



OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2005



Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Ann Hooker
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	Donna Hargens
<i>Kathryn Watson Quigg (Absent)</i>	<i>Del Burns</i>	Jonibel Willis
Beverley Clark	Luther Cherry	Mike Burriss
Rosa Gill	Danny Barnes	
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
<i>Amy White (Absent)</i>	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Bev White	
Bill Fletcher	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Cindi Jolly	<i>Ann Majestic</i>
	Toni Patterson	

Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION

Chair’s Comments

Ms. Parry attended the 6th NC Hispanic Education Summit at the McKimmon Center.

Several board members attended the Community In Schools presentation at the Kentwood Housing Complex. The organization provides after school educational services to students in the Kentwood neighborhood.

Dr. Burns and Ms. Parry presented the Superintendent’s Plan for Student Success to the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Educational Committee.

On Wednesday, April 13, 2005, board members attended the Valedictorian Luncheon at NCSU Faculty Club.

The school board hosted the Mayors’ Association for dinner. Staff presented a recap of the Joint Use Agreement process and how the district selects sites for new schools.

Several board members participated in the “Read-A-Thon” at several schools and also participated in Career Day at Smith Elementary School.

Wake Education Partnership hosted a roundtable discussion at Apex and Holly Springs regarding the Task Force for Teaching Excellence Report.

On Tuesday, April 26, and Wednesday, April 27, the Board of Education will have its board retreat at the NC School Board’s Association.

Ms. Parry reminded board members about Wake Education Partnership Summit on Thursday, April 28, 2005.



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Ms. Parry chaired a panel at the NCSU Global Future and Economic Growth event.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McNeal reminded everyone of the Teacher of the Year Reception at the North Carolina Bar Association beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Superintendent and county manager spoke to the Wake Education Partnership Board of Directors on the issue of land acquisition.

The district had distinguished visitors from the US Department of Education to look at our technology learning communities at Southeast Raleigh High School and Apex High School.

On Wednesday, April 20, Wake NCAE will host its open house. All Board members and staff were invited.

Ms. Parker congratulated Durant Road Middle School as the winner of the state competition "Odyssey of the Mind."

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roosevelt Farmer. President of Coalition of Concerned Citizens of African American Children.

The purpose of this organization is to create and develop a partnership with the Board of Education and to address issues of concern to African American youths. He has concerns about the Policy 6414-Harassment. He would like the Board to address these questions: "What are the procedures to instruct an investigation"? and "After a complaint has been reported, how long does it take to do an investigation"?

Glenn R. Astolfi, District 8 Board Advisory Council member. Mr. Astolfi offered his comments on the concerns voiced by District 8 Board Advisory Council chair at the April 5, 2005, Board meeting.

Russell Killen. Knightdale Town Councilman and parent. Mr. Killen asked the Board to look at placing a magnet or year-round school in the Knightdale area. He stated that families are leaving the area for in the magnet or year-round programs in other districts.

Tim Poirier. Town Councilman and parent. Mr. Poirier stated that parents are looking for educational options. He is asking the Board to look at placing a magnet or year round school in the Knightdale area. Students are leaving the area for the magnet or year-round programs elsewhere.

Mr. Ron Margiotta to addressed the comments made by District 8 Chair George Wait at the April 5 board meeting. Mr. Margiotta's verbatim remarks:

"I was unaware of Mr. Wait's intentions as he had not approached me with any of the concerns he expressed during the public speaking portion of the meeting.



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I was very disappointed to hear not only my integrity called into question, but also that of other Board of Education members, the Wake County PTA President, and a number of District 8 Board Advisory Council members who volunteered for a subcommittee at my request.

The misinformation and inaccuracies in his statement have left me with no other alternative but to clarify what transpired in a format that corresponds to the paragraphs in Mr. Wait's original document.

Paragraph one: The subcommittee was not a 'recent' announcement. Mr. Wait and I discussed it after the January BAC meeting and presentation by Caroline Massengill on the magnet system. There were a number of outstanding questions that were not addressed at the January meeting. I initiated a subcommittee.

The intent was to have a report prepared prior to the school board's retreat in later April. The formation of the subcommittee was announced at the February BAC meeting. When discussing the formation of this subcommittee with Mr. Wait, he expressed his support and thought it was a good idea.

This was not a secret committee nor did it operate in secrecy. There were contacts made to gather information with some school board members, school staff, citizens, and community leaders. The process was to be as complete and open as possible. It was to be offered to District 8 BAC for discussion, revision, addition, etc., with a BAC vote and then passed along to the school board.

Paragraph two: Mr. Wait stated that 'his board' flatly rejected the paper. I am not sure what 'board' he is referring to, but this paper, a request for study of the magnet programs, was given only a few minutes of discussing within the council. During this discussion, Mr. Wait interrupted and abruptly closed the meeting.

Bottom line: No vote was allowed or ever taken. I was delayed that evening, so the bizarre actions of Mr. Wait took place prior to, my arrival at 6:30 p.m. The paper that was presented to the BAC that evening was not 'released' to anyone prior to BAC distribution. A draft was circulated for input and advice. The intent was to prepare a request for study, not for conflict. The subcommittee was hoping for any input to achieve that goal.

Once again, let me reiterate, Mr. Wait was in complete agreement with the creation of this subcommittee. In contrast to Mr. Wait's assertion, the members do not belong to any one group but are active in numerous diverse groups. Of the six-subcommittee members, only two people belong to the same group or organization outside of the BAC.

Paragraph three: My long-standing policy is to never respond to individual comments that are unnamed.

Paragraph four: As for Ms. Wait's 'matter of record' statement, he is misrepresenting a series of events pertaining to BAC appointments. My recollection is there were two appointments that were 'nominated' one by a principal and another by a PTA president. This is not the procedure outlined in school board policy, and as soon as proper procedure was followed these same two individuals were in fact nominated and presently serve on the BAC.



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Final Paragraph: I believe that BAC policy must be re-evaluated to more clearly articulate the process. In this instance, due process and the voice of the council were hijacked in order to advance Mr. Wait's personal options. This demonstrated a disregard for the spirit and intent of the BAC. Mr. Wait's actions have compromised the ability of the District 8 BAC to successfully close this year's session and set the foundation for next year's council process. I am requesting that we work to improve and refine BAC policy to avoid this situation from reoccurrence.

Respectfully, Ron Margiotta”

Mr. Margiotta also complimented Area Assistant Superintendent, Julye Mizelle on getting input from Baucom parents at two separate meetings.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2005 – Closed Session

FACILITIES

1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: HARRIS CREEK ELEMENTARY

On April 5, 2005 the Board of Education approved of an Interlocal Agreement with Wake County for the new Harris Creek Elementary which includes recreational improvements not included in the standard elementary school program. Funding for these improvements is being provided by Wake County and includes an irrigated multi-purpose field, 44 additional parking spaces, picnic shelter, walking track, future tot-lot and playground. The agreement between Wake County and the Board of Education provided for a 50-year term rather than the correct term of 25 years. This recommendation changes the term to 25 years. Fiscal Implications: None for Board of Education. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Wake County for improvements at Harris Creek Elementary providing for an initial term of 25 years.

2. THREE PARTY UTILITY AGREEMENT: SALEM ELEMENTARY

Pointe at Davis Drive, LLC is developing a small commercial center near Salem Elementary and Middle Schools. To access public sewer, Pointe proposes to upgrade pumps at Board of Education property and a church across from Salem Elementary, then tying into existing lines. Maintenance of pumps and lines will be the responsibility of Pointe. A future gravity line may be installed by the Town of Apex to serve the entire area. Fiscal Implications: Pointe pays Board \$5,000.00 per quarter for a maximum period of five (5) years for access rights. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of a Three Party Utility Agreement with Pointe at Davis Drive, LLC and International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Inc.



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3. MEAL PRICES FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

Child Nutrition recommends that meal prices for breakfast and lunch for the 2005-2006 school year remain the same as last year.

	Elementary	Middle & High
Breakfast	\$.80	\$1.00
Lunch	\$1.75	\$2.00

Fiscal Implications: Child Nutrition Services 2005-2006 budget will be balanced. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. BIDS: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH TENNIS COURTS

Bids for the construction of the additional tennis courts at Wake Forest-Rolesville High were received on April 12, 2005. Staff and Davis Kane Architect P.A. recommend award of the single-prime contract to R. P. Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$158,000. This is the first phase of this project. The construction of the new Vocational Education building will be bid in October 2005. Fiscal Implications: The proposed project budget is \$3,240,445, of which \$2,540,445 is provided in the PLAN 2004 School building Program. An estimated future reallocation of \$700,000 will be required. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. BIDS: POWELL ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

Bids for the partial roof replacement at Powell Elementary School were received on March 24, 2005. Staff and Rooftop Systems Engineers, P.C., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Baker Roofing Company in the amount of \$298,278. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$420,800, as provided in the Re-roofing component of the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. BIDS: NEW MODULAR CLASSROOM UNIT AT SANDERSON HIGH

Bids were received and opened on April 8, 2005 for the site setup of a six-classroom modular unit at Sanderson High. Staff and Brown & Jones Architects, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis Construction in the amount of \$140,199. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$11,895,000 for purchase and set-up of 146 classrooms (mobile/modular units) which is part of the \$31,100,000 Crowding Solution budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. BIDS: TWO NEW MODULAR CLASSROOM UNITS AT LEESVILLE CAMPUS

Bids were received and opened on March 15, 2005 for the site setup of six-classroom modular units at both Leesville Elementary and Leesville Middle Schools. Staff and Design Development recommend award of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis in the amount of \$259,075. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$11,895,000 for purchase and set-up of 146 classrooms (mobile/modular units) which is part of the \$31,100,000 Crowding Solution budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.



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8. BIDS: NEW MODULAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON NC HIGHWAY 97

Bids were received on April 7, 2005 for the site setup of the Modular Elementary School to be located on the NC Highway 97 site. Staff and Cherry Huffman Architects, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to Scotia Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,121,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$6,015,000 for purchase and set-up of the modular elementary on the NC Highway 97 site which is part of the \$31,100,000 Crowding Solution budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

1. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2004-2005

To report changes in the budget resolution resulting from transactions processed during January – March 2005.

Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$	5,145,390
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+	\$	7,936,476
Adjust Federal Programs Fund	+	\$	967,340
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+	\$	59,719,820
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+	\$	42,746
 Net Changes	 +	 \$	 73,811,772

2. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all change orders, and contracts having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000, and purchase orders in excess of \$250,000 for March 2005. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

The Facilities Committee met today to ask questions regarding the items on today's agenda. Ms. Clark announced that the Facilities Committee's next meeting is May 3, 2005, at 11 a.m.

The Community Relations Committee met on April 13, 2005, to continue their work on the charge from the Board of Education to develop a process for long-range planning tools and communication vehicles presently used. Ms. Head announced that the next meeting would be May 18, 2005, at 3:30 p.m.

The Policy Committee met on April 12 to work on Policy 6414-Harassment. The committee has tabled the discussion on political campaigning on school campuses. The Policy Committee's postponed the May meeting.

Finance Committee has had several meetings to discuss the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success. The Board will take a vote on the plan at the May 3, 2005, board meeting.



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ACTION ITEMS

PROGRAM

1. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WAIVERS (*Exhibit A*)

1. Attached are waivers taken from school improvement plans.
2. Those requiring local approval only are marked with an “L.” Those requiring both local and state approval are marked with an “S.”
3. Beside each waiver is a staff recommendation and pertinent references.

Fiscal Implications-None. Recommendation for Action-Beside each one is indicated staff’s recommendation for approval or non-approval.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head.

After questions from the board, several friendly amendments were offered. Carol Parker made a friendly amendment to remove S-2. Bill Fletcher made an amendment to include all year-round schools in S-3; and Susan Parry suggested that S-4 was in the same situation at S-3.

The original motion plus all the friendly amendments were accepted by the maker of the original motion.

Patti Head made a friendly amendment to approve juniors to leave campus for lunch for 1 year. Ms. Head would like for this policy to be reviewed by the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was 7 to 1 with Rosa Gill voting “no.”

Bill Fletcher made a friendly amendment to remove S-6 from the list. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: FOREST PINES DRIVE ELEMENTARY (E9/E12)

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by LS3P Boney for the construction of E-9 and E-12, two new 655 student capacity elementary schools located on one site on Forest Pines Drive. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$31,667,768, of which \$601,719 is currently available from PLAN 2000 Start-Up and \$27,384,079 is from PLAN 2004. An estimated future reallocation of \$3,681,970 will be required. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

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

2. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: CARROLL MIDDLE

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects PA, for the construction of Carroll Middle School Renovation Project. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$16,857,371, of which \$13,657,371 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. An estimated future reallocation of \$3,200,000 will be required. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

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

FINANCE

1. DISTRICT STANDARD BRANDS FOR DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS

In 1997, the district standardized on two brands for desktop and laptop purchases. To assure that the district receives the best products to meet current district needs at the most beneficial pricing, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released in December 2004 following district-wide participation in focus groups



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conducted to gather PC requirements for inclusion in the RFP. Proposals were submitted by IBM, HP, Dell and Gateway. Each vendor provided a sample desktop unit and a sample laptop unit which all district employees were invited to evaluate from the user perspective. Technical evaluations were performed by Technology Services Division staff. References from large school districts were checked. The result of the comprehensive evaluations is this recommendation that the proposed contracts be executed with the specified manufacturers to provide desktops and laptops for the district for a period of one year renewable annually for up to two additional years. Fiscal Implications: None.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head.

Bev White asked the board to approve the two recommended vendors: (IBM and Dell) The contract will come back for board approval in two weeks.

Bill Fletcher amended his motion to approve the district standardized two brands for desktop and laptop purchases; IBM and Dell with the understanding that staff will come back to the Board with a revised contract that has been review by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

POLICY

1. POLICY 6410.4-INAPPROPRIATE STUDENT BEHAVIOR, INTIMIDATION/DISRESPECT *Revised; First Reading*

Inappropriate Student Behavior, Intimidation/Disrespect, Policy 6410.4, is changed to align with the language of the State Board of Education policy on harassment and bullying. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends approval.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

2. POLICY 6414 - HARASSMENT

New; First Reading

Harassment Policy 6414 specifically prohibits bullying and harassment under any circumstances in order to provide students with a safe, orderly, and caring learning environment. This policy is in addition to the Board's Sexual Harassment policy. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends approval.

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

3. POLICY 6424 – GANG AND GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY

New; Second Reading

The purpose of this policy is to address gang and gang-related activities. This policy will assist in maintaining order, safety and discipline, and protecting students and staff in the school. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Approval of policy with effective date of July 1, 2005.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.



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INFORMATION ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to pull from the Information Agenda, Facilities “PLAN 2000/PLAN 2004 Status Report” and “Curriculum and Facilities Visioning Work Session,” seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

PROGRAM

1. BOARD REVIEW OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

This presentation is a follow-up to a previous presentation for Committee of the Whole. Board Members will be provided with information related to accessing School Improvement Plans online. Board Members will also receive an overview of the timeline for approval of School Improvement Plans. Fiscal Implications: None at this time. Recommendation for Action: Information item only. *Terri Cobb gave a follow-up to a previous presentation made at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Board members were provided with information related to accessing School Improvement Plans online. Board members received an overview of the timeline for approval of the School Improvement Plans.*

FINANCE

1. POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LOCAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2004-2005

To report potential changes in local expenditures for 2004-2005 as of March 31, 2005. Fiscal Implications: Potential adjustments within the local budget. Transactions transferring budget between accounts will be reported to the Board of Education with all Budget Amendments and Transfers quarterly.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into closed session at 5:38 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

Reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Rosa Gill seconded by Bill Fletcher to approve the following administrative appointments. The vote was unanimous.

- *Henk DeRee, applicant to principal at Douglas Elementary School, effective date April 20, 2005.*
- *Lloyd Gardner, principal at Enloe High School, to Area Assistant Superintendent, effective May 2, 2005.*

2. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS

Information was provided to the Board on the following administrative transfers.

- *Beth Cochran, principal at Ligon Middle School to principal at Enloe High School, effective May 2, 2005.*
- *Edna Fay Jones, assistant principal at Green Hope Elementary School, to assistant principal at Forest Pines Elementary School, effective date August 15, 2005.*



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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Rosa Gill, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board of Education