



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Bill McNeal	David Holdzkom
Carol Parker, Vice Chair	Del Burns	Don Haydon
Lori Millberg	Mark Winters	Jonibel Willis
Beverley Clark	Bev White	Chuck Dulaney
Rosa Gill	Donna Hargens	Maurice Boswell
Eleanor Goettee	Michael Evans	Mike Burriss
Horace Tart	Jo Baker	
Susan Parry	Kathy Chontos	
Ron Margiotta	Linda Isley	
	Toni Patterson	
	Janice Shearin	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Lloyd Gardner	Ann Majestic

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- Patti Head welcomed all of the traditional school students back after Spring Break.
- Patti Head attended a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education meeting on March 28. Ms. Head shared that they were very complimentary of Wake County, particularly on student achievement and high performing high schools. At the request of the Chairman of the County Commissioners from Mecklenburg County, Ms. Head met with Parks Helms to discuss what is happening in relationship with their school board. Mr. Parks has asked to continue that dialogue, and there was conversation about the possibility of urban area school boards and county commissioners in North Carolina meeting together in the future.
- On March 30, Carol Parker attended the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting in Patti Head's absence.
- On April 4, Patti Head attended the most recent Blue Ribbon Committee meeting. All reports have been given, and the group has now divided into subcommittees – School System, Open Space, Water and Sewer, Transportation, Finance, and Wake Tech. Staff members were present at each table to answer questions for committee members as they begin to pull together the report for the County Commissioners on how to handle the infrastructure for the next 25 years.
- On April 6, Patti Head will be introducing Del Burns to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors, and Dr. Burns will be speaking to the group.
- On the afternoon of April 6, Patti Head will be leaving to attend the National School Boards Association meeting in Chicago as their guest. She will participate in a panel discussion regarding

LEAs that are experiencing rapid growth and how it is being handled, both academically and as it relates to facilities.

- Patti Head gave a reminder about dates for upcoming meetings:

April 11	12 noon -2 p.m.	Committee of the Whole/Facilities
April 13	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Committee of the Whole/Facilities
April 13	7:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Wake Delegation Breakfast at Millbrook High School

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Eleanor Goettee attended a farewell tribute to Gary Gammill, principal of Northwoods Elementary, on March 23. Ms. Goettee commended Melba White, the choral director at Northwoods, who coordinated this incredible program, and she expressed her thanks to Gary Gammill for his years of service.
- On behalf of the Board, Patti Head thanked the Junior League of Raleigh for the reception being held in their honor this evening and sent apologies that the Board was not able to attend due to the conflict with tonight's Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent McNeal reported on the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting that took place earlier in the day. Mr. McNeal, Chuck Dulaney, Don Haydon, and Mike Burriss were in attendance and responded to questions. One of the topics of conversation at the meeting was the cost of stadiums and how to reduce those costs. There were a number of other issues discussed, and Superintendent McNeal felt it was a very informative session.
- The Wake County 2006 Teacher of the Year Semifinalists are:

Stephanie Blocher, West Millbrook	Jeffrey Derda, Apex High
James Elliott, Forest Pines Drive	Jennifer Facciolini, Fuquay-Varina High
Lynn Flood, East Garner Middle	Melinda Fox, Leadmine
Anna Goodrum, Farmington Woods	Lisa Huffman, Garner High
Julaine Kammrath, Wake Forest Elem.	Gladys Madauss, Brentwood
Robert Matthews, Mt. Vernon	Patrick McArdle, Holly Ride Middle
Elizabeth Price, Centennial Middle	Annette Stegner, Wakefield Middle
Kevin Steidinger, Combs	Angela Stephenson, Leesville High
James Vickery, Martin Middle	Laurie Toreson, Knightdale High
Susan Wiedenman, Salem Elem.	Melinda Wilkinson, Powell

A reception will be held in April to honor these semi-finalists and to name the 10 finalists. The Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, May 11.
- Darryl Fisher, Principal of Wilburn Year-Round Elementary, was named the NCAE 2006 State Principal of the Year. Superintendent McNeal expressed his congratulations to Mr. Fisher on receiving this honor and praised all of Mr. Fisher's hard work.
- Two Wake students were named 2006 Morehead Scholars: Kevin Robert Kiley of Green Hope High and Charlotte Jo Lloyd of Enloe High School. They were among 53 students nationally named Morehead Scholars. The value of the Morehead is approximately \$80,000 for each in-state student.
- Three Wake students were named 2006 Park Scholars: Amrita Devalapalli and Naudereh Noori of Enloe High and Courtney Mallow of Apex High. The Park Scholarship pays for 4 years of study at NCSU including a computer stipend and funds for academic enrichment activities.
- Wake schools took top honors at the State Mathcounts competition, capturing 3 of the top 5 places. Martin Middle finished in first place; Ligon Middle in second; and Carnage was fifth.
- Superintendent McNeal gave a reminder that next Friday, April 14, is a holiday.

Following Superintendent McNeal's comments, Susan Parry suggested inviting Darryl Fisher to a Board meeting to be recognized for being named NCAE's 2006 State Principal of the Year.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Citizens who signed up to address the 2006-2007 Superintendent's Plan for Student Success will be called on in priority order. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks.

- **Calla Wright, Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children.** She spoke in support of the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success. As a community advocacy group, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children, believes that initiatives should be employed that hold the greatest promise for moving all students to the highest level of achievement, which can be accomplished through funding. She also asked that the Positive Support program, which is designed to lower suspension rates and other related behavior problems, be placed in all schools. Ms. Wright further stated that the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children is proud to be partners with a school system that values every child.
- **Charlotte Turpin, President of Wake NCAE.** Ms. Turpin asked that the Board keep the five days for subs for 12-month teachers in year-round schools. She spoke in support of pay increases for noncertified staff. She further stated the need for an additional certified adult on special education buses to assist when the driver has to stop the bus to help a wheelchair bound child or a child on crutches. Ms. Turpin requested that the Board continue to support academic academies and career pathways through budget resources. She also felt it was important to include the Parent Institute because of the important partnership with parents. In closing, Ms. Turpin thanked the Board and asked that the focus remain on Goal 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Beverly Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving Consent Item #3 under Facilities – “Resolution: Ninth Grade Center in Existing Building – Designer Selection” to the Action Agenda.

Carol Parker made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by pulling Consent Item #7 under Facilities – “Joint Use Agreement: Middle Creek High – Agreement for the Joint Use of the Auxiliary Gymnasium, Middle Creek Park Community Center, Greenways, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, and Parking Areas” from the agenda at the request of staff.

Carol Parker made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving Consent Item #2 under Facilities – “Resolution: Quarterly Funding for Plan 2004 School Building Program” to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving Consent Item #1 under Facilities – “Construction Documents: Knightdale Elementary Additions & Renovations” to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Beverly Clark. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2006 – Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

February 16 and 17, 2006 – Board of Education Quarterly Planning Retreat Minutes

March 15, 2006 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education Minutes

March 20, 2006 – Student Assignment Public Hearing – Board Room

March 21, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

March 21, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

FACILITIES

1. DESIGNER SELECTION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PACKAGE 05 C

In accordance with the designer selection procedures adopted by the Wake County Board of Education, the selection committee hereby recommends that the Board select firms in accordance with the attached recommendation for the indefinite delivery service agreements that comprise Professional Services Package 05 C. These agreements are for commissioning of capital improvement projects beginning immediately through December 31, 2007. Fiscal Implications: The fee for each project will be negotiated separately. Fees are part of each project budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. OPTION FOR ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT (OR SERVITUDE) ON HORTON ROAD - KNIGHTDALE HIGH

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. desires, for the sum of One and no/100 Dollars (\$1.00), to be granted an option for acquisition of a 30' x 30' easement upon Wake County Public School System property to construct, operate, maintain, add, and/or remove such systems of communications, facilities, or related services. The requested easement would not interfere with the Wake County Public Schools' present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat is attached which indicates the areas of the easement. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. agrees to pay Wake County Public School System Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000) when, and if, this option is exercised. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board grant Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc., the option for acquisition of easement.

3. OPTION FOR ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT (OR SERVITUDE) ON THOMPSON ROAD – TIMBER DRIVE ELEMENTARY

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INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SOLUTIONS

Speech & Language Therapy Solutions will provide speech/language services while a SLP is on maternity leave. Fiscal Implications: Funds will be taken from Fund 2 (PRC 32). Increase current contract from \$87,620 to \$123,620 (an increase of \$36,000). Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT** (Exhibit A)
 - a. Professional
 - b. Support

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

There were no reports to be given.

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE

1. PURCHASE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

As part of the 2006-07 Superintendent's Plan for Student Success, there are four items listed under Systemwide Issues on pages 324-327 related to Data Integrity. The need to purchase computer hardware, software, and ongoing support is associated with the implementation of each initiative. Due to additional funds currently being available in the over/under budget, accelerating purchase of the hardware for these four initiatives is recommended thereby reducing the District's request for 2006-07. Fiscal Implications: Total amount for purchases is estimated at \$441,322.57. Funding for these capital outlay items is available through the District's 2005-06 over/under budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of purchases.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Bev White made a presentation to the Board. Carol Parker had a concern about allocating the funds from the over/under budget without the Board having seen the whole over/under report. Del Burns clarified that the information being provided to the Board is based on the over/under report that was presented in January, and he shared additional clarifying information. Discussion ensued, and Dr. Burns and Bev White answered questions from the Board. Eleanor Goettee reiterated Bev White's statement that teachers cannot presently access NCWISE from home and cannot enter grades from home, which makes for a very inconvenient situation. Ms. Goettee emphasized the importance of providing this support to teachers. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. FUNDING FOR PROCUREMENT OF SCHOOL BUSES, ACTIVITY BUSES, SUPPORT VEHICLES, AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FROM 2005-06 OVER/UNDER FUNDS

Due to transportation operation cost savings in the over/under, and in consideration of the projected receipt of fines from Barnes Motor Parts, the fund balance for 2005-06 will be higher than projected. It is proposed to use a part of the over/under balance to fund essential one-time purchases. See attached support documentation. Fiscal Implications: The following amounts will be transferred from current 2005-06 over/under: \$3,348,000 for new school buses; \$675,000 for activity buses; \$362,520 for replacement support vehicles; and \$75,000 for support equipment; total amount of \$4,460,520. This will reduce the county appropriation request in the 2006-2007 Superintendent's Plan for Student Success by \$5,696,382. It is noted that the difference in totals results from reducing the number of buses from 66 to 48, and adjusting the per unit cost of buses. The over/under funds available as of March 17, 2006, are \$7.9 million. Recommendation for Action: Board approval to fund procurement of school buses, activity buses, support vehicles, and support equipment is recommended.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Don Haydon made a presentation to the Board. He clarified that the buses are not for next year, but for the 2007-2008 school year, and he reported that there is a lead-time of 9 to 12 months to get these buses on board. Susan Parry asked the question of whether there was a way to plan in conjunction with the city to allow some high school students to ride city buses for environmental and efficiency purposes in the long term, and

Superintendent McNeal responded to her question. Don Haydon and Eddy Adams responded to additional questions from Board members. Carol Parker commended the bus drivers and supervisors for being so responsive in meeting the needs of the students, and Don Haydon echoed Ms. Parker's praise of Eddy Adams and the Transportation Department. Ron Margiotta also complimented the Transportation Department for the great job they are doing, and Patti Head followed up by expressing the whole Board's respect and congratulations for "a job well done." The vote was unanimous.

Before proceeding to the next item on the agenda, Beverley Clark recognized two Southeast Raleigh High School students who were in attendance as part of their civics and economics class requirements. Patti Head welcomed the students and thanked them for coming.

2. NAME SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT FOR NEW ELEMENTARY FACILITIES (E-19)

Staff is in the process of locating and acquiring a suitable site for an elementary school in the area of the target ring known as E-19, that presuming timely adequate funding will open in the Fall of 2008. The constituency of faculty, staff, and students that will attend the school have been assigned to the Spring Forest Road modular swing space for the 2006-2007 school year and the 2007-2008 school year until the permanent school site opening occurs. There has recently been significant interest in proceeding with naming the school site even before the official site is confirmed and acquired. To do so would allow the beginning of the establishment of a school identity, establishment of a school body unity among constituent students and staff, and would provide a more permanent non-numeric designation to overcome concerns of continued transience and uncertainty. A memorandum containing a list of school names for consideration is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends selection and assignment of a permanent name for the new elementary school currently designated as E-19, to be Northeast Raleigh Elementary School.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board. She shared that the school is scheduled to open in 2008. The staff recommended that the school be named Northeast Raleigh Elementary School. Beverley Clark expressed her thanks to staff for moving forward with naming the school, but shared her preference of Riverbend Elementary as the name rather than Northeast Raleigh Elementary. Carol Parker was also in favor of naming the school Riverbend Elementary. Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the original motion to name E-19 Riverbend Elementary School, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

3. BELL SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW SCHOOLS OPENING FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It is recommended that the five elementary schools opening in 2006-2007 (Barwell Road Elementary, Brier Creek Elementary, Carpenter Elementary, Holly Grove Elementary, and E-19 Elementary) be placed on third tier, 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and that the two new high schools opening in 2006-2007 (Holly Springs High and Panther Creek High) be placed on first tier, 7:25 a.m. to 2:18 p.m. Fiscal Implications: Buses already purchased will provide resources to accommodate proposed bell schedule. Additional bus drivers will be recruited. Recommendation for Action: Approval of bell schedules for new schools is recommended.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. Patti Head shared that she had received several inquiries from Brier Creek as to whether parents could vote on the school start time because they would like to have an earlier start for the elementary school. Ms. Head has explained to them the issues with the three-tier system. Don Haydon answered questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

4. RESOLUTION: NINTH GRADE CENTER IN EXISTING BUILDING – DESIGNER SELECTION

Resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection and to select Schenkel Shultz Architecture for the design of the Wakefield High 9th grade center. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows the exemption of the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that the time available for the opening of this facility is very tight and does not allow for the standard selection process. This will shorten design time and help expedite the project. The staff reviewed the credentials and workload of three firms with previous experience with conversion of large box store and office facilities for a school. Staff recommends proceeding with the negotiation of a design contract with Schenkel Shultz Architecture based on their experience and availability to do the work. Fiscal Implications: None at this time. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Beverley Clark was interested in hearing about the program for this building, and Mike Burriss explained the process. Carol Parker shared that she had received some suggestions that a gym be included in the building and have classrooms located in the modulars. Ms. Parker encouraged staff to look at alternatives. The vote was unanimous.

5. RESOLUTION: QUARTERLY FUNDING FOR PLAN 2004 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2004 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request will provide funding for Environmental Compliance, Project Management, System-wide Improvements, and Technology in accordance with the master schedule. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$7,188,220. Appropriation for PLAN 2004 to date total is \$527,976,879. The total PLAN 2004 appropriation, including this request, equals \$535,165,099. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. Carol Parker asked for clarification of line items, and Mike Burriss responded. The vote was unanimous.

6. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: KNIGHTDALE ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

Staff has reviewed the construction documents and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise for the demolition of the existing gym building as part of the Knightdale Elementary Addition & Renovations project. Fiscal Implications: The total budget is \$6,426,511, which is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Ron Margiotta asked a question regarding whether this was a change from the original plan for Knightdale Elementary, and Ken Fuller responded. Discussion ensued, and Mike Burriss and Ken Fuller answered questions from the Board. Beverley Clark expressed opposition to signing a letter at the request of the Town of Knightdale which states that additional square footage would not be added to the school without making the two road improvements on both sides of the school. Susan Parry also expressed her opposition to signing the letter until there was opportunity for further discussion. Superintendent McNeal shared that the Blue Ribbon Task Force is becoming involved in looking at the issue of road improvements and the erosion impact on WCPSS' available funds. The vote was 7 to 1 with Carol Parker, Horace Tart, Lori Millberg, Rosa Gill, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, and Ron Margiotta voting "yes," and Beverley Clark voting "no." The motion passed.

Lori Millberg made a motion to recess Open Session at 5:30 p.m. to return to Committee of the Whole, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

RECOGNITION

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS (Exhibit B)

Nineteen students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners. Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications. Recommendation for Action: Recognition

Mary Ellen Taft presented each of the students for recognition. Patti Head thanked Ms. Taft and congratulated the students on being “winners.” Ms. Head shared with the students that only one student from each school each year is selected as a Spotlight on Students award winner, and the qualities and characteristics they possess made them this year’s winners from their schools. Ms. Head asked that everyone, “stand and cheer for our winners.”

CLOSED SESSION

Carol Parker made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319; to establish or instruct staff or the attorney concerning the Board’s position in negotiating the material terms of an employment contract; and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (contd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve the administrative appointment of Paul Domenico, Assistant Principal at Brooks Elementary School to Principal at Aversboro Elementary School, effective date TBD; and Steven Pond, Assistant Principal Intern at Centennial Campus Middle School, to Assistant Principal at E-19 Elementary School, effective date June 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Susan Parry made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting and reconvene Closed Session, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education