



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 31, 2009**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Don Haydon
Kevin L. Hill, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	David Holdzkom
Beverley Clark	Danny Barnes	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Kathy Chontos	Cathy Moore
Patti Head	Marvin Connelly	David Neter
Anne McLaurin	Joe Desormeaux	Andre Smith
Ron Margiotta	Michael Evans	Bev White
Lori Millberg	Stephen Gainey	Mark Winters
Horace Tart	Lloyd Gardner	<b><u>Board Attorney</u></b>
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chair's Comments**

- On March 19, Ms. Gill attended “Stars in the East” at East Wake High School. She thanked the staff for working hard to showcase the students’ talent. She complimented and congratulated the students for their hard work that was put into the performances.
- Ms. Gill announced that the joint meeting between the Board of Education and the County Commissioners for the month of March was cancelled. The leadership team of the two Boards did meet and had a very productive meeting. The next joint meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Board of Education’s Conference Room
- On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Gill attended the Last Generation Task Force Conference at the Ezra Conference Center with Donna Hargens and David Holdzkom. The conference was the result of the work of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee.
- Ms. Gill thanked Board members for their time at the work session that was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> as they addressed several topics including the Superintendent’s proposed budget.
- Ms. Gill reminded Board members that they were invited to attend the Wake Education Partnership Breakfast on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Avenue. The keynote speaker for the breakfast would be Richard Kahlenburg of the Century Foundation, speaking on the value of socioeconomic diversity in public schools.
- Ms. Gill announced that she would be attending the National School Boards Association Conference April 2-7<sup>th</sup> representing both Wake County Public Schools and the North Carolina School Boards Association.

## Superintendent's Comments

- Sixty-six students from 19 Wake County high schools have been selected to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina for Summer 2009. The Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students. Dr. Burns congratulated the students and their schools.
- North Forest Pines Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Ben Miller, was the winner of North Carolina's Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. Ben competed against hundreds of students from across the state and was presented a trophy on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. His winning entry will be submitted to the national competition.
- Salem Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, Dakota Lee, recently published her first novel, "Flashes of Freedom." The adventure book is about three girls, a horse thief, and a wild horse named Freedom. The book is being enjoyed by students across the nation, as a result, Dakota has visited several schools as an "Arthur in Residence".
- Fuller Elementary's fifth-grade class went on a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C. during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. While in Washington, the students visited the Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, and Arlington National Cemetery. The trip was very unique and special as the school was selected to "lay the wreath" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Four students participated in the ceremony. The students as well as the teachers, thoroughly enjoyed the trip and really learned from the experience.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teams at Leesville Road Middle School recently received a grant for just over \$2,000 from the Triangle Community Foundation's Biogen Idec Mini-Grants in Science Fund. The grant was to create a "Human Body Systems Exhibit". Students created models of the cardiovascular, respiratory, skeletal, and nervous systems. The models were on display in the school's media center March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Burns encouraged Board members and staff to go by and view.
- Dr. Burns shared that "Stars of the East" was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at East Wake High School. The event was another great opportunity to showcase the talents of students in the school system. Dr. Burns thanked teachers, principals, and many volunteers who made the event possible. Dr. Burns congratulated and thanked the students who participated in the event.
- The central region Odyssey of the Mind Tournament was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> with more than 1,000 students participating on 160 teams. Wake County had 19 teams from 14 schools win at the regional tournament. The teams will advance to the next level of competition which will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Wingate University.
- Dr. Burns shared that students in the Martin Middle School Theatre Arts Department won a number of honors at the North Carolina Theatre Conference (NCTC) Regional Middle School Play Festival on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Students in Martin's drama production, technical theatre III, and playwriting classes earned a superior rating for their production of their original piece, "Serpent Stone." They also received the Theatre Arts award for Excellence in Puppetry, Choreography and Directing. Eighth grader, Lauren Bullamore's one-act play was recognized for Excellence in Playwriting.
- Ten WCPSS middle school students will compete in the NC State Geography Bee. At each WCPSS middle school, students competed to earn their school's geography

bee title. The winners then took a test with high scorers qualifying to compete at the statewide bee.

- Sanderson High School hosted a delegation of 4 teachers and 8 students from Zhonghua High School in Nanjing, China, as part of an ongoing exchange program between the two schools. The Chinese students visited Sanderson March 21-30.
- Dr. Burns congratulated the Fuller Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for winning awards in the American Mathematics Competition for grade 8. The students included Michael An, Rishi Subdaresan, Matthew Zheng, and Dorothy Szymkiewicz. The students are now preparing to take the American Mathematics Competition for grade 10.
- James Strickland, Assistant Principal at Willow Springs Elementary, was recently elected as the Wake County representative for the North Carolina Principal Fellows Alumni Coalition. Mr. Strickland was a member of Class 13 of the Principal Fellows. Dr. Burns congratulated him.
- On Monday, March 23, Dr. Burns attended the Social Worker's Conference. He spoke to approximately 70 Wake County social workers.
- On Friday, March 27, Dr. Burns provided greetings for approximately 1,200 delegates for the NCAE State Convention. Dr. Burns thanked the State NCAE Delegation and Jennifer Lanane for the opportunity.
- Dr. Burns announced that the Finance Department was awarded the North Carolina State Board of Education Recognition of Achievement in Financial Resource Management for FY 2007-2008. The awards ceremony to receive the recognition will be held on Wednesday, April 1.

### **Board Members' Comments**

- Ms. Gill recognized Theresa Perry, Executive Director of Professional Development from Cumberland County as a visitor.
- Ms. Head shared that she attended the Character Education Gala at Leesville Road Middle School on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The program was called "Citizens of the Planet Earth." Ms. Head shared that it was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended and participated.
- Ms. Goettee recognized and congratulated Mike and B.J. Bajorek and their family. Their third daughter was named a Teaching Fellow.
- Dr. McLaurin shared that she visited a school and talked about health related issues and questions. She enjoyed sharing information with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Dr. McLaurin also invited the Board to attend the play, "1960" at the Murphy School.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Clark requested to move Consent Item #5 under Facilities, CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-08: ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-30) to the Action Agenda and Consent Item #6 under Facilities, CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-11: HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY to the Action Agenda.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the amended Meeting Agenda, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### **1. DISPOSITION OF MONIES RECEIVED FROM MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT**

As a result of a class action lawsuit against Microsoft and the monies awarded, WCPSS was awarded a total reimbursement of \$738,265.80 in the form of two equal vouchers: a General Purpose voucher and a Software voucher. To claim this money, documentation of specific eligible technology equipment and software purchases was required. This information was shared with the Board on March 18, 2008. Complete documentation for the General Purpose voucher was submitted and the total amount of \$369,132.90 was received and distributed to the accounts from which the eligible purchases were made. Documentation for the Software voucher was provided in two separate submissions. The first submission resulted in receipt of \$156,298 which will be placed in Technology Services Division's operating budget. Documentation for the remaining balance of the Software voucher has been submitted and preliminary notice has been received that the monies will be forthcoming. That amount will be placed in PRC 15 (a state fund for School Technology). All recovered monies will be utilized to support technology in district schools. Fiscal Implications: These monies will allow technology projects to move forward that otherwise would not have been possible due to lack of funding. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting this item for information.

Bev White presented information to the Board. Ms. White provided an update of what has been completed and the plan for moving forward with the monies received from the Microsoft settlement. Ms. White shared that all but \$235,000 is in-house, and the \$235,000 has been processed and should be coming soon. Ms. White assured the Board that WCPSS will be claiming the entire amount. Approximately \$70,000 will be placed in schools' accounts. Schools will have until October to spend the funds. Centrally, funds have been expended on schools using software as a service (SAAS). One of the first services that has been used is an inventory tool, which is being implemented slowly in the schools. The tool should keep a viable and up-to-date dynamic inventory of pc's in the schools. In addition, servers and storage spaces have been expanded, contracted services have been used including using Windows instead of Novell products.

Currently, WCPSS has subscribed to several Web 2.0 tools that will assist schools as they address the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for students. They include Zoomerang, Edublog, and a videoconferencing tool, Wimba. Ms. White shared that staff tried to do multi-year contracts which will yield significant savings for professional development so that perhaps funds can be shifted.

### **2. BOARD COMMENDATION FOR SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED BY MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA AS "SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION" OR "SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE"**

The following schools were recently named by the *Magnet Schools of America* as 2008 Magnet Schools of Excellence or Magnet Schools of Distinction.

2009 National Magnet Schools of Excellence

Farmington Woods International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary

Joyner Center for Spanish Language/International Baccalaureate PYP Magnet Elementary  
East Garner International Baccalaureate MYP Magnet Middle  
Ligon Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle  
Enloe Gifted & Talented/ International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Center for  
Humanities, Sciences & the Arts Magnet High

2009 National Magnet Schools of Distinction

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary  
Bugg Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary  
Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary  
Douglas Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary  
Fuller Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary  
Hunter Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary  
Powell Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary  
Underwood Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary  
Wiley International Studies Magnet Elementary  
Carnage Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle  
Centennial Campus University Connections & Leadership Magnet Middle  
East Millbrook International Baccalaureate MYP / Creative Arts Magnet Middle  
Martin Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle

Magnet Schools of America is a collaborative network of thousands of U.S. magnet schools that provide leadership for innovative instructional programs that promote equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students in public school choice programs. The schools were selected from a national field of over 2000 candidate magnet schools based on research-based criteria that includes innovative instructional strategies, student achievement, desegregation and diversity goals, and parent and community involvement in the magnet school.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that principals and school representatives be invited to the board meeting for commendation.

David Ansbacher presented each school and selected school staff with their banner for being selected as a “School of Distinction” or a “School of Excellence”. The Board of Education commended the schools on their honors.

**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.*

**Jennifer Lanane (Time Committee Member)-** Ms. Lanane spoke to the Board regarding her support of the Time Committee’s recommendation. Ms. Lanane shared that all stakeholders were involved in the two year planning for the recommendation. Ms. Lanane shared that the road to student success is having highly qualified classroom teachers. Ms. Lanane stated that professional development and professional collaboration needs to take place to ensure that a teacher is current, prepared, and highly qualified for the daily task. Ms.

Lanane requested that the Board approve the committee's recommendation for professional learning and collaboration.

**Zora Felton (Time Committee Member)** – Ms. Felton shared that the committee has found time in the school day by adding 10 minutes. Ms. Felton thanked the Board for its initial response of not adding the ten minutes at the beginning of Tier 1 high schools. The committee has recommended that teachers receive 1 hour, once a week to have time for professional learning communities. Ms. Felton requested that the Board give teachers the one hour a week for the success of professional learning communities. The committee realizes that there will be challenges however, the feeling from the committee is that if you want to be successful, the challenges of the community must be met.

**Eric Blau (Parent from Leesville Middle School)**- Mr. Blau pleaded to the Board to consider leaving Leesville Middle School on a traditional calendar and not to move forward with year-round conversion. Mr. Blau stated that at the time of a severe budget strain, leaving Leesville Middle on a traditional calendar will save an estimated quarter million dollars. He stated that the savings would come by eliminating the need to spend \$100,000 to purchase carts for teachers and \$150,000 in operating expenses. The savings could help prevent other possible cuts from staff positions or programs for at-risk students. Mr. Blau stated that it would not be too late for the Board to not act on the year-round conversions because track assignments have not been distributed. Mr. Blau requested that the Board keep Leesville Middle School on a year-round calendar.

**Lisa Boneham (Parent at Leesville Middle School)** – Ms. Boneham respectfully requested that the Board continue to operate Leesville Middle School on a traditional calendar. Ms. Boneham is concerned that the Board would knowingly proceed with conversion when it is not needed and will waste a quarter million dollars that could be used elsewhere in the budget. Ms. Boneham requested again to leave Leesville Middle on a traditional calendar.

**Louise Lee (Concerned Citizen)** - Ms. Lee shared with the Board her concern regarding the headline in the newspaper that minorities have not been speaking out regarding reassignment and other school issues. Ms. Lee reminded the Board that 3 years ago, 52% of African-American respondents and 52% of Latino respondents indicated on a WRAL/News and Observer poll that they either opposed mandatory year-round or thought it should be optional. Ms. Lee also reminded Board members that in 2007 the massive conversions were implemented. Ms. Lee shared that system wide, transportation expenses more than doubled during the June, July, and August timeframe before mandatory conversion and after mandatory conversion. Ms. Lee also shared concerns regarding the justification of the Board not funding programs such as Communities in Schools. Ms. Lee expressed concern regarding the conversion of schools to mandatory year-round and its association with the enticement of gangs during track-out sessions.

**Nancy Masteller (Time Committee Member)** – Ms. Masteller shared with the Board that professional learning communities do work and that grade level collaboration is a necessity and requires time. Ms. Masteller shared that PLC's allow teachers to plan interventions for at-risk students and plan for high performing students. The committee's recommendation with the early release days will guarantee the time that is needed for collaborating with

colleagues. Ms. Masteller requested that the Board consider the committee's recommendation for approval.

**Pam Ward (Concerned Citizen)-** Ms. Ward shared her concerns regarding students attending school on Saturday as a snow make-up day to meet the required 180 days. Ms. Ward suggested to the Board having an alternative to Saturday make-up days including on-line assignments.

**Rhonda Curtright (Concerned Citizen)-** Ms. Curtright shared that Biggerpictureforwake.com supports the Board and those who voted to keep current schools at their planned calendar for next year. Ms. Curtright shared that the reassignment has been finalized, as well as the school application period. Everyone has planned accordingly. If school calendars are to be revisited it must be done early enough to account for the magnet calendar option application period. Ms. Curtright shared several reasons with the Board why the calendar should not be changed.

**Virginia Tally (Concerned Citizen) –** Ms. Tally shared her concerns regarding the students who may be affected by the elimination of alternative schools. Ms. Tally shared that students taking on-line courses is not an option for most students that are suspended. Ms. Tally shared that most students do not have computers at home, or are unable to walk to the library to use a computer. Ms. Tally further shared that WCPSS has the tenth highest rate of long-term suspensions and WCPSS suspends for a longer period of time for less severe offenses. Ms. Tally stated that gangs will be the alternative for many students who feel that the system simply does not care. Ms. Tally stated that by eliminating the alternative education program, the Board is sanctioning the gang alternative program. Ms. Tally requested that the Board not eliminate the alternative schools program.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

March 10, 2009	-	Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009	-	Student Achievement Committee Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009	-	Board Work Session Minutes
March 17, 2009	-	Committee of the Whole Minutes
March 17, 2009	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2009	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes

### **FINANCE**

#### **1. COMPUTER SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Technology Services will be converting the current network directory systems to a centralized service based on Microsoft's Active Directory platform. This initiative is being implemented in several independent phases. Project #2 will allow the district to identify and document the technology necessary to integrate a secure automated provisioning solution into the district's network infrastructure. This includes creation of a management framework as well as design, development and deployment of

specific management agents used to acquire student and staff information. Total cost of Project #2 is \$156,000 which includes \$130,000 for design, plan and implementation and \$26,000 for first year support. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of agreement is \$156,000. Funding for contracted services is available in the PRC 15 State Technology Funds budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of agreement.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. SUBLEASE: TEMPORARY CLASSROOM SPACE (WAKE FOREST ROLESVILLE HIGH COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY CLASS)**

Planned renovations to the Wake Forest-Rolesville High School (WFRHS) campus require students to relocate to Heritage High School for the 2009-2010 school year. There will not be adequate and appropriate space on the Heritage campus for the CTE Collision Repair Technology classes to continue to hold class meetings and construction of a suitable auto shop facility at Heritage High had an estimated cost of \$400,000. An alternate location is necessary for the continuance of these classes until the WFRHS campus reopens. These classes are graduation requirements for students in the College Technical Prep course of study. Negotiations have been completed with Moll, Inc., for a sublease for approximately 2,350 square feet of rentable space of a building located at 303 East Roosevelt Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587, that currently houses Auto Care of Wake Forest. The leased space includes a classroom space, repair areas, paint booth access, and a small outdoor space for project car storage that lies within a fenced area on the premises. The term of the sublease will be from June 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 at a rate of \$2,000 per month. Fee includes all necessary utilities costs. Minor up-fit additions will be necessary to comply with ADA and program requirements. The Town of Wake Forest has approved the site for school use. A copy of the proposed sublease is attached. Fiscal implications: The lease rate is \$2,000 per month for 15 months for a total lease term fee of \$30,000. Funding is available from the current total project budget of \$62,800,000, of which \$57,350,000 is from CIP 2006, \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, and \$5,250,000 from projected savings on other projects. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

### **2. SANFORD CREEK ELEMENTARY- LEVEL 4 JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

The Town of Rolesville has requested a Level 4 Joint Use Agreement for the athletic field, walking track, and playground located at Sanford Creek Elementary School. The town has agreed to maintain the multipurpose field and walking track, and to share in the maintenance costs of the playground, in exchange for the privilege to schedule the use of the multipurpose field and track when such areas are not needed by the Board. The school will schedule use of the shared areas during normal school hours and shall have priority of use at all times. The town will schedule multipurpose field use during non-school hours when such areas not needed by the Board. The initial agreement term is for a period of twenty-five (25) years. The terms of this proposed agreement are consistent with the standard Level 4 Joint Use Agreements in effect at other schools. Fiscal implications: None. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

### **3. MASTER JOB ORDER CONTRACT FOR MOVING SERVICES**

Bids were received on February 11, 2009 for furniture moving services at various schools involved in the building programs. Staff recommends award of Master Job Order



Contracts to the four lowest and most responsible bidders; All American Relocation, Inc., Cameron & Cameron, Inc., CMS, Inc., and Graebel/Raleigh Movers. The selected firms will execute the attached standard form of agreement. These agreements are for work from April 1, 2009 through March 10, 2010. Fiscal implications: The actual fee will be calculated for individual projects using the bid unit prices, and funded by the specific project. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

#### **4. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-10: AVERSBORO ELEMENTARY**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-10 to Skanska USA Building, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract for Aversboro Elementary School. This change order, a reduction in the amount of \$131,465.02, provides final reconciliation of the remaining construction manager contingency. This change order will complete this contract. The final Guaranteed Maximum Price for this contract is \$16,980,593.13. The CMAR contracts allow for unused construction manager contingency funds to be credited to the construction manager as follows: 40% for meeting substantial completion; 20% for meeting final completion; and 40% for meeting specific performance measures. This construction manager met substantial and final completion, and met 84.5% of the performance measures. The attachments show how the unused construction manager contingency was calculated, the process for evaluation of their performance, and other key criteria about this contract. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$20,045,425, of which \$978,228 is from PLAN 2004 and \$19,067,197 from CIP 2006. It is anticipated that savings from this project will be available for reallocation to CIP 2006 Program Contingency in the near future. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

#### **5. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-04: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-04 to Clancy & Theys Construction Co. for their Construction Management at Risk contract for additions and renovations to Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. This change order, in the amount of \$8,567,736, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Release 1 (the second GMP), which includes 12 of the 42 construction packages for this project. A list of bid packages is attached. Future change orders will be brought to the April 21, 2009 and May 19, 2009 Board meetings to establish the GMP for the total project. This expenditure has been discussed with and approved by Wake County staff. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the current total project budget of \$62,800,000, of which \$57,350,000 is from CIP 2006, \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, and \$5,250,000 from projected savings on other projects. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

#### **6. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS**

Negotiations have been completed with Trigon/Kleinfelder Co. to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for the Wake Forest-Rolesville High Additions and Renovations Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$329,406, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Material Testing, Special Inspections, and/or Wetland Delineation Services Agreement. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the current

total project budget of \$62,800,000, of which \$57,350,000 is from CIP 2006, \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, and \$5,250,000 from projected savings on other projects. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

## **7. CHANGE ORDER NO. 2: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 2 to Davis Kane Architects, P.A. This change order, in the amount of \$599,494.66, is to fund the negotiated fee increase due to the increase of the scope of the project. The design consultant had previously been authorized to provide services through the permitting and bidding phase for a fee of \$1,908,133 out of a total fee of \$2,756,547. The new total fee is \$3,356,041.66. The balance of \$848,414 remains to be authorized for the construction administration and closeout. This change order was presented in error and signed without Board approval on March 6, 2009. Measures have been put in place to prevent a reoccurrence. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the current total project budget of \$62,800,000, of which \$57,350,000 is from CIP 2006, \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, and \$5,250,000 from projected savings on other projects. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **1. GRANT PROPOSALS**

- Competitive (#006709): NFL Network Keep Gym in School Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#006809): Action for Healthy Kids / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#006909): Wake County Solid Waste Management Feed The Bin / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#007009): National Education Association (NEA) Foundation / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#007109): Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#007209): Meredith College LeaderShape® Vision Fund / Bugg Creative Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School.

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

### **2. PLANS FOR BARWELL ROAD ELEMENTARY AND EAST WAKE SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY**

According to G.S. 115C-105.37, plans must be submitted for addressing the needs of Barwell Road Elementary and East Wake School of Integrated Technology. The plans include how Central Services will assist with and monitor the progress of the schools.

In order to facilitate the improvement of student achievement at each school, Central Services staff will conduct an Individual School Audit for each school. "The Individual School Audit is a diagnostic process designed to reveal the extent to which the administrators and professional staff of a school, in conjunction with district officials, have developed and implemented a sound, valid, and operational approach for high student achievement performance....The diagnostic Individual School Audit's scope is

centered on curriculum and instruction, and any aspect of operations of a school and the school system that enhances or hinders its design and/or delivery. The goal of the Individual School Audit is to gather diagnostic data about the current operation of the school staff and compare this data to a set of CMSi-designed standards for schools with high student performance. From these data, findings are made and action strategies are recommended in a written report to direct the staff in establishing an educational program toward academic excellence.” (CMSi, 2009). Fiscal Implication: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Approval of plans.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT**

- a. Professional
- b. Support

## **ACTION ITEMS**

## **FINANCE**

### **1. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION’S PROPOSED BUDGET, 2009-2010**

To approve the Board of Education’s Proposed Budget for 2009-2010. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Education’s Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 will be delivered to the County Commissioners by May 15, 2009. Recommendation for Action: Board of Education’s approval of the Proposed Budget including a budget request from the County Commissioners for 2009-2010. This amount is shown on the attached sheet.

David Neter presented information to the Board. Mr. Neter shared that the budget was Developed with the following assumptions:

- the budget reductions from December 2008 would become permanent base budget reductions,
- state funding will likely be reduced, yet at the same time, leave existing state formulas in place because not enough detailed information was given on what the reductions would be or how they would be made, and
- The proposed budget does not assume any additional funding from the federal stimulus package. (At the time the budget was developed, and at the time of approval, specific information about the federal stimulus package, its ability to aid the WCPSS and constraints and restrictions associated with it, were still unavailable. Funding associated with the federal stimulus package was not included.)

Mr. Neter stated that the total operating budget proposed is \$1.246 billion dollars. Sixty two percent comes from state funding, 25% from the county appropriation, 7% from federal sources, and 6% from other sources. The 2009-2010 proposed budget includes funding requests only for legislative salary and benefit increases and a portion of additional utilities for additional square footage and rate increases. Mr. Neter stated that there was no new program funding, no additional funding for growth, and no funding for system-wide needs. Formula changes, budget reductions, expenditure deferral, and repurposing for existing funding has taken place to accommodate the opening of three new schools and an additional 2,300 students for next year.

Mr. Neter shared that the July 1 county appropriation to the school system for the current

fiscal year, 2008-2009 was \$316.2 million. The county appropriation requested for the 2009-2010 Superintendent's proposed budget is \$316.9 million. As a result of budget work sessions and staff review, several changes have been made to the proposed budget.

Changes include:

- Remove 2% Board of Education member fee increases (\$3,220),
- Reduce school bus purchases from 17 to 13 buses (\$246,833),
- Increase additional bus driver months of employment from 36 to 144 (\$25,222),
- Remove H6 from the early hires, task assignment, and staff development for new schools case (\$96,166), and
- Magnet Schools (decrease of months of employment/salaries and benefits and increase in supplies for a zero net dollar change ) (\$0).

The total net reduction in county appropriation is \$86,072.

Board members shared concerns regarding the alternative school programs receiving some allotment rather than a full reduction. Mr. Connelly shared that state law requires the school system to provide instructional services to students. How the school system provides it is being reviewed. Mr. Connelly shared that staff is currently reviewing the school system providing the services as opposed to contracting with someone else.

Mr. Connelly shared that staff is contemplating how to reduce programs and repurpose funds to anticipate a potential reduction in funding from the state. Mr. Connelly shared his thoughts on why staff is anticipating a reduction. Board members shared their thoughts regarding long-term suspended students using online learning.

After lengthy discussion with staff regarding the options and funding for the alternative education program of long-term suspended students, Patti Head made a motion to approve the Board of Education's Proposed 2009-2010 budget, seconded by Lori Millberg.

Ms. Gill announced that while in Closed Session, the Superintendent requested that the Board forego his 3% automatic salary increase for 2009-2010. The Board unanimously accepted the request while in Closed Session.

With further discussion coming from the Board, Board members sought information on how they voice concern regarding items not actually in the budget that may be cut.

Mr. Neter shared that staff has allotted funds in reserve categories in anticipation of potential cuts. Mr. Neter shared that staff is holding the allotment of the 10 CIS positions until staff can identify what resources are available. The Board had lengthy discussion regarding the anticipation of potential cuts, management plans that will be put into place to manage uncertainties, and the federal stimulus impact.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding a potential savings for the upcoming year by not converting Leesville Road Middle School to a year-round calendar. After lengthy discussion, Ron Margiotta made an amendment to the motion to remove funding for the conversion of Leesville Road Middle in the current year's budget. The motion was seconded by Horace Tart. The Board voted 3 to 5 with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart,

and Ron Margiotta voting “yes”, and Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The amended motion failed to pass.

Additional discussion ensued with questions regarding allotment funding and the opening of the international enrollment center.

With no further questions or discussion from the Board on the motion to approve the Board of Education’s Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 with an amendment to the Superintendent’s contract foregoing the 3% automatic Salary increase for 2009-2010, the Board voted 6 to 2 with Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Beverley Clark and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. SALES TAX AGREEMENT WITH WAKE COUNTY**

Board attorneys will provide information regarding the sales tax agreement and the lease document. Fiscal implications: The proposed transfer by lease will yield the maximum recovery of sales tax. Recommendation for action: Specific recommendation will be addressed at Committee of the Whole.

Ron Malone presented information to the Board. Mr. Malone shared that during the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board and staff took the Sales Tax Agreement Addendum and the Lease Agreement that was approved by the County, and proposed several changes.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the agreement as is, with a formal cover letter to the County Commissioners that explains the changes. The Board also proposed a separate written agreement to the county and offer to provide ongoing information to the county or its staff about significant leases or rights of way, etc.

With no further questions or discussion, Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **2. CAPPING OF CEDAR FORK ELEMENTARY AND FOREST PINES ELEMENTARY**

Enrollment capping is governed by Board Policy 6204. The Growth and Planning Department recommends that enrollment remain capped for the 2009-2010 school year at Cedar Fork Elementary and Forest Pines Elementary. The base areas for both schools will be significantly reduced by the opening of new schools in the future years, but enrollment in the base areas of both schools has grown rapidly for the past several years and is expected to continue and could cause serious overcrowding before new schools can open. The enrollment caps recommended by staff are: Cedar Fork Elementary – 820, and Forest Pines Elementary – 725. The overflow schools recommended by staff are: Wake Forest Elementary for Forest Pines Elementary. Reedy Creek Elementary for nodes assigned to Cedar Fork Elementary located east of Hwy 55, and Weatherstone Elementary for nodes assigned to Cedar Fork Elementary located west of Hwy 55. Fiscal

implications: Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facility-related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Chuck Dulaney presented information to the Board. Mr. Dulaney modified the recommendation from staff sharing that the cap on Cedar Fork is necessary, however, the Board can remove the cap from Forest Pines Elementary based upon the most current projections. Mr. Dulaney stated that currently the cap at Forest Pines is 764, and enrollment is currently 747.

Mr. Dulaney further stated that Cedar Fork is number one in the district for growth and Forest Pines is number 3. The overflow schools recommended for Cedar Fork are Reedy Creek Elementary for nodes assigned to Cedar Fork Elementary located east of Hwy 55, and Weatherstone Elementary for nodes assigned to Cedar Fork Elementary located west of Hwy 55. Mr. Dulaney shared that families can also apply to Carpenter.

After discussion from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The Board voted 8 to 1 with Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Beverley Clark voting “no”. The motion passed.

### **3. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-08: ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-30)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-08 to Barnhill Contracting Company for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract to construct the new Alston Ridge Elementary School. Per Town of Cary requirements, this change order, in the amount of \$877,694.25, is to build a 535-foot long extension to Kit Creek Road, turn lanes on Alston Avenue, and on-site improvements required due to stormwater from this road. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the proposed total project budget of \$24,373,100, of which \$22,746,540 is from CIP 2006 and \$1,626,560 will be from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. This change order is currently encumbered within the project due to CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements funding being exhausted. When additional offsite money is available, \$791,827 will be reimbursed to the project for the offsite portion of this change order. This is in addition to the \$313,373 of offsite improvement charges already encumbered within the project that must be reimbursed. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Joe Desormeaux presented information to the Board. Staff explained that NCDOT dictated the requirements for the road and the Town of Cary adopted the directive. After discussion of the requirements, Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The Board voted 7 to 1, with Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Beverley Clark voting “no”. The motion was approved.

### **4. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-11: HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-11 to Clancy & Theys Construction Co. for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract to construct the new Herbert Akins Road Elementary School. This change order, in the net amount of \$48,384.12, is for adding turn lanes at the intersection at Herbert Akins Road and James Slaughter Road, as required by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Completion of this intersection improvement is a condition for granting a certificate of occupancy of the building by the Town of Fuquay-Varina. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the proposed total project budget of \$23,775,597, of which \$22,914,681 is from CIP 2006, and \$860,816 will be from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. This change order is currently encumbered within the project due to CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements funding being exhausted. When additional offsite money is available, it will be reimbursed to the project in addition to \$184,838 of project allowances currently being used to fund part of this change order. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Joe Desormeaux presented information to the Board. After several comments from the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The Board voted 7 to 1, with Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Beverley Clark voting “no”. The motion was approved.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **1. TIME FOR LEARNING**

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 are Banks Road Elementary, Herbert Akins Road Elementary, and Lake Myra Elementary.

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. The purpose of the Time Committee is to develop a recommendation to be presented to the School Board that enables schools to find time within the school day for learning teams. The Board of Education approved the current 4 common Early Release Day Schedule for 2008-2009 on March 18, 2008. The Time Committee recommendation for 2009-2010 will be presented. Fiscal Implications: Buses already purchased will provide resources to accommodate proposed bell schedules for Banks Road Elementary, Herbert Akins Road Elementary, and Lake Myra Elementary. Recommendation for Action: Approval of bell schedules is recommended. Approval of Time Committee recommendation.

Donna Hargens and Don Haydon presented information to the Board. Dr. Hargens shared that the purpose of the Time Committee was to develop a recommendation that worked for K-12 enabled schools to find time during the day for the important work of professional learning communities. The driver for the recommendation was student achievement and the achievement of the Board goal. The key to student achievement and the Board goal is collaboration of teachers. The recommendation of the Time Committee is that all schools elementary, middle, and high dismiss one hour weekly on Wednesdays. On six of the Wednesdays, an additional 1.5 hours will be added to create common early release days of 2.5 hours (which are six per traditional calendar/6 per track). By requiring additional hours of remediation/enrichment, high schools that participate in SMART Lunch will participate in 4 of the common early release days.

Dr. Hargens stated that there is still more to do which includes:

- Creating clear, consistent expectations regarding PLCs/learning teams through a board policy,
- Offer additional PLC training,
- Monitor results through an accountability plan,
- Create a communication plan that explains the value of the collaboration, and
- Create a committee to explore options to maximize the use of the dismissal time for students.

Mr. Haydon shared that approval of bell schedules for new schools are recommended as per Board policy. The new elementary schools opening in 2009-2010, Banks Road Elementary, Lake Myra Elementary, and Herbert Akins Elementary are recommended for placement on the third tier, 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Mr. Haydon shared that buses already on-hand will provide resources to accommodate the proposed bell schedule for all three new schools.

Mr. Haydon also shared that East Wake School of Integrated Technology, East Wake School of Engineering Systems, East Wake School of Arts, Education, and Global Studies, and East Wake School of Health Science will move from the Tier 1 bus schedule to Tier 2 (7:55 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Zebulon Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary and Wendell Gifted and Talented Elementary will move from Tier 2 to Tier 1 (7:45 a.m.-2:25 p.m.). Mr. Haydon stated that no additional buses are needed.

Staff clarified information for Board members regarding SMART Lunch remaining the same but increasing the amount of enrichment and remediation hours. Staff also clarified information regarding early release days being on Wednesday instead of Friday.

After several comments from the Board, Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The Board voted 8 to 1, with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS – 6 P.M.**

Eighteen students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Mary Ellen Taft presented the students to the Board. Mr. Hill stated that the students were role models in their schools and an inspiration to everyone. He commended the students for being recognized by teachers and administrators who saw the difference that they are making in their schools and communities every day.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Ron Margiotta made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:36 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115c-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 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). The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hill stated that two items needed to be added to the agenda. Patti Head made a motion to add a Resolution and Order of Condemnation – Wendell Falls Development, LLC (Lake Myra ES) and a Resolution and Order of Condemnation: Easement Acquisitions from Multiple Property Owners (Herbert Akins Road Elementary) to the Action Agenda. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF CONDEMNATION – WENDELL FALLS DEVELOPMENT, LLC (LAKE MYRA ES)**

Staff has determined that utility easements crossing the property currently titled in the name of Wendell Falls Development, LLC, located near the Town of Wendell, NC, Wake County, further identified as having Wake County PIN 1763-94-4745, PIN 1773-25-5334, PIN 1764-94-3454, PIN 1763-79-0354, PIN 1773-35-8469, PIN 1764-70-5193, PIN 1764-92-4050, PIN 1773-18-1261, PIN 1773-08-0073, PIN 1773-19-9588, PIN 1773-27-1126, PIN 1774-20-4459, PIN 1773-17-4614, and PIN 1764-73-4496, the exact location and square footage of easement to be determined by survey, are needed for water and sewer access attendant to the new Lake Myra Elementary School. Negotiations with the property owner to determine fair market value have not yet been successful. In order to acquire the easements within the time constraints imposed by the impending opening of the school, acquisition is required at this time through condemnation. A copy of the proposed Resolution and Order of Condemnation to enable the acquisition of the necessary property is attached, together with a plat of the proposed utility easement locations. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Betty Parker presented information to the Board regarding the resolution and order of condemnation. With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **2. RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF CONDEMNATION: EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS FROM MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS (HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY)**

The NCDOT recently issued its final approval on road improvement plans attendant to Herbert Akins Road Elementary, and Staff is now in the process of negotiating with multiple property owners to acquire the many necessary easements. The Town of Fuquay-Varina requires that all road improvements must be completed by May 1, 2009 in order to issue the Certificate of Occupancy in sufficient time for the school to open as scheduled. Although staff intends to timely complete negotiations with the owners for acquisition of all necessary easements at fair market value, in order to assure procurement of the easements within the time constraints imposed, staff requests the granting of a Resolution and Order of Condemnation to acquire the necessary easements by condemnation if negotiations are unsuccessful. A list of the property owners affected by the easements together with the proposed compensations for their property interests is attached. Copies of the proposed Resolutions and Orders of Condemnation to enable the acquisition of the necessary easements from each affected property owner are also

attached. Fiscal Implications: Estimated total land cost for all necessary easements is \$11,962.51. Please see attached easement compensation sheet for specific breakdown. A deposit will be made with the court system upon filing of the condemnation action for each property owner based upon the fair market value of the property, which initial total deposit is estimated to be \$11,962.51. Funding is available from the proposed total project budget of \$23,775,597, of which \$22,914,681 is from CIP 2006, and \$860, 916 will be from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. These condemnation compensations are currently encumbered within the project due to CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements funding being exhausted. Recommendation for Action. Staff requests Board approval.

Betty Parker presented information to the Board regarding the resolution and order of condemnation. With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **ACTION ITEMS – Cont’d**

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Drew Cook, Assistant Principal at Garner High School to Principal at Garner High School, effective date April 1, 2009. (Permanent position)
- (2). Charles Langley, Retiree to Interim Principal at West Lake Elementary School, effective date March 2, 2009 – June 30, 2009. (Permanent position)
- (3). Steven Moore, Assistant Principal at Timber Drive Elementary School to Principal at Fuquay-Varina Elementary School, effective date April 13, 2009. (Permanent position).
- (4). Julia Smith, Assistant Principal at Sycamore Creek Elementary School to Principal at West Lake Elementary School, effective date July 1, 2009. (Permanent position)

The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary