroads II from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, March 13, 2008, Chair Gill visited Hunter Gifted and Talented Magnet School for their annual author's visit. Representative Grier Martin and Representative Debra Ross were also in attendance. This year, the Hunter PTA invited Robert D. San Souci, he is best known for Folk Tales. His award winning books for children that may be familiar include: "Feathertop", "Zigzag", "Triple Dare to be Scared", and "The Hired Hand". Mr. San Souci spent Thursday and Friday in the classroom talking to the children. Chair Gill thanked the Hunter PTA and staff for inviting her to the event.
- On March 12, Chair Gill attended Pieces of Gold along with several other Board members and staff. The event is an annual arts extravaganza produced jointly by Wake County Public Schools and Wake Education Partnership. Students and teachers work throughout the year to produce the performance that supports the curriculum as well as entertains an enthusiastic audience. Chair Gill thanked and congratulated the students who were a part of the performance. The performance was outstanding and showed a great deal of hard work and highlighted the many talents of students in Wake County.

- On Friday, March 14, Chair Gill and Superintendent Burns provided greetings for a meeting with Leadership Raleigh. Chair Gill presented information on the Role of the Board of Education and discussed the importance of aligning Board processes with the Board mission, as well as the Board's commitment to the Superintendent's Strategic Directives. The meeting was very positive. Chair Gill thanked Leadership Raleigh for the invitation.
- Chair Gill had the Teacher Leaders from the Institute of Teacher Leaders introduce themselves to the Board of Education.
- On Wednesday, March 12, the Board of Education held a work session. Chair Gill thanked the Board for their hard work. As a part of the meeting, the Board did finalize the Board work plan. Over the past year, the Board reviewed the CFAC Report and the Curriculum Management Audit to find methods to merge the recommendations from each document into their work plan that was already in place. The final document aligns the Board's work with the Superintendent's Strategic Directives, including: Focusing on learning and teaching; retaining, recruiting, and training high quality employees; developing and implementing systems, structures, and processes to support schools; engage the community; and expand fiscal accountability. Under the directives, the Board also included areas of focus, goals, outcomes, and strategies. The plan will serve as a guide for the work of the Board of Education during next year.
- At the work session, the Board discussed possible structures for accomplishing their work. The Board feels very positive about the direction that they are headed. In the next few months, the Board will continue to work on refining their structure.

Superintendent's Comments

- Three Wake County Public School System high school seniors are among 79 students named 2008 Morehead-Cain Scholars at the University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill. The WCPSS students include: Shenise Nicole Gilyard of Southeast Raleigh High School, William Harris Thomason of Cary High School, and Alice HwaChuan Yen of Enloe High School. The Morehead-Cain pays all expenses for four years of undergraduate study, including the cost of a laptop computer and four summer enrichment experiences. The scholarship is among the largest and most competitive in the United States. The value of the scholarship is approximately \$80,000 for each student. Superintendent Burns congratulated each student and their families.
- Superintendent Burns congratulated the Enloe Magnet high School Choir. The choir was selected by the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall to be one of four choirs to participate in its Fifth Annual National High School Choral Festival. The four choirs were selected by recorded auditions from among 75 applicant groups from 31 states throughout the US. The event culminated in a Carnegie Hall concert on Monday, March 10, 2008. Enloe's Magnet High School Singers is made up of The Chamber Choir and the Advanced Women's Ensemble, two of the five choirs of Enloe's Choral Department. The Chamber Choir and the Advanced Women's Ensemble study a wide array of music and perform for numerous local and national events throughout the school year.
- Martin GT Magnet Middle School is embarking on a unique collaborative, educational experience with Cisco, MCNC, Arch Rock, Dr. James R. Stevens, a and

WRAL.com. These partnerships will move the school, the students, and Wake County clearly into the 21st Century Learning Model through real-world experiences, combining technology and climbing Mount Everest. Ciprian “Chip” Popoviciu from Cisco will climb the southern route of Mt. Everest. He will set up a “base camp communication station” enabling him to communicate with students at Martin GT Magnet Middle School. The project will allow students to experience Everest in a meaningful, personal manner.

- One of the areas that staff has been working on this year is a method to better inform principals of meetings for staff members within their schools. This issue is one that the Division of Principals and Assistant Principals has been actively involved in helping identify a solution. Superintendent Burns thanked Bev White and the Technology Services staff; a new calendar for tracking events went live on Friday, March 14, 2008. Staff will continue to monitor the success of the program through feedback from the principals.
- On Monday, March 3, 2008, Superintendent Burns met with the NC Teaching Fellows. Dr. Burns shared information about WCPSS including the opportunities that will be available for teachers. With focusing on succession planning, it is essential that we tap all the resources as we look to the future.
- On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Dr. Burns had the privilege of attending Pieces of Gold. Dr. Burns thanked the more than 800 students who participated in the event and the teachers who worked with their students. A panel of judges selected this year’s Gifts of Gold winners from 96 entries for the annual student art show. Art teachers were encouraged to submit student art for the show. The competition serves as the visual arts component of Pieces of Gold. Included among the winners were: Best in Show: East Millbrook Middle- Jennifer Delgado, First Place Elementary: Hunter Elementary School- Morgan Harvey, First Place Middle School- East Millbrook Middle School- Jennifer Delgado, First Place High School: Broughton High School- George Bason, 3-D Art Award: Wake Forest-Rolesville High School- Jed Butterfield, North Carolina Symphony Award- Fuquay-Varina High School – Sarah Pauley. Sarah Pauley will have the opportunity to design the cover for the N.C. Symphony school materials for the upcoming season. Student artwork was featured in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium on March 8-9, and the student artists were honored at a reception on March 8.
- On Thursday, March 13, the Transfer Job Fair was held at Leesville Road High School. The atmosphere was very supportive and positive. Approximately 220 teachers attended with 128 schools participating. Staff is expecting the Spring Job Fair to be equally successful. Presently, over 800 teachers and administrative candidates have pre-registered.
- The Transportation Review Committee will begin their work during the week of March 24. Dr. Burns thanked Don Haydon and Eddy Adams for working with the group.
- Dr. Burns reported that a total of 13,500 applications were received from families applying for magnet or calendar options. 9,100 applicants for magnet schools, compared to 9,347 last year; 3,773 applicants for year-round schools, compared with 3,395 year-round requests last year; 2,329 traditional calendar requests, compared to 1,529 traditional calendar requests last year. Chuck Dulaney, Assistant Superintendent of Growth and Planning, said that the school system was able to

place all students in the traditional calendar seats requested by families. 41% of the students applying to magnet schools have been initially placed. 48% of students applying to year-round schools have been initially placed. Dr. Burns thanked the Growth Management Department for all of their hard work as they continue to work through the process.

Board Member's Comments

- Ms. Head shared that she attended the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on the "Future of Wake County". The Committee reviews Wake County's growth, infrastructure, and the happenings in the county. The committee gathers and makes recommendations that will be helpful to the municipalities and County Commissioners. An update and overview of the county's water supply and transportation was given. Joe Bryan, Chair of the County Commissioner's gave an update regarding the progress report of last year's recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee. David Cooke, County Manager, gave an update of the Financial outlook for Wake County, particularly involving the revaluation of property and the future.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Lori Millberg requested to move Consent Agenda Item #1 Policy 2451: Family Involvement and Consent Agenda Item #2, Policy 6220: Assurance of Appropriate Services for Students with Disabilities from Consent to the Action Agenda. Patti Head requested to move Consent Agenda Item #1, Lease Agreement: Root Elementary Swing Space to the Action Agenda.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. TWELVE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Nine WCPSS schools have received the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) award from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). This award recognizes schools that have implemented a results-based, comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program that shows measurable results in improving student achievement, attendance and behavior. The nine schools are Baileywick Elementary, Pleasant Union Elementary, Timber Drive Elementary, Martin Middle, Zebulon Middle, Broughton High, Garner High, Millbrook High, and Wake Forest-Rolesville High. WCPSS now has a total of 20 schools which have received the award. Three of these schools will present data from their school counseling program. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for information

Eric Sparks presented information to the Board regarding WCPSS School Counselors: "Partners in Student Achievement". Mr. Sparks shared the goals of the school counseling program, the ASCA National Model, the comprehensive school counseling program, the ASCA Delivery System, and the Recognized ASCA Model Programs (RAMP). Mr. Sparks

recognized the 20 WCPSS schools that have been Recognized ASCA Model Programs. The schools include: Baileywick Elementary, Holly Ridge Elementary, Olive Chapel Elementary, Pleasant Union Elementary, Timber Drive Elementary, East Millbrook Middle, East Wake Middle, Martin Middle, Mt. Vernon Middle, Reedy Creek Middle, Zebulon Middle, Broughton High, Garner High, Green Hope High, Leesville High, Middle Creek High, Millbrook High, Southeast Raleigh High, Wakefield High, and Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. Baileywick Elementary, Zebulon Middle, and Garner High School shared their results from the RAMP Program with the Board of Education.

Board members congratulated and thanked the school counselors for their accomplishments and achievements in WCPSS.

2. NC CY PRES MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

A class action lawsuit against Microsoft resulted in an award of \$40.9 million for North Carolina to be distributed as reimbursement for purchases of computers, software, projectors, and other technology equipment. The distribution of the funds across the state was based on schools' percentage of children on free or reduced-price lunch. The funds awarded to each LEA were split into two equal vouchers – one a General Purpose voucher; the other a Software voucher. WCPSS was awarded a total of \$738,265.80 in the form of two vouchers. The documentation for WCPSS' General Purpose voucher has been submitted for the total amount of the voucher, \$369,132.90. This amount is expected to be received in a couple of months. Work is progressing on documenting eligible purchases under WCPSS' Software voucher. Fiscal Implications: WCPSS will be reimbursed a maximum of \$738,265.80 which must be used to purchase technology items for schools deemed eligible under the conditions of the settlement. Recommendation for Action: For information only. No action required.

Bev White presented information to the Board regarding the NC CY Pres Microsoft Settlement. Ms. White shared an update on the settlement. WCPSS was awarded a total amount of \$738,265.80. The total was divided into two equal vouchers, approximately \$369,132.90 each. One voucher could only have claims against specific software purchases. The other voucher, the General Purpose Voucher could have claims against software or hardware purchases. Work is progressing on documenting eligible purchases under WCPSS' Software voucher. The complete General Purpose Voucher was submitted for the entire \$369,132.90, and is expected to be received in a couple of months. The software voucher is more challenging, however, staff continues to work on the search regarding the software. A partial submission of the software voucher has been made.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 4 P.M.

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.

There were no speakers for Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Citizens who sign up to address the 2008-2009 Superintendent's Plan for Student Success will be called on in priority order. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks.

- **Karen Rindge- Chair of Wake Up Wake County** – Wake Up Wake County supports a real estate transfer tax as a mechanism to moderate property tax increases. Requests that the Board of Education engages the County Commissioners in the effort of imposing transfer taxes. Wake Up Wake County also requested that the Board of Education encourage the County Commissioners to put a transfer tax to a vote without a sales tax. They also requested the Board to ask the County Commissioners to pass a resolution calling for a 100% of a transfer tax to go for school construction alone.

CONSENT ITEMS

Patti Head made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2008 - Board of Education Work Session Minutes
March 4, 2008 - Committee of the Whole Minutes
March 4, 2008 - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

1. 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 February 2008. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

2. SERVICE CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL MAIL SERVICES, INC.

The attached contract is provided for action as per Board policy 8361.1. The contract will provide mail presort services for the Wake County Public School System by the current provider. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the amount of \$236,018 per year for the next three years is currently available and/or projected through the Office of Communications postage expense budget. Recommendation for Action: Approval of contract is recommended.

FACILITIES

1. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-30)

Negotiations have been completed with Froehling and Robertson, Inc., to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for Alston Ridge Elementary School, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$228,335, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Materials Testing, Special Inspection, and/or Wetland Delineation Services. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,746,540, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. BIDS: PURCHASE MODULAR UNITS

Bids were received February 22, 2008 to purchase 5 eight-classroom modular units. Staff and Gurel Architecture, PA, recommend award of the single-prime contract to Comark Building Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$2,719,500. Two of these units will be placed at Panther Creek High, one at the Wakefield 9th Grade Center, one at the Spring Forest Modular Campus, and one at Athens Drive High. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the \$6,000,000 new classroom component of the \$16,935,553 CIP 2006 Mobile Classroom Relocation and Leasing budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. BIDS: ATHENS DRIVE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR PAINTING

Bids for the exterior and interior painting at Athens Drive High School were received on February 21, 2008. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to Active Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$215,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$67,813,687, all of which is from the CIP 2006 Life Cycle Replacement budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. BIDS: CARNAGE MIDDLE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR PAINTING

Bids for the exterior and interior painting at Carnage Middle School were received on February 21, 2008. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to Quality Decorators in the amount of \$146,200. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$67,813,687, all of which is from the CIP 2006 Life Cycle Replacement budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. BIDS: CARNAGE MIDDLE PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Bids for the partial roof replacement at Carnage Middle School were received on February 21, 2008. Staff and ADC Engineering recommend award of the single-prime contract to Owens Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$293,489. The existing built-up membrane roof (original 1965 building) is at the end of its useful life and is being replaced with a new modified bitumen roof system. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the CIP 2006 Life Cycle Replacement budget of \$67,813,687. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. BIDS: ADDITION TO THE CHILD NUTRITION WAREHOUSE

Bids for the addition to the Child Nutrition Warehouse at the Central Services Complex on Rock Quarry Road were received on February 26, 2008. Staff and H.S. Annis Architects, Inc., recommend award of the single-prime contract to J. W. Grand, Inc., in the amount of \$1,369,475. Note that the low bidder withdrew their bid due to a clerical error. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,769,122, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-04 GMP: HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY (E-27)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-04 GMP to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Herbert Akins Road Elementary School in Fuquay-Varina. This change order, in the amount of \$6,280,919, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price

(GMP) for the 16 remaining packages needed to accomplish the construction project. A list of the packages is attached. The total of all GMPs is \$18,818,426. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$23,542,375, of which \$22,914,681 is from CIP 2006 and \$627,694 from CIP 2006 Off Site Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

8. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-02 GMP: BRYAN ROAD ELEMENTARY (E-31)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-02 GMP to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Bryan Road Elementary School in Garner. This change order, in the amount of \$2,258,622, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the early steel work package which is part of the 32 construction packages for this school. A list of the bid packages are attached. A change order will be brought to the May 6, 2008 Board meeting to establish the GMP for the total project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,746,541, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

9. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-02 GMP 1: ROOT ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-02 GMP 1 to New Atlantic Contracting, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the renovations and additions at Root Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$5,377,640, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the 6 time sensitive bid packages, which are part of the 40 construction packages for this project. A list of the bid packages are attached. In addition, this GMP changes the general conditions from lump sum to reimbursable, establishes the reimbursable general conditions cost for the entire project, and changes the ownership of the project to Wake County. A change order will be brought to the April 8, 2008 Board meeting to establish the final GMP for this project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,928,650, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$21,628,650 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

10. CHANGE ORDER NO 2 TO CONTRACT GS0708-111

On June 5, 2007, the Board of Education approved a Job Order Contract (JOC) with 39 Construction Company, LLC, for general repairs at various schools. This action requests approval of two changes to that contract. The first change is an increase in the maximum value of the contract from \$300,000 to \$500,000 in accordance with legislations approved in 2007. The second is to increase the maximum amount of work ordered under the contract from \$257,500 to \$352,500. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available within the 2007-2008 General Services Department operating budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

11. CHANGE ORDER NO 3 TO CONTRACT GS0708-113

On June 5, 2007, the Board of Education approved a Job Order Contract (JOC) with Quality Decorators, Inc., for painting at various schools. This action requests approval of two changes to that contract. The first change is an increase in the maximum value of the contract from \$300,000 to \$500,000 in accordance with legislations approved in 2007. The second is to increase the maximum amount of work ordered under the contract from \$282,400 to \$362,400. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available within the 2007

2008 General Services Department operating budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

12. JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: SYCAMORE CREEK ELEMENTARY (OFF-SITE SEWER)

The City of Raleigh (“City”) and WCPSS are partnering in the installation of approximately 1,600 feet of eight inch gravity sewer line from the City’s sewer main to the new Sycamore Creek Elementary School (E-17). The Board previously approved this agreement on September 4, 2007. The agreement requires WCPSS to pay the entire cost of the project. The City will acquire the necessary easements, let the project for bid, and also manage the construction. Per the terms of the original agreement, the City would assess fees in the amount of \$44.51 per linear foot of property frontage as adjacent properties tie into the sewer improvements, and would reimburse ten percent of these fees per year for ten years to WCPSS.

Subsequent to Board approval, the City proposed that the WCPSS’ portion of the potential future assessment fees be waived. This would expedite acquiring the necessary easements from affected property owners by avoiding public hearings and expedite construction to meet the August 2008 installation deadline. If the sewer line is not available, waste will be collected via a pump tank and daily pumping will occur at WCPSS expense. Fiscal Implications: Staff request board approval to waive the reimbursable assessment fees due the WCPSS. The amount of projected reimbursement could be \$88,344 paid out at 10% per year for ten years if all property owners tie into the system (2,001 linear feet of frontage x \$44.15).

The estimated cost of this project is \$170,000, of which \$148,741 is for basic design and construction and \$21,259 is for contingency. In addition, the cost of easement acquisition and buffer-wetland mitigation will also be borne by WCPSS. The WCPSS funds are available in the CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

1. Competitive (#1221): Wake County Solid Waste Management, Feed The Bin / Individual Schools.
2. Competitive (#1222): Intel Innovation in Education and Scholastic, Inc. / Individual Schools.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

- A. Professional
- B. Support
- C. Contract Central Services Administrator

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

Mr. Tart shared that the Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The committee discussed the growth in southeast Raleigh and Garner and discovered that since 2005, the southeast Raleigh area has outpaced the Garner area in growth; schools have not been planned in the southeast Raleigh area prior to being planned in the Garner area. The committee reviewed an update on enrollment and crowding projections, focusing on middle and high school through the year 2015. The committee reviewed growth; both, past and present, growth between 2001-2004 was greater than projection. Beginning 2005-2006, growth has been at a greater rate than projected. Due to the increase in growth, WCPSS is short on facilities for middle and high school for the next few years. The Facilities Committee will hold its next meeting on March 25, 2008 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Ms. Head shared that the Community Relations Committee met on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The committee had a panel discussion with news media that included Debbie Golden from Wake Weekly Dan Holley from the News and Observer, and Ann-Marie Broom from News 14. The panel had opening comments of who they were, what they did, and a description of how they approach the news. Each panelist described how they report school news and get both sides of a story to report fairly. Michael Evans led a discussion regarding questions that the Community Relations Committee sent in for the media to answer. The meeting was quite successful with great dialogue.

Ms. Millberg shared that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and had a brief meeting where they approved the minutes of their previous meeting and discussed the six policies that will be presented to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. LEASE AGREEMENT: ROOT ELEMENTARY SWING SPACE

Terms and conditions of a Lease Agreement have been reached with North Hills East Master Developer, LLC, to lease approximately 2.7 acres located at the intersection of Church at North Hills Street and Garden at North Hills Street in the City of Raleigh. The term of the lease will commence on May 1, 2008, and terminate on December 31, 2009. The premises shall be used for construction and operation of a modular public elementary school facility within the Wake County Public School System, for approximately 400 students, which will support students assigned to Root Elementary during the demolition and reconstruction at the current school site. Fiscal Implications: The annual rent during the 20-month term shall be the sum on an annual basis of \$10,000. An additional rental fee, for security expenses and site lighting expenses will be due, in the amount of \$500 per month, during the term of lease for a total of \$10,000. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,928,650, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$21,628,650 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board

approval.

Mike Burriss presented information to the Board regarding the terms and conditions of a lease agreement for the Root Elementary Swing Space. Mr. Burriss shared that the conditions of a Lease Agreement have been reached with North Hills East Master Developer, LLC. Ms. Head thanked the North Hills East Master Developer, LLC and John Kane for working with the school system. Ms. Head stated that the space is wonderful for the Root swing space and thanked the developer for working with the Board of Education in a very special way.

Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. TIME FOR LEARNING

A professional learning community is made up of team members who regularly collaborate toward continued improvement in student learning through a shared curricular-focused vision. Providing time for educators to do this important work is essential. Early release days provide quality time within the day for the work of professional learning communities and for job-embedded professional development.

Annually the Board of Education approves bell schedules for the next school year. Staff recommends approval of the daily bell schedules on the attached list. New elementary schools at Mills Park and Laurel Park are recommended for placement on the third tier; and Sycamore Creek is recommended for second tier. Fiscal Implications: Buses already purchased will provide resources to accommodate proposed bell schedule for Sycamore Creek. Mills Park and Laurel Park are figured in the system growth for the area. Recommendation for Action: Approval of early release days is recommended. Approval of bell schedules is recommended.

Donna Hargens and Don Haydon presented information collaboratively to the Board regarding early release days for 2008-2009 and the approval of the bell schedule for 2008-2009. Dr. Hargens presented common early release days for 2008-2009. The traditional calendar common early release days for 2008-2009 are Thursday, September 25; Thursday, October 16; Thursday, February 12; and Thursday March 12. The year round common early release days for 2008-2009 are Thursday, August 14; Thursday, September 25; Thursday, March 5; and Thursday, April 16. The modified calendar common early release days for 2008-2009 are Thursday, August 14; Thursday, October 16; Thursday, February 12; and Thursday, April 16.

Don Haydon gave a brief overview of the three-tier transportation system that is currently being used. Transportation recommended having the new elementary schools opening in 2008-2009, Mills Park and Laurel Park, be placed on third tier, 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and Sycamore Creek be placed on second tier, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All other schools will need to remain on the current bell schedule.

After several clarifying questions from the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICY

1. POLICY 2451 FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Revised First Reading

The Wake County Public School System's Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap Family Involvement Sub-Committee have recommended that Policy 2541, Parental Involvement, be revised to reflect more family-friendly language as well as to authorize the Superintendent or designee to develop corresponding regulations and procedures (R&P). The newly adopted Family Involvement R&P reflects the recently adopted Family Involvement Standards of the National Parent Teacher Association (attached as related back-up).

Revisions to the current policy as well as the corresponding R&P have been made with the input of the sub-committee, school system staff and online comments using the Wake County Public School System Internet site. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the school system's attorney, Ann Majestic, and the Board Policy Committee.

Darryl Fisher presented information to the Board. After comments from the Board regarding the family-friendly language, Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. POLICY 6220: ASSURANCE OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; *Revised First Reading*

R&P 6220: ASSURANCE OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; *Revised First Reading*

POLICY 6222: ASSIGNMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS;

Revised First Reading

POLICY 6220 – The purpose of this request is to update Policy 6220 in accordance with recent changes to federal and state laws pertaining to students with disabilities. Policy 6220 revised:

- Aligns with current reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Improvement Act (IDEA 2004) which went into effect July 2005
- Aligns with updated state law, Article 9, which went into effect July 2007
- Aligns with Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities which was approved by the State Board of Education on November 1, 2007
- Updates age of mandatory services to three (3) through twenty-one (21) years of age as set by Article 9.
- Removes subsections (6220.2 through 6220.8) as they are already subsumed within section 6220.1
- Removes Academically Gifted children as it is no longer under Article 9 regarding students with disabilities

R & P 6220, POLICY 6222 – These are recommended for removal because they are embedded in Policy 6220. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Bob Sturey presented information to the Board. After answering clarifying questions

from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. POLICY 6400 – CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Revised First Reading: Waiver of Second Reading

Revisions made to align policy and general statute. Additional wording included to clarify disciplinary options for students. Changes discussed with Board Attorney, Ann Majestic. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval and waiver of second reading.

Victoria Curtis presented information to the Board. To clarify Policy 6400 it was suggested by the Board Attorney to include the following sentence at the end of the larger paragraph under Range of Disciplinary Actions, “*Under state law these policies and consequences apply to all students, regardless of age.*”

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the motion with the change. Patti Head seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. POLICY 6425 – FIGHTING/ PHYSICAL AGGRESSION OR ASSAULT

Revised First Reading: Waiver of Second Reading

“Spitting” included in policy to address possible disciplinary action. Change discussed with Board Attorney, Ann Majestic. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval and waiver of second reading.

Victoria Curtis presented information to the Board. With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. POLICY 6427 – WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS/ SUBSTANCES

Revised First Reading: Waiver of Second Reading

Revision made to title to align with wording in definition and policy. Changes reviewed with Board Attorney, Ann Majestic. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval and waiver of second reading.

Victoria Curtis presented information to the Board. With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. POLICY 6429 – NARCOTICS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, CHEMICALS, AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Revised First Reading: Waiver of Second Reading

Staff is requesting the removal of 6429.5. The inappropriate behaviors and disciplinary actions are addressed in policy 6427.1: Weapon/Dangerous Instruments/Substances and 6429: Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Substances, Chemicals, and Drug Paraphernalia. The removal of 6429.5 was reviewed with Board Attorney, Ann Majestic identifying no legal ramifications. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for

Action: Staff is requesting Board approval and waiver of Second Reading.

Victoria Curtis presented information to the Board. With no questions from the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Patti Head made a motion to go into Closed Session at 4:43 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS- Cont'd

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s)

(1) Edward Gainor, Retired Principal to Interim Principal at Green Elementary School, effective date April 7, 2008 to June 13, 2008 (Interim Position).

(2) Che-Von Stone, Assistant Principal Intern at Wildwood Forest Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Wildwood Forest Elementary School, effective date May 12, 2008 (Permanent Position).

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

On a motion by Lori Millberg, seconded by Kevin L. Hill, the Board returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa U. Gill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary

