



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MINUTES-BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

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

Board Attorney Present:

Ann Majestic

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The 3rd grade choir from Holly Spring recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang several patriotic songs: "America," "God Bless America," and "I am proud to be an American."

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *Ms. Quigg attended the Wake County Community and Business leaders second annual "Quality Matters" report presentation at the Wake Forest Chamber.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Ms. McNeal reported that US History teacher, Lindy Poling from Millbrook High School, has been selected as the 2002 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year in the high school category. As the winner, she and her husband will travel to the VFW Annual Community Service Conference in Washington, DC, in April.*
- *Southeast Raleigh High Dance Team members, Staci Watkins, Courtney Peel, and Teran Brown performed at the NFL Pro Bowl pre-game and half-time show in Hawaii. They also participated in the National Scholarship Invitational Competition. Courtney Peel*

finished second earning a \$2,000.00 scholarship, and Teran Brown placed fourth earning a \$500.00 scholarship.

- *Carnage Middle School's website was named the Spotlight School of the Week for March 7 by Edu-Hound.com. Swift Creek Elementary School website was recognized earlier this year.*
- *Southeast Raleigh High School Ijeoma Anen has been selected as the McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow Scholarship winner and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.*
- *At the American Society of Mechanical Engineer's Egg Drop held at NCState, three Wake County Students were among the top winners. Tate Rogers, Southeast Raleigh High finished second and earned a \$300 prize. Josh and Paul Saville, East Garner Middle earned third place and split the \$75 prize.*
- *Southeast Raleigh High School Robodogs team traveled to Richmond, VA, for the regional Robotics competition with 66 teams competing. Southeast Raleigh won "Best All Around Team." For the second year in a row, they won the Daimler Chrysler Team Spirit Award and many other recognitions for teammanship, spirit, and enthusiasm. They had the highest single round score at the competition. While some teams had assistance from engineers, the Southeast Raleigh robot was built entirely by the students. They are one of the 17 finalists for the National Chairman's Award in April. National winners are invited to the White House and are on national TV.*
- *Carnage Middle School won its 7th straight Regional History Bowl and will now compete in the state championships. Carnage has won each regional since 1996 and three of the last 6 state championships, finishing 2nd last year.*
- *Teams from Wake County that qualified for the state Science Olympiad were Carnage Middle School, Ligon Middle School, Green Hope High School, Southeast Raleigh High School, Enloe High School, and Leesville High School.*
- *The East Wake Education Foundation will sponsor "Stars in the East" on March 21 at East Wake High School.*

RECOGNITIONS

Yates Mill Elementary Site Development and Landscape Design Award

The American Society of Landscape Architects, North Carolina Chapter, presented an Honor Award on October 18, 2001, to CLH Design, PA in recognition of outstanding professional achievement in the site development and landscape design at Yates Mill Elementary. Accepting the award for CLH Design, PA and Wake County Public Schools System was project consultant Christine Hilt, ASLA. Architect for the project was Pearce, Brinkley, Cease & Lee, PA represented by Donna Francis, project architect. School system staff representatives for the project were Gerald Core, project manager, and Sheri Green, facility planner.

Engineering Excellence Award – Carroll Middle Roof Replacement

The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina presented an Honors Award on January 16, 2002, to Law Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. in recognition of engineering excellence in the roof replacement design and implementation at Carroll Middle. Accepting the award for Law Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. was Principal

Scientist Lane Gallo and project manager Kelly Wilcox. School system staff representative for the project was Greg Clark. Presentation of a plaque in recognition of the award was made to Assistant Principal Tom Filer.

Kristin Wood, Organizational Development, informed the Board that Wake County Public School System was featured in The Business Journal in a article titled "Schools Challenge Architectural Skills." It stated that features that stand out in this latest building boom include an effort to give the schools a uniform look, creating ways to incorporate the high school into the community, looking more closely for cost-savings, and incorporating security while not making the school "prison-like." Architects stated the facility planning people are very experienced and very organized. She also stated that the school board is committed to making sure every part of the county gets equitable schools with the same features; but the board doesn't want every school to look alike.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Beverley Clark made a motion to move three items from the action agenda. Facilities Items to move to consent agenda are: "Construction Documents: Powell Elementary Renovations"; "Construction Documents: Underwood Elementary Addition and Renovations"; and "Revised Scope and Budget: North Woods Elementary Renovations."*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 12, 2002– Human Resources Committee
 February 12, 2002 – Community Relations Committee
 November 7, 2001 – Facilities Committee
 December 4, 2001 – Facilities Committee
 January 8, 2002 – Facilities Committee
 February 5, 2002 – Facilities Committee
 February 19, 2002 – Facilities Committee

FACILITIES

Annexation Petition – Turner Creek Road Elementary Site

The construction of a new elementary school at the intersection of NC 55 and Turner Creek Road requires public utilities from the Town of Cary. To provide utilities, fire and police services, the town requires the property to be annexed into Cary's jurisdiction. Fiscal Implications - Reduced cost for municipal services. Recommendation for Action - Staff requests board approval of an annexation petition to the Town of Cary for 19.68 acres at NC 55 and Turner Creek Road for a new PLAN 2000 elementary school.

Bids: Asbestos Abatement – Broughton High Renovations

Bids were received on February 26, 2002, for the asbestos abatement project at Broughton High. Staff and Childress Environmental Consultant, Inc., recommend award of a single-prime contract to Associates Industrial Services, Inc., in the amount of \$192,270. Fiscal Implications -

Funding is available from the total project budget of \$ 14,797,735 included in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is requested.

Bids: East Garner Middle Addition and Renovations

On March 5, 2002, the board of education pre-approved contract awards for the East Garner Middle additions and renovations project, contingent upon receipt of bids within the construction contract budget. Bids were received on February 28, 2002. Staff and Skinner, Lamm, and Highsmith Architects, PA recommend award of the general construction contract to Bordeaux Construction Company in the amount of \$5,003,014; mechanical contract to Central Heating & AC of Kinston in the amount of \$987,789; electrical contract to L.L. Vann Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$666,400, and plumbing contract to TVS, Inc. in the amount of \$375,550. The total of these multi-prime bids is \$7,032,753. The lowest single prime bid was \$7,123,048. Fiscal Implications - The total project budget is \$10,644,843, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is recommended to award the contracts as proposed.

Bids: East Wake High – Additions and Renovations

Bids for East Wake High additions and renovations were received on February 26, 2002. Staff and Pearce Brinkley Cease & Lee, PA recommend award of the single-prime general construction contract to Shelco, Inc., in the amount of \$5,653,530. The lowest multi-prime bid was \$5,601,578. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$8,130,061 included in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends that the board award these contracts.

Bids: Roof Replacement – Garner High

Bids for the partial roof replacement at Garner High were received on February 19, 2002. Staff and Roof Engineering, Inc. recommend award of the contract to Simon Roofing and Sheet Metal Corp., in the amount of \$263,365. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the total project budget of \$480,000 included in the deferred maintenance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends the board award the contract as proposed.

Bids: 2002 Mobile Classrooms – Package “C”

Bids were received on February 19, 2002, for the relocation and set-up of mobile classrooms - Package “C”. These units will be used to house students during major renovations at Powell Elementary. Staff and Gurel Architecture, Inc., recommend award of a single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis, in the amount of \$257,644. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the Powell Elementary total project budget of \$3,811,338, included in the PLAN 2000 Building Program, of which \$428,000 was designated for mobile units and mobile unit related expenditures. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends the board award the contract as proposed.

Right-of-Way Dedication – East Garner Middle

The Town of Garner, as part of the site plan approval process for the East Garner Middle addition and renovations project, requires curb, gutter, pavement widening and storm drainage improvements along East Garner Road (SR 1004) for approximately 1,050 feet. To allow improvements to comply with Town of Garner specifications, a dedication of right-of-way to the N.C. Department of Transportation is required totaling 5 feet in width by approximately 1,050 feet in length. Fiscal Implications - No cost to dedicate right-of-way. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval to dedicate right of way to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Driveway Permit and Encroachment Agreement – East Garner Middle

To permit road improvements along East Garner Road (S.R. 1004), the school system must secure a Street and Driveway Permit as well as an Encroachment Agreement from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for an area approximately 48 feet wide by 1050 feet in length. Fiscal Implications - The estimated road improvement costs total \$150,000 and are budgeted in the PLAN 2000 construction budget of \$10,644,843 for the East Garner Middle project. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval of a Street and Driveway Access Permit as well as an Encroachment Agreement of approximately 48 feet by 1050 feet to submit to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Resolution: Funding for PLAN 2000 School Building Program

Funding resolution requests funds for the planning, design, and construction of projects in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program previously approved by the board. This request for grant funds from the State Critical Needs allocation will provide partial funding for a PLAN 2000 project. The Cary Elementary additions and renovations project met the criteria for the grant. The total grant is for \$7,337,196. This request is for fiscal year 2001-2002 only. An additional grant request will be required for next year's funds. Approval of the grant will permit the funds allocated for Cary Elementary to be reallocated in a future resolution. This grant is part of the total \$550 million in PLAN 2000 program funds designated by the county as summarized in the attachment. Fiscal Implications - Total of this appropriation request is \$3,966,978. PLAN 2000 appropriations to date, including this request, total \$421,638,408. Recommendation for Action - Board approval of the grant is recommended.

Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from the Phase IIIB project at Green Hope High to Moore Square Museums Magnet Middle. Resolution also requests reallocation of project savings from the PLAN 2000 project at Leesville High to Ballentine Elementary, Mount Vernon Redirectional, and Broughton High. Total reallocation amount is \$1,619,136. Fiscal Implications - No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is requested.

Construction Documents: Powell Elementary Renovations

Staff presented construction documents prepared by Padia Consulting, Inc., engineers, for the design of the heating and cooling system replacement at Powell Elementary. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the total project budget of \$3,811,338, included in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is recommended.

Construction Documents: Underwood Elementary Addition and Renovations

Construction documents prepared by Davis Kane Architects, PA for Underwood Elementary will be presented for board approval. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$9,576,543, of which \$7,000,000 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, \$541,171 is from the Phase IIIB Building Program, \$535,372 is from the State Bond Program, \$500,000 is from the Code Compliance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, \$500,000 is from the Environmental Compliance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$500,000 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program Contingency. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is recommended.

Revised Scope and Budget: Northwoods Elementary Renovations

Staff presented a proposed increase to the PLAN 2000 program scope and budget for the Northwoods Elementary renovations project. Fiscal Implications - The increased scope of work

will require additional funding in the amount of \$1,475,000. The current project budget is \$965,000, of which \$590,000 is from PLAN 2000 Deferred Maintenance, \$275,000 is from PLAN 2000 Environmental Management and \$100,000 is from Phase IIIB Deferred Maintenance. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval to increase the scope and budget for the Northwoods Elementary project.

PROGRAM

Grant Proposals

Competitive (#627): U.S. Department of Education / Smaller Learning Communities / Garner Senior High School. Competitive (#628): North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice / Support Our Students Program / Longview School in collaboration with Family and Youth, Inc. Competitive (#629): United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County / Individual Schools. Competitive (#630): North Carolina Arts Council / Individual Schools. Competitive (#631): State Library of North Carolina / Wiley International Magnet School. Competitive (#632): Starbucks Foundation / Wiley International Magnet School in collaboration with school PTA. Entitlement (#633): United States Department of Education / Impact Aid / Central Office Administrative Services. Competitive (#634): Citigroup Foundation / Academics of Finance / Sanderson High School. Fiscal implications vary by grant. Staff recommends that the Board approve the applications

HUMAN RESOURCES

Request for Leave

- *Geraldine Webb-Harris – Wilburn Elementary*

Recommendations for Administrative Appointments

- *Anthony Craig Baker, administrative intern at Wake Forest Rolesville High School, to assistant principal at East Wake High School.*
- *Lawrence L. Jackson, applicant, to assistant principal at Athens Drive High School.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Community Relations Committee began looking at the childcare issue. Committee feels this would be a good way to retain teachers. The committee plans to survey childcare programs in North Carolina and other states. One program is already in place at Athens Drive High School. This and center has a five-star rating.

Program Committee continued with its information gathering on the study of the "modified calendar." At their meeting on April 16, the committee will decide if any changes in the calendar will need to come before the Board of Education.

Facilities Committee began discussion on the framework for planning the next building project.

Finance Committee- Tom Oxholm reported that on April 3, 8:30 a.m., the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce will have a discussion at its Education Issues Forum on Small Schools.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

Naming Request – Davis Drive Middle Gymnasium

Parents and students at Davis Drive Middle School, in cooperation with the school's administrative staff, have requested that the board of education name the gymnasium on that campus in honor of Donald Eugene Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has served students at Davis Drive

Middle School for six years as a physical education teacher, coach, and athletic director. The school has asked that the gymnasium be named the Donald E. Wheeler Fieldhouse. Approval of this request requires the waiver of Board Policy 2571. Fiscal Implications - None. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval of the request.

- *Don Wheeler is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Davis Drive Middle School. He has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas.*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to Waive Policy 2571, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

POLICY

POLICY 6446 – STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Revised; First Reading (waiver of second reading requested)

Wake County Public School System Student Internet Access and Electronic Mail Policy 6446 has been revised to reflect a change in process for students obtaining access to the Internet and Electronic Mail. Policy will now allow students automatic access unless parents sign and return a Parental Request to Deny Access form. Wording has been added in reference to content filtering to bring WCPSS into compliance with the guidelines established by the Schools and Libraries Division, which approves E-rate discounts for telecommunications and Internet services.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES – FEE STRUCTURE

Request waiver of fee increase for Non-Profit Recreation (thorough grade 12) after 6 pm or non-school days for FY 2002-2003 due to difficult financial situation municipalities are facing with loss of revenue from state. Fiscal Implications-Reduction in anticipated revenue under fee structure approved for FY 2002-2003 – expected revenues from Community Schools’ rentals should remain relatively constant for this user group due to not implementing an increase in fees for municipal and non-profit youth recreation use. The projected revenue collected will be approximately \$64,000 less than it would have been had the fee increase been implemented. Recommendation for Action-Staff recommends approval of waiver for FY 2002-2003 in light of current economic conditions and reduction in income for municipalities due to State of NC budget situation

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

INFORMATION

FACILITIES

Proposed School Moves Beginning December 2002 – Northern Area Elementary Schools

A new plan to occupy Heritage Elementary has been developed that will facilitate Jones Dairy’s occupancy one and half years sooner. Wake Forest Elementary will move into Jones Dairy Elementary instead of Heritage Elementary while improvements are underway on their campus. This will allow Jones Dairy to move December 2002 with Wake Forest Elementary back-filling their space. Fiscal Implications - Moving costs are covered in the PLAN 2000 project scope and budgets.

FINANCE

Prime Vendor List For Technical Contract Services

Technology Services released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in November 2001 asking for qualified bidders to submit proposals related to resources and rates that could be provided to supplement internal staff in the areas of computer programming and application support services. A pre-bid conference was held November 8 to provide information and answer questions. Sealed bids were received on December 14. Face-to-face interviews were held with select vendors who scored well on the selection criteria and

financial statements were reviewed by the Chief Finance Officer to ensure companies were stable. A short list of five vendors has been agreed upon who will serve as our resources for contract personnel during the coming fiscal year. The RFP process should assure us of the best rates possible and locks those rates in for a given period of time. Fiscal Implications: Funding is being planned for and will be available in the Technology Services Division current expense budget in the 2002-03 fiscal year.

[ACTION ITEMS CONTINUE](#)

PROGRAM

1. Student Assignment Plan for 2002-2003

Recommendations for the 2002-2003 Student Assignment Plan were presented to the Board on January 22, 2002. These recommendations were presented for information. The opening of new schools and student movement will result in increased transportation costs. Other facility-related costs will be avoided. This item is presented for Board approval.

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

Ms. Kathryn Watson Quigg addressed the audience on what's involved in making a final decision on the Student Assignment Plan for the 2002-2003 school year. She stated that the board members and staff take this decision very seriously and are aware of how the school board's action will affect children and families. "There is no easy decision when you consider that we must act in the best interest of more than 100-thousand children." The Board has to act responsibly to ensure that our schools are utilized wisely. She also stated that the driving force behind redrawing district lines is growth and ensuring that schools are neither overcrowded nor under-enrolled. This year's plan was developed and refined with an unprecedented amount of public comment and input, and the school system has committed thousands of hours into researching various options, discussing alternatives, responding to concerns, and working to find better solutions.

Dennis Merritt (node 382.1) Local resident and business owner. Father of two children. "Go back to the fundamentals of education." Please don't reassign children to Swift Creek Elementary School.

Bill Lundy (node 382.1) Father of two children. Stop reassignment of students at Apex Elementary. He feels data is faulty. Children are not a problem at Apex Elementary, and we are not an instant fix to the real problem.

Mike Bickel (node 382.1) Parent. Facts don't support reason for Student Assignment. Apex Elementary School will not be overcrowded next year and he believes Apex students stay at Apex Elementary.

Tracy Tessier (node 382.1) parent. Leave students at Apex Elementary School. Requested that the school board study this high performing school and see what works, then use it in the low performing schools.

Steve Parascandola (node 382.1) - Resident. Return to base population. "Apex Elementary did not cause the problems at Swift Creek Elementary nor are they the solution to the problem. Don't look outside the node, look inside the node."

Laura Robinson (node 382.1) parent. "Two wrongs, don't make a right." Apex Elementary 140 students can't solve Swift Creek Elementary School's problems.

Mary Phillips (node 382.1) parent. *Fit the system to the children.*

Rob Deal (node 382.1) parent. *Requested the district find an alternative to the plan. Look for a long-term solution.*

Robert Sasser (node 382.1) parent. *Reassignment of Apex students will not fix the Swift Creek Elementary problem.*

Emyr Edwards (node 382.1) parent. *Leave Apex students at their community school.*

Angela Dorsey (node 496.1) *No show.*

Jeff York made a motion to delay the reassignment of nodes 382.1 and 385.3 for 1 year (Apex Elementary School to Swift Creek Elementary School, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The voted passed 5-3. (Jeff York, Tom Oxholm, Patti Head, Bill Fletcher, Amy White voted “for” and Beverley Clark, Susan Parry and Rosa Gill voted “against.”

The board voted to leave 140 Apex Elementary School students at Apex rather than reassigning them to Swift Creek Elementary School. The board agreed to delay the move of the Apex students to Swift Creek Elementary for 1 year. The board plans to examine the issue and look for long-term solutions for schools that have experienced high free and reduced lunch percentages.

Board members withdrew the reassignment of Athens Drive High School students to Middle Creek High School. This will reduce total # of students the by 100 for the first year.

The reassignment plan for Broughton High School students from (node 9.0) to Leesville High School was dropped from the plan while the middle school students in node 9.0 were moved from Martin Middle School to Daniels Middle School instead of Leesville Road Middle School. The Board also decided to allow 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to receive transfers back to their base school if requests are made between May 15 – June 1, 2002, with the exception of fifth-grade students scheduled to go to Ballentine Elementary.

The board also agreed to drop students from the original plan:

- *Cary High School (nodes 369.2,384.9,412.5) to Athens High School*
- *East Wake High School(nodes 165.0,166.0,167.0,168.0,169.0) to Garner High School*
- *Wakefield High School (node 301.2) to Wake Forest –Rolesville High School*
- *Broughton High School (node 293.4) to Leesville High School*
- *Apex Elementary School (node382.1,385.3,) to Swiftcreek Elementary School*
- *Daniels Middle School(nodes 544.0) to Leesville Road Middle School*
- *Davis Drive Middle School (nodes 371.5 & 371.8) to East Cary Middle School*
- *East Millbrook Middle School (node 272.5) to Carroll Middle School*
- *Holly Springs Elementary School (node434.0,452.0) to Lincoln Heights Elementary*
- *Willow Springs Elementary School (node 468.0) to Ballentine Elementary School*
- *Stough Elementary School (node 357.0) to Leesville Road Elementary School*
- *Garner High School (node 445.2,495.2,496.1,499.1,499.5,524.2,631.01) students going to Middle Creek High School instead of Athens Drive High School*
- *Lead Mine Elementary students (node296.2) going to Brassfield Elementary School instead of Pleasant Union Elementary School.*

The transfer process will change. All current transfer students will have their transfer continued without filing a new transfer request. Students not wishing to continue their transfer will need to request a transfer back to their base school for 2002-2003 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair

