



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 20, 2007**

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Members Present</u></b>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Michael Evans
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Lloyd Gardner
Horace Tart	David Neter	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Maurice Boswell	Danny Barnes
Susan Parry	David Holdzkom	Kathy Chontos
Beverley Clark	Mike Burriss	David Neter
Lori Millberg	Don Haydon	Jonibel Willis
Ron Margiotta	Marvin Connelly	
	Mark Winters	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic
	Bev White	Rod Malone

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

**INFORMATION**

**Chair's Comments**

- Patti Head welcomed everyone.
- Ms. Head along with several other Board Members attended Pieces of Gold at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. Approximately 800 students were on stage and several pieces of the students' art work were on display in the lobby. This year the theme was "We Go Together". Ms. Head gave a special thanks to Elizabeth Grimes Droessler, the Wake Ed Partnership and everyone else that was involved in Pieces of Gold.
- Ms. Head and other Board Members attended the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception at the Museum of History.
- Ms. Head and Ms. Parker attended the Board Advisory Chairs meeting on Thursday evening. This was a wonderful meeting, a time to thank them for their service and also a time of sharing information among the chairs of what has been done within their Board Advisory Council.
- Dr. Burns, Ms. Goettee and Ms. Head attended the Cary Town Council Retreat in Wilmington last Friday. It was a time to share what is going on in Wake County now and to discuss future involvement with each other.
- Ms. Head reminded the Board that there will not be a joint meeting tomorrow March 21, between the County Commissioners and the Wake County School Board.
- Ms. Head requested all calendars by noon on Wednesday, March 21 for planning purposes.
- Ms. Head shared that on March 15, letters went out to parents concerning Magnet and Alternative calendars. 99% of the students requesting a traditional calendar option were placed in traditional calendar option schools. Ms. Head noted that 15 traditional calendar applications have not yet been acted upon because they need special handling. Ms. Head expressed confidence that these remaining applications would be taken care of.

- Ms. Head suggested to the Board and the audience to take the Fact or Fiction test on the WCPSS internet site. It is a great way to stimulate interest for our public to understand what is involved in this budgetary process. Ms. Head thanked Michael Evans and staff for getting that out on the web.
- Ms. Head pointed out to the Board Members that the High School Graduation schedule has been formalized and encouraged all to place these dates on their calendars.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- On March 11, WCPSS named 20 semi-finalists for the Wake County Public School System's 2007-08 Teacher of the Year. Each one of the 147 Wake County schools selected a Teacher of the Year. From those honored, the selection committee determined 20 semi-finalists to be recognized for their dedication to children and their quest for personal and professional excellence. The semi-finalists include:  
 Lisa Gray, Cedar Fork Elementary  
 Kathy Snapp, Green Hope High  
 Maria Olds, Apex Elementary  
 Lexa Kaplan, Athens Drive High  
 Grace Mandap, Ballentine Elementary  
 Paige Elliott, Fuquay-Varina High  
 Jennifer Koch, West Millbrook Middle  
 Katie Ewing, Sanderson High  
 Leigh Ciancanelli, East Wake School of Health Science  
 Sonia Solomon, Forestville Road Elementary  
 Tracy Donohue, Powell Elementary  
 Sally Zenick, Reedy Creek Middle  
 Tonya Wicker, Vance Elementary  
 Peggy DeBruhl, Garner High  
 Jaime Mousty, Poe Montessori Magnet School  
 Maria Castro, Yates Mill Elementary  
 Kathleen Judson, North Ridge Elementary  
 Kimberly Harrison, Knightdale High  
 Christopher Lyerly, Enloe High  
 Stephen Elrod, Wake Forest Elementary  
 There will be a reception in April to honor the semi-finalists and name the finalists. The 2007-08 Teacher of the Year will be named at the Teacher of the Year banquet on Thursday, May 17 at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Dr. Burns hopes many of you will be able to attend this wonderful celebration of those teachers who support "teaching and learning" every day.
- The WCPSS Battle of the Books competition was held on Saturday, March 10 at Garner HS. In this competition, teams of students represented their schools in a quiz bowl-style elimination competition. Students answered questions based on reading the 2006 North Carolina School Library Media Association list of books. Superintendent Burns congratulated Daniels Middle School for placing first in this year's competition. Dorothy Carter was the advisor who worked with the eight students. The team will compete in the regional Battle of the Books competition on March 27. The team from West Cary Middle School earned second place after a very competitive final battle. West Cary's team was coached by Jan Garrett and Shelia Pattee. Other semi-finalists included the teams from Martin MS and Zebulon MS. Dr. Burns thanked all the parents, WCPSS employees and community members who served as volunteers, judges, monitors, and moderators; making this event possible. Guest moderators included Beverley Clark-Board Member, Lloyd Gardner-Area Superintendent, and WRAL meteorologist Chris Thompson.
- On March 21-22, Rick and Becky Dufour will present a workshop on Professional Learning

Communities, as we continue to focus on team based learning collaboration in the schools. Dr. Burns expressed how excited we are about this opportunity provided by High Five, so that we can work on Professional Learning Communities in our district elementary through high school.

- A Design Studio was held this past week which was coordinated by Teresa Pierrie. This is an event that brings high schools from around the country to our district to observe our high school redesign efforts. Teams representing Nebraska, Nevada, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina toured our schools. The event started last Tuesday night and ended on Friday evening. Dr. Burns thanked the principals who were present to work with these teams. He also thanked School Board Chair, Patti Head, who was present to greet the teams and to provide a welcome from the Board of Education.
- The 2007 annual Elementary Wake County Honors Chorus Concert will be held on March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Athens Drive High School auditorium. This event will be under the direction of Dr. Lisa Fredenburgh, director of choral activities at Meredith College. Dr. Fran Page and the Capital Area Girls' Chorale will also perform. The following schools will bring 9-10 selected students; Baileywick, Bugg, A.B. Combs, Farmington Woods, Fred Olds, Fuller, Heritage, Holly Grove, Jeffries Grove, Lead Mine, Oakgrove, Olive Chapel, Rolesville, Root, Salem, Weatherstone and Yates Mill. Once again another opportunity to showcase the talent of the WCPSS students. Dr. Burns expressed congratulations to each of these students, their parents, and teachers.
- The HISPANIC/LATINO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE was held on March 17, at Southeast Raleigh HS. This conference was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference arranged by the Office of Prevention Services. The purpose of the conference was to introduce students to motivational speakers from our schools and our community who have achieved success in their professional fields; inform students and parents about different educational opportunities, and school programs; empower students to make informed and productive decisions about their future; and to help middle school students' transition into high school. Superintendent Burns was very pleased that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, this conference was very successful.
- We are continuing to prepare for the curriculum management audit. Dr. Roseanne Stripling, the Dean of Arts, Sciences, and Education at Texas A&M has been selected as the lead auditor. She has now in turn selected 25 others as a part of the audit team to visit us May 6-11. This week, the Evaluation and Research Department conducted focus groups including parents, support staff, teachers, and principals to gather information. This is a twenty six week process, currently we are on track gathering many documents. 87 items will be pulled together for this audit team before their visit. We are looking forward to their visit in early April and the report at the end of July.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Horace Tart amended the agenda as follows:

- To remove from Consent: BIDS:FUQUAY-VARINA MIDDLE ROOF REPLACEMENT.

Ron Margiotta amended the agenda as follows:

- Remove from Closed Session: 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).

Patti Head amended the agenda as follows:

- 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) (3) to discuss pending litigation between Wake County Public Schools and WAKE CARES, Inc.

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

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

#### 1. **WCPSS INSTITUTE FOR TEACHER LEADERSHIP**

Goal of Institute - To provide opportunities for teacher leaders to develop the skills needed to lead and support school improvement within a learning community

- Cohort I began in January, 2006
- Cohort II began in September, 2006
- Schools selected by Area Superintendents, Teachers selected by Principals
- Diversity in race, school levels, regions
- Teachers desire to remain in classroom and become school leaders
- Coursework – Crucial Conversations, Facilitative Leadership
- Book Studies – Outlearning The Wolves, Awakening The Sleeping Giant
- Develop project to support the success of the School Improvement Plan at respective schools
- Teachers observe Leadership in Action by attending Expanded Leadership Team meeting, Committee of the Whole, School Board Meeting (participants will attend COW and Board meetings on 3-20-07 and 4-10-07)
- Next Steps – Begin Cohort III in September, 2007
- Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented by information.

Ms. Head welcomed the participants in Cohort I. They will finish the two year program as the first Cohort in May. Dr. Elizabeth Colbert, Senior Director and Susan Andrews Senior Administrator, of the Office of Continuous Improvement and Development had the responsibility of coordinating this program. Ms. Head asked those in attendance to stand and introduce themselves:

Danny Pate-East Wake Middle

Anna Goodrum, Mary Ellen Auld-Farmington Woods Elementary

Barbara Moses-West Millbrook Middle

Amy Nichols-Forestville Road Elementary

Amanda Seaman, Jamie Mousty-Poe Elementary

Paige Elliott-Fuquay Varina High.

Ms. Head extended her appreciation to all of the participants who were in attendance today and for being involved in this very important program. Ms. Colbert and Ms. Andrews talked about the Institute for Teacher Leadership and gave some history of the program. Ms. Head expressed interest in attending the celebration with the other Board Members to congratulate the members of the first Cohort. Ms. Head thanked Ms. Colbert and Ms. Andrews for their efforts.

### **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.*

There were no speakers for Public Comment.

## **PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

*Citizens who signed up to address the 2007-2008 Superintendent's Plan for Student Success will be called on in priority order. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks.*

- Cristine Clarke - Ms. Clarke expressed her questions and concerns to the Board regarding mandatory year round schools and the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success.
- Calla Wright - Ms. Wright lended support to the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success and applauded the efforts of the Wake County Public School System.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Susan Parry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

February 1, 2007 - Board of Education Closed Session Minutes  
 February 13, 2007 - Board of Education Special Call Meeting Minutes  
 February 26, 2007 - Board of Education Work Session Minutes  
 February 27, 2007 – Board of Education Work Session Minutes  
 March 6, 2007 - Committee of the Whole 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 2007. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

#### **2. CHANGE ORDER 3: ADVANTAGE PROFESSIONALS OF RALEIGH LLC SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Advantage Professionals of Raleigh was chosen through an RFP process in Spring 2005 to serve as one of three preferred vendors in supplying technical contracted resources. An agreement has been in place since July 1, 2005. Initial allotment of funding for the 2006-07 fiscal year was encumbered on a purchase order in July 2006 and was based on the number of contract personnel being provided through Advantage Professionals at that time. Additional funding is now required to cover anticipated remaining invoiced amounts through June 10, 2007 due to additional contract personnel being utilized. Change Order 3 will add \$188,000 to agreement. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of change order is \$188,000. Funding for contracted services was planned for and is available in the Technology Services 2006-07 current expense budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

#### **3. CHANGE ORDER 4: ALLIANCE OF PROFESSIONALS & CONSULTANTS, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Alliance of Professionals & Consultants was chosen through an RFP process in Spring 2005 to serve as one of three preferred vendors in supplying technical contracted resources. An agreement has been in place since July 1, 2005. Initial allotment of funding for the 2006-07 fiscal year was encumbered on a purchase order in July 2006 and was based on the number of contract personnel being provided through Alliance of Professionals & Consultants at that time. Additional funding is now required to cover anticipated remaining invoiced amounts through June 10, 2007 due to additional contract personnel being utilized. Change Order 4 will add \$339,000 to agreement. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of change

order is \$339,000. Funding for contracted services was planned for and is available in the Technology Services 2006-07 current expense budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. EASEMENT: BRIER CREEK ELEMENTARY**

As part of the completion of Brier Creek Elementary School, City of Raleigh requires dedication of a new transit easement containing 300 square feet and located along Brier Creek Parkway. The City of Raleigh anticipates erecting and maintaining a bus shelter and related facilities thereon and providing an area for members of the public to access public transportation. This requested easement will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property and was part of the master plan. A copy of the plat which indicates the area of the transit easement is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

### **2. BIDS: CHILLER UPGRADES AND REPAIRS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Bids were received on February 14, 2007 for McQuay chiller upgrades and/or repairs and upgrades at Lufkin Road Middle, Centennial Middle, Carver Elementary and Green Hope High. Scope of work includes: 1) replace failed compressors and related parts; install oil enhancement kits and variable speed kits at Lufkin Road Middle and Centennial Middle; and 2) install oil enhancement kits and variable speed kits at Carver Elementary and Green Hope High. Compressor repairs are essential to provide adequate cooling at Lufkin and Centennial. Upgrade kits are required to improve energy efficiency and equipment longevity at all schools. Staff recommends award of a contract to McQuay Factory Service, in the amount of \$167,535, for repairs and upgrades at these schools. Approximate replacement value of the chillers covered by this contract is \$720,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the maintenance and operations component of the 2006-2007 operating budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **3. BIDS: SWIFT CREEK ELEMENTARY HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING**

In both the 1972 and 1992 buildings at Swift Creek Elementary, individual room dehumidifiers are in use in an effort to control the relative humidity. These attempts are only partly successful and mold is periodically forming. Bids for the HVAC Replacement were received on February 27, 2007. Staff and Heery International, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to Climate Control, Inc., d/b/a CCI Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$711,648. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$1,546,602, as provided in PLAN 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **4. BIDS: FUQUAY-VARINA MIDDLE ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Bids for the partial roof replacement at Fuquay-Varina Middle School were received on February 27, 2007. Staff and Rooftop Systems Engineers, P.C., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Southern Metal Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$260,500. This is a shingle roof that is at the end of its useful life and is being replaced with a metal roof. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$67,813,687, as provided in the CIP 2006 Life Cycle Replacement Project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **5. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: BANKS ROAD ELEMENTARY (E-23)**

Negotiations have been completed with Tierra, Inc. to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for Banks Road Elementary, in the amount of \$125,000 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 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. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: WENDELL MIDDLE (M-5)**

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes the construction of the Wendell Middle School. Staff have reviewed the construction documents and request Board approval and authorization to advertise for the construction of Wendell Middle School. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$32,109,922, of which \$1,548,373 is from PLAN 2004 and \$30,561,549 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**7. CHANGE ORDER NO. G-15: FOREST PINES DRIVE ELEMENTARY (E-9) AND NORTH FOREST PINES DRIVE ELEMENTARY (E-12)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. G-15 to DeVere Construction Company, Inc. This change order, in the amount of \$236,700.12, is for all the playground equipment for Forest Pines Drive Elementary and North Forest Pines Drive Elementary. The original bid documents did not include the playground equipment. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total combined project budget of \$37,875,232, of which \$601,719 is from PLAN 2000 Start-up and \$37,273,513 from PLAN 2004. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**8. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-01: AVERSBORO ELEMENTARY**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-01 to Skanska USA Building, Inc. for their Construction Management at Risk contract. This change order, in the amount of \$3,851,055 is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the six (6) early work packages, which are part of the thirty-four (34) construction packages for this project. In addition, this GMP establishes the reimbursable general conditions cost for the entire project. A list of the bid packages is attached. A future change order will be brought to the May 22, 2006 Board meeting to establish the final GMP for this project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,066,323, of which \$978,228 is from PLAN 2004 and \$20,088,095 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**9. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-06: EAST GARNER ELEMENTARY (E-13)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-06 to Barnhill Contracting Company for offsite road improvements to the intersection of Jones Sausage Road and East Garner Road. This change order, in the amount of \$212,023, includes all of the work involved except signalization modifications. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget \$19,221,892, of which \$19,211,892 is from PLAN 2004 and \$10,000 from contributed funds from Wake County Parks & Recreation. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**10. CHANGE ORDER NO. 01: KNIGHTDALE ELEMENTARY ADDITION**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 01 to Harrod & Associates Constructors. This time and material change order, in the amount of \$228,334.67, is for accelerated construction costs caused by the need to complete work between the end of this school year and the start of the year round schedule in July. Work to be accelerated includes installation of a new fire alarm system, HVAC controls replacement,

and portions of the site work. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$6,426,511, as provided in PLAN 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

#### **11. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-14: APEX MIDDLE**

At the Apex Middle School project, changes had been authorized for additional work but not executed because the documentation had not been received from the contractor. This “settlement of claims” is for change orders that could be confirmed as provided at the Apex Middle School project minus \$60,000 in final completion liquidated damages that were accessed. Board approval is requested for the resulting Change Order No. CO-14 to J. W. Grand, Inc. This change order, in the amount of \$254,054.32, is for the closeout and settlement with J. W. Grand, Inc. for this project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,467,943, as provided in PLAN 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **1. GRANT PROPOSALS**

- Contractual Agreement (#1104): US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, Wake County Human Services / WCPSS Transportation Department.
- Competitive (#1138): US Department of Education, Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse / Central Services, Counseling and Health Education Offices.

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

#### **2. LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND**

- Students participating will be representative of grades 11-12.
- Approximately 45 students will participate and 15 chaperones.
- Students will depart from RDU on Thursday, December 27, and return on Friday, January 4, 2008. 2007. The students will miss three days of school.
- The students have been invited to participate in the Inaugural London International Choral Festival, where they will perform several choral concerts in several London cathedrals. They will also study in master classes and clinics with some of the world’s most renowned choral conductors.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per student/person will be approximately \$2,315.00. The total cost will be approximately \$138,900.00. The Performing Arts Boosters Club will sponsor and facilitate fund-raising activities to help the students fund this trip. Scholarships will be available where needed.

Recommendation for Action: This item is recommended for consent.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS’ REPORTS**

#### **Facilities Committee**

Horace Tart reported that the next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, no agenda at this time. The Board Citizens Advisory Council meeting is Tuesday, March 27, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Policy Committee**

Susan Perry reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, March 13 and addressed two issues; the new revised Emergency Procedures Policy, and Policy 6300 Maintenance Review and Release of Student Records. Due to timing, both of these will appear as Action items on the next Board Agenda. Ms. Perry also shared that there would be an additional meeting on Thursday, March 29, when they would begin to address some of the more mechanical aspects of the transfer process. They hope to complete the review of that process at the regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 17.



### **Finance Committee**

Rosa Gill reported that Ms. Parker opened the Tuesday, February 13, meeting with an overview for the Community Advisors to bring them up to date. She informed the group of the letter that went to the Wake delegation in support of a menu of revenue options for the funding of public school construction, and also the discussion of an idea for establishing a formal endowment. The Community Advisors were asked for their input on gifts to the system with naming restrictions. Some of their responses were as follows; develop a policy, restrictions need to apply, should be for entire system and not limited to a particular school, and use good judgment. Michael Evans gave an overview of the Communications Strategy outline. There will be further discussion of the Communications Strategy at the Community Relations Committee meeting. The Finance Committee will meet next on Tuesday, April 17.

### **Instructional Program**

Beverly Clarke reported that at the Wednesday, March 14 meeting there were two topics for discussions. The collaborative work between Instructional Services Division (ISD) and Facilities for planning for the new larger high schools. The other topic discussed were the efforts of ISD to realign the delivery of services for LEP and ESL students. Ms. Clarke shared some history on the number of ESL students and the current growing number. She expressed her excitement about the training. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11.

### **Human Resources Committee**

Eleanor Goettee reported they did not meet in March, but would be meeting on Wednesday, April 11. At that time there will be an update from Caroline Massengill regarding the teachers and the positions of the newly converted schools to year-round. Maurice Boswell will report on the transfer requests process and the numbers, and also the upcoming Job Fair, which will be held Saturday, April 14, at Panther Creek and Green Hope. Ms. Goettee and Dr. Hargens spoke to the Wake Ed Partnership Board of Directors and gave them an overview of the teacher advancement program model, they were well received.

### **Community Relations Committee**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11.

### **Attorney's Report**

Ann Majestic reported that the Court of Appeals held in favor of the Wake County Public School System regarding the Dubois Modular School.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **FACILITIES**

#### **1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOLS**

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department presented recommendations to the Board of Education on March 6, 2007, 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 Board approval.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. George Risinger made a presentation to the Board and answered Ms. Clarke's questions. The vote was unanimous.

## **2. 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 north east 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 requests Board approval to officially name the facility Mills Park Elementary.

Beverly Clarke made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board about the name selection and answered all questions that arose. Mr. Margiotta expressed concern about naming the school Mills Park Elementary. After discussion amongst the Board members the vote was taken. The vote was 7-1.

## **3. 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 north east 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 requests Board approval to officially name the facility Mills Park Middle.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Mr. Margiotta expressed concern about naming the facility Mills Park Middle. The vote was 7-1.

#### **4. 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 requests Board approval to officially name the facility Sycamore Creek Elementary.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board about the name selection. The vote was unanimous.

#### **5. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: ENLOE HIGH**

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by BJAC Architects, for the CIP 2006 renovation at Enloe High School. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$8,145,458, of which \$320,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$7,825,458 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board. Ms. Sharma shared that staff is seeking schematic design approval. Ms. Sharma gave an overview of the site and floor plan for Enloe High School. Ms. Sharma answered questions and concerns that arose from the Board Members. The vote was unanimous.

#### **6. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: POE ELEMENTARY**

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Gurel Architecture for the renovation of Poe Elementary School. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,089,270 of which \$250,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$13,839,270 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Beverly Clarke made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board. Ms. Sharma shared that staff is seeking schematic design approval. Ms. Sharma gave an overview of the plan for Poe Elementary School. Ms. Sharma answered questions about the renovations that arose from the Board Members. The vote was unanimous.

#### **7. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: ROOT ELEMENTARY**

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Ramsay GMK Architects, Inc. for the new construction and renovations of Root Elementary School. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$19,930,017, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$19,630,017 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Beverly Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board. Ms. Sharma shared that staff is seeking schematic design approval. Ms. Sharma gave an overview of the site plan, floor plan and the elevations for Root Elementary School. Ms. Sharma and Mike Burriss answered clarifying questions from the Board. The Board approved the building, but asked that they come back with site revisions. The vote was unanimous.

## **8. AGREEMENT WITH WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS AND MAJOR RENOVATION OF EXISTING SCHOOLS**

At its meeting on 13 March 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved the attached agreement, which provides for transfer of title of school property to the county for the duration of the construction projects, so that the county can claim sales tax refund from the state and appropriate that money to WCPSS to reduce project costs. Currently public schools in North Carolina, unlike County governments, are not eligible for a rebate of sales taxes.

- Key provisions of the agreement are:
- County appoints WCPSS as its agent to carry out the construction or renovation projects;
- School Board negotiates and executes contracts on behalf of County;
- WCPSS is solely responsible for carrying-out the projects;
- Agreement applies to projects identified by superintendent and county manager;
- WCPSS conveys title prior to award of construction contracts;
- County returns title within 60 days of close-out of the project;
- School board has exclusive right to use property while under county ownership;
- WCPSS prepares construction contracts and purchase orders;
- WCPSS approves and processes payments;
- Refunds received by county shall be appropriated to WCPSS as capital funding or to retire debt.

The agreement contemplates that there will be various administrative matters which must be worked out in order to implement the program, and directs and authorizes the Superintendent and the County Manager to develop implementing procedures. In addition, inasmuch as the final document may require some wording changes, it is requested that Board's attorney be authorized to make those changes, so long as the final agreement is in substantial conformity with the concepts approved by this action. Fiscal Implications: It is estimated that over the term of the currently authorized building program between \$11 and \$13 million in sales tax could be rebated under this agreement. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is recommended.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Don Haydon made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Haydon shared about the agreement with the Wake County Board of Commissioners regarding construction of new schools and major renovations of existing schools and the provisions to the agreement. Rod Malone, Board Attorney and Mr. Haydon addressed questions and concerns about the agreement that arose from the Board Members. The vote was unanimous.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 4:06 Ms. Head asked for a motion to take a short break and go into Closed Session to consider the two bulleted items on the agenda and the last item that was added; to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) and 115C-319; 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) (3); and 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). Eleanor Goettee made a motion, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 5:04 p.m. for Recognition.

### RECOGNITION

#### **1. RECOGNITION OF THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONS**

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) recognizes athletic accomplishments by providing state championships in 22 sports throughout the school year. Several other areas of sport competition also award state championships. The winter sports season is complete, and Wake County schools have received the following state championships. They are:

- Cary High School Boys' Wrestling team won the Individual and Team State Championships.
- Southeast Raleigh High School Girls' and Boys' Indoor Track teams won the State Championships.
- Broughton High School's Cheerleading Squad won the NCCCA Super Large Division State Championship.
- Enloe High School Girls' Gymnastic team won the State Championship.
- Enloe High School Boys' Swimming team won the State Championship.

Resolutions for each school recognizing these accomplishments will be presented to the head coaches for each of the respective teams. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: For recognition only.

Patti Head introduced Bobby Guthrie for his presentation of each school for recognition of winter athletic championships. Mr. Guthrie called the principals, coaches and student athletes from each school to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. Mr. Guthrie then proceeded to read and present their respective resolutions. Ms. Head on behalf of the Board congratulated all the athletes as well as the principals and coaches. She shared her pride in the accomplishments of these student athletes and how they are the ambassadors for their school and the Wake County Public School System. The athletes and coaches received a standing ovation from the Board.

At 5:31 p.m. Patti Head asked for a motion to go back into Closed Session. Eleanor Goettee made a motion, Susan Parry seconded the motion.

At 6:14 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session.

### ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

##### **1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following administrative appointments:

- Ericka Lucas, Assistant Principal at Durant Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Wake Forest High School, effective date to be determined.
- Arrica Moseley, Assistant Principal at Yates Mill Elementary School, to Assistant Principal at Sanford Creek Elementary School, effective date June 8, 2007.
- Judy Dudley, Retired Principal, to Interim Principal at Lynn Road Elementary School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Martha McCaskill, Assistant Principal at East Wake High School, to Principal at East Wake School of

Arts, Education, and Global Studies, effective date March 21, 2007.

- Sebastian Shipp, Assistant Principal at East Wake High School, to Principal at East Wake School of Engineering Systems, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Curtis Brower, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Hunter Elementary School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Karen Bruce, Teacher at Holly Ridge Middle School, to 62% Assistant Principal and 38% Teacher at Holly Ridge Middle School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Eric Fitts, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Wendell Middle School, effective date July 1, 2007.
- Cynthia Griffen, Retired Assistant Principal, to Interim Assistant Principal at Vance Elementary School, effective date March 31, 2007.
- Diane Lockwood, Intervention Coordinator, to Assistant Principal at Broughton High School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Catherine McSween, Teacher at Garner High School, to Assistant Principal at Garner High School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Patricia Tolley, Retired Assistant Principal, to Interim Assistant Principal at Carver Elementary School, effective date March 21, 2007.
- Christy Falba, Senior Administrator, Instructional Services, to Senior Director, Instructional Services, effective date March 21, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned on a motion by Beverley Clark, seconded by Susan Parry. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Debi Dingee, Recording Secretary

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education