



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MINUTES-BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2002

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

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

Board Attorney Present:

Ron Malone

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

Ms. Quigg had the privilege of attending "Stars In the East."

Superintendent's Report

- *Third grade teacher, Kitty Rutherford, Dillard Drive Elementary, has been awarded the 2001 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching-the nation's highest honor for K-12 teachers in these subject areas. She is one of 200 teachers nationwide to receive this award, which comes with a \$7,500 educational grant for her school, a presidential citation, and a trip to Washington, DC for a series of recognition events.*
- *Southeast Raleigh High School Students were winners at the Central Regional Science Fair. Kenan Miller placed first in the senior technological category,, and Andrew Seltzman placed first in the senior physical science category.*

- *Cary High School junior, Jennifer Marshall, a sharpshooter on the school's Naval JROTC, will be competing this month in the National Junior Olympic shooting championships for women's air rifle working toward possible qualification for the 2004 Olympics.*
- *Wednesday, April 3, at 8:30 a.m.-Education Issues Forum on Small Schools at the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.*
- *Tuesday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m.- Citizens Advisory Committee will be held in the Board Room.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Beverley Clark made a motion to move from consent agenda item # 10, "Names for New School Sites in Cary and Wake Forest," to the Action agenda.*
- *Susan Parry made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include a closed session to consult with the Board attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) regarding the settlement of the State v. Alvury Francis bond forfeiture matter.*

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Shawn Laby- North Carolina Lambda Youth Network. Lambda Youth Network is the only organization in North Carolina that is offering Comprehensive Sex Education to youth. Students in Wake County are having sex and are not protecting themselves. Please join in educating to protecting the youth of North Carolina.

Patience Stevens-Please resend notes E5.1 and E4.1 one year delay. Stick to your precedent.

Lib McGowan –Close the gate. Keep Baucom Elementary at their base school.

Samartha Herring – Don't uproot our children. Children need to stay at Baucom while school board addresses the magnet out flow problem.

Ginny Merritt – Baucom Elementary and Briarcliff Elementary are not the solution for Dillard Drive Elementary School just like Apex Elementary School students are not the solution for Swift Creek Elementary. Dillard Drive Elementary and Swift Creek Elementary need the School Board's attention.

Jeff Wotus – There is not a capacity problem at Baucom Elementary. Requesting a one year delay.

Becky Brady- Dillard Drive Parent. The Board of Education was given a well thoughtout Student Reassignment plan to fix some of the overcrowded schools in Wake County. "Are you doing your very best for the students of Wake County?" Support your Student Assignment department's well thoughtout plan.

Emily Preyer Fountain – parent. Against a comprehensive Sex Education curriculum.

Olden Thornton-Pastor - parent of two. Against a comprehensive Sex Education curriculum.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 6, 2001 – Closed Session

August 13, 2001 – Closed Session

February 19, 2002 – Closed Session

March 5, 2002 – Closed Session

January 22, 2002 – Board Meeting

February 5, 2002 – Board Meeting

March 12, 2002 – Human Resources

FACILITIES

Bids: Cary Elementary Addition and Renovations

Pre-approval was requested for bids, which are scheduled to be received on April 16, 2002, if the bids are within the CCAP of \$8,536,390. Staff will provide recommendation for award and bid tabulations at a future board meeting. Pre-approval allows acceleration of preliminary construction activities at minimal financial risk. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$11,232,092, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

Bids: 2002 Mobile Classrooms – Package B

Bids were received on March 5, 2002, for the 2002 Mobile Classrooms - Package 'B' for the temporary housing of Broughton High students during renovations. Staff and Brown & Jones Architects, Inc., recommend award of a single prime contract to C. Blake Lewis, in the amount of \$263,506. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the 2002 Mobile Classrooms - Package 'B' budget in the amount of \$482,000. The budget consists of funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the PLAN 2000 Broughton High project budget and \$332,000 from the Phase IIIB Mobile Classroom budget.

Bids: Roof Repairs and Coating at Brassfield, Fox Road, Leadmine, Penny Road and Rand Road Elementary

Bids for the roof repairs and coating at five elementary schools were received on February 28, 2002. Staff and Rooftop Systems Engineers, P.C., recommend award of the contract to Owens Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$209,798. Fiscal Implications - Funding is available from the total project budget of \$500,000 as provided in the deferred maintenance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

Blanket Purchase Orders Exceeding \$100,000

The Energy and Physical Plant Department initiated several blanket purchase orders with contractors to supplement the existing workforce in HVAC, electrical, and elevator maintenance service calls. Three of these have exceeded \$100,000 and three more are projected to exceed \$100,000 through June 30, 2002. Our dependence on contracted labor support has grown to the point it exceeds the intentions of a blanket purchase order. Request for proposals are being prepared to bid and contract future services. Fiscal Implications - Amount of the increases will

total \$350,000. Funding is available in the 2001-2002 current expense budget for the Maintenance and Operations Department. Recommendation for Action - Approval to increase blanket purchase orders is requested.

Service Contract: Grass Mowing at 64 Sites

The contract term is April 2, 2002, through October 12, 2002, for 64 school sites. Staff recommends award of contracts to Faithful Lawn Care, in the amount of \$202,720, for 31 schools and to Hensley's Lawn, in the amount of \$147,070, for 33 schools. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available in our current expense budget for the April – June 2002 expenses. Funds are included in our 2002-2003 budget request for July – October 2002 expenses.

Meal Prices for 2002-2003

Child Nutrition Services recommends that student breakfast prices remain the same and student lunch prices increase by 15 cents for the 2002-2003 school year. The price increase is needed to offset higher costs for health insurance and increases in support personnel salaries. The proposed meal prices are slightly higher than those in surrounding counties, but are comparable to other large school systems in North Carolina. A la carte prices will be reevaluated based on the market rate and food bids received in July 2002. Fiscal Implications - Child Nutrition Services 2002-2003 budget will be balanced.

Contract Amendments: Domino's and Dennis Foods

Child Nutrition recommends amendments for two current contracts as follows: (1) Domino's – add \$125,000 to the contract estimate for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, (2) Dennis Foods – add \$75,000 to the contract estimate for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available in the 2001-2002 expense budget.

Deed of Easement for Sidewalk Improvements – Cary Elementary

The Town of Cary is in the process of making sidewalk improvements along South Harrison Avenue and Faculty Drive. Improvements along Faculty Drive will tie into the existing sidewalk at Cary Elementary. To complete these improvements, the town requires a sidewalk easement 9.32 feet in length or approximately 54 square feet. Fiscal Implications - The Town of Cary will absorb the cost of the improvement project. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval of an easement to the Town of Cary of approximately 54 square feet to complete sidewalk improvements at Cary Elementary.

Easements for N.C. Highway 55 Improvements - Fuquay-Varina High

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is widening and improving N.C. Highway 55 along the frontage of Fuquay-Varina High. The Department of Transportation requires a dedication of right-of-way of 846 square feet, a permanent utility easement of 157 square feet, and a temporary drainage easement of approximately 3,695 square feet. These improvements will not negatively impact the school campus. Fiscal Implications - Board receives \$8,500 in compensation. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends board approval to grant a Deed of Easement to the N. C. Department of Transportation for 846 square feet of right-of-way, 157 square feet of permanent utility easement, and 3,695 square feet of temporary drainage easement at Fuquay-Varina High.

Resolution: Funding for PLAN 2000 School Building Program

Resolution requests appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Technology component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Technology has requested these funds to accomplish infrastructure wiring for multiple projects. Technology has received \$2,000,000 to date of the \$4,000,000 budgeted for the Technology component in PLAN 2000. Fiscal Implications - Total

of this appropriation request is \$1,000,000. Appropriations for PLAN 2000 to date total \$417,671,430. The total PLAN 2000 appropriations including this request, equals \$418,671,430. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

Authorization Forms

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Aversboro Elementary, Carver Elementary, Conn Elementary, Creech Road Elementary, Farmington Woods Elementary, Fox Road Elementary, Knightdale Elementary, Leadmine Elementary, Lockhart Elementary, Millbrook Elementary, North Ridge Elementary, Olds Elementary, Rand Road Elementary, Wendell Elementary, Wiley Elementary, and Zebulon Elementary. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records.

PROGRAM

Grant Proposals

Competitive (#636): NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources / Leesville Road High School. Competitive (#637): NC Department of Public Instruction / K-12 Learn and Serve America / Individual Schools. Competitive (#638): National Science Foundation, Math and Science Partnership / Central Office, Curriculum and Instruction. Fiscal implications vary by grant. Staff recommends that the board approve the applications.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Employment (*Exhibit A*)

2. Recommendations for Administrative Appointments

- *Rhonda Elaine Jones, teacher at Centennial Middle School, to assistant principal at Ballentine Elementary School.*
- *Rodney A. Stanton, administrative intern at Cary Elementary School, to assistant principal at Lincoln Heights Elementary School.*

3. Recommendation for Administrative Transfer

- *Elaine L. Hanzer, assistant principal at Ligon GT Middle School, to assistant principal at Athens Drive High School.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Policy Committee revisited the Code of Conduct policy for students and how it should be disseminated to the public. The Policy Committee discussed Policy 6410-Inappropriate Student Behavior. They was also discussion on a new policy 2304,3004/4004 for Faculty / Employee dress.

Facilities Committee discussed the next building program planning and to apply systems improvement tools for PLAN 2004.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

Site and Building Options for Longview Facility and PLAN 2000 Special/Optional School

Staff will present for approval the site and building options that have been considered for the Longview facility and the new special/optional middle school included in PLAN 2000. Options include a cost-saving proposal to construct a new Longview facility on the Noble Road site and to renovate the existing Longview facility for the new special/optional middle school that is included in PLAN 2000. Fiscal Implications - Funds are available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action - Board approval is requested to construct a new building for the Longview School at the Noble Road site and renovate the existing building for use as a new special/optional middle school.

- *Staff stated to the board that eight existing buildings will be demolished.*
- *This site will have a grassy play area, paved basketball court, and temporary parking for school buses.*
- *Completion of project is scheduled for July 2003.*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

Bids: Knightdale High

The bids for Knightdale High were received on March 28, 2002. Staff and Boney PLLC, recommend award of the general construction contract to R.N. Rouse & Company, Inc., in the amount of \$19,681,600; mechanical contract to Watco Corporation in the amount of \$3,399,900; electrical contract to Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$2,661,950 and plumbing contract to ABL & Associates Plumbing, LLC in the amount of \$1,254,950. The total of these multi-prime bids is \$26,998,400. The lowest single prime bid was \$28,168,058. Fiscal Implications-Funding is available from the total project budget of \$42,093,004 of which \$39,860,854 is from Plan 2000, \$300,000 is from Phase IV start-up funds within the Phase IIIB building program. The Town of Knightdale is providing \$1,932,159.

- *The additional design cost to incorporate park component for Knightdale Parks and Recreation will be paid by the Town of Knightdale.*
- *Construction bids came in under budget but principal's funds and technology increased. The current total includes \$1,932,159 from the Town of Knightdale. This increases potential saving to \$5,415,265.*

Tom Oxholm made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding: Town of Cary – New Elementary School Near Cary Park Development

On March 14, 2002, the Town of Cary approved the Memorandum of Understanding that was jointly developed with the board of education for the planning and construction of a new elementary school in the vicinity of the Cary Park planned unit development. The Memorandum of Understanding establishes the general terms and conditions that will be used to create a future site purchase contract and future planning and design documents for the new school. The town will appropriate \$5.5 million for the project and provide an acceptable building site that includes the necessary on-site and off-site infrastructure to support the school. Fiscal Implications - Eliminates most capital costs for new 400-student elementary school. Requires operating funds for start-up and continuation. Options regarding the transfer of Town of Cary funds are being explored. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, contingent upon acceptable terms for the transfer of Town of Cary funds for the project.

- *Ray Massey explained to the board that the Town of Cary is responsible for the terms (funding) of the agreement with the County Commissioners, not the Board of Education.*
- *Tom Oxholm asked that paragraph #9 be deleted from the agreement that states, "The Board and the Town of Cary will have mutual and concurrent media releases of this Memorandum of Understanding and/or Offer to Purchase and Contract the associated*

site plan details. The requirement of the parties to have a simultaneous media release is a material part of the consideration for the Memorandum of Understanding.”

- *Rod Malone, attorney, advised the board to revise the agreement to reflect, ”Funding must be resolved by the Town of Cary and the County Commissioners.”*

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

Names for New School Sites in Cary and Wake Forest

In January 2000, the board of education acquired a site on Forestville Road, in Wake Forest, for a new high school to be constructed after 2004. On January 8, 2001, the board approved of naming a new middle and elementary school on an adjoining tract Heritage Elementary and Heritage Middle to be constructed under the PLAN 2000 Building Program. In December 2001, the board acquired a site at Turner Creek Road and N.C. Hwy. 55 for a new elementary school to be constructed under the PLAN 2000 Building Program. Fiscal Implications - None. Recommendation for Action - Staff recommends the school names underlined below: Wake Forest Area High – Heritage High School

Cary Area Elementary – Turner Creek Road Elementary

- *Beverley stated that the removal of the Wake Forest Area High School -Heritage High School naming was removed because the High School was not currently in the PLAN 2000 budget.*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Susan Parry made a motion to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m. to consult with the Board attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) regarding the settlement of the State v. Alvury Francis bond forfeiture matter, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Twelve students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners

Shawn Barnhill-Apex High School	O’Dell Harrison – Cary Elementary School
Andy Hrnicek – Davis Drive Middle	Antonio Ashley – Enloe High School
Bruce Andrews, Jr. – Garner High School	Margaret Vance – North Ridge Elementary School
Adrian G. Richardson – Root Elementary	Candace Jolly – Stough Elementary School
April Mclean – Vance Elementary School	Stefan Vitanza – Vandora Springs Elementary
Terrell Vega – Wakefield Middle School	Rodney Jones, Jr. – Wendell Elementary School

INFORMATION

FINANCE

Presentation Of Superintendent’s Budget Request, 2002-2003

To present the Superintendent’s Budget Request for 2002-2003. Fiscal Implications: This document establishes the Superintendent’s budget request for fiscal year 2002-2003.

(Exhibit B)

PROGRAM

Capped Schools

Staff will identify schools where students who are capped-out of their base school will be assigned. Transportation costs will increase due to travel distance. This item is presented for information only.

- *Dr. Ramey Beavers stated to the school board that they earlier approved the capping of Olive Chapel and Hodge Road Elementary schools for the 2002-2003.*
- *The capped date by which parents will need to establish residence is April 26.*
- *Parents who have a sales contract signed by the date that the cap was announced, January 22, 2002, and who have yet to close will be allowed to attend the capped school.*
- *The capped numbers for the schools will be Hodge Road 675 students and Olive Chapel 925 students. The overflow schools will be Hodge Road-Creech Road and Olive Chapel – Penny Road.*

Bell Schedule Recommendations

Vern Hatley, Senior Director of Transportation brought this information item to the board. The proposed bell schedule modifications open and close schools at times the Transportation Department can more effectively and efficiently provide bus service to students. Advantages of the bell schedule modifications include long-term savings in operating costs, better utilization of equipment, and the ability to provide better service. It is important to note that new school openings and school relocations will dictate a need to change some opening and closing times. Additional local dollars will be required to support sixty-seven (67) buses not currently in the fleet if the current bell schedule is maintained. Questions that have been asked are:

- “Would the Division of Principals support a true three-tier system where all schools would be dismissed in the afternoon at 2:15, 3:00 or 3:45 p.m.?”
Transportation has determined that it generally needs 45 minutes in the afternoon to load at one school, deliver those students home, and travel to a follow-on school so arrival would avoid excessive waiting.
- “Would the Division of Principals support alternating bell schedules at certain intervals with the understanding that new school openings may have some impact?”
This would preclude third-tier schools from remaining in that particular time slot indefinitely. Additionally, it would eventually allow practically everyone to enjoy as well as late start and dismissal times.
- Research supports the idea that teenagers learn better later in the day. Would the Division of Principals support middle and high school students moving to third-tier times?
To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair

