



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2008**

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

Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- On April 9, 2008, the Teacher of the Year Reception was held at the North Carolina Bar Association. The process began with more than 100 nominees. Being a nominee is a great honor because the teachers are selected by their peers to represent their school. It is an even greater honor to be selected as one of the 20 finalists. April 23, the 10 finalists were named. Chair Gill congratulated the 20 finalists and gave special congratulations to the top 10 finalists. Each teacher was recognized as being a winner.
- On April 15 and 17, Board members met with elected officials from the different municipalities. On April 15, the Board met with the Town of Cary, the Town of Fuquay-Varina, and the Town of Morrisville. On April 17, the Board met with the City of Raleigh, the Town of Apex, and the Town of Garner. Both meetings went extremely well. Ms. Gill stated that being able to engage in conversations with other elected officials is important. Ms. Gill thanked the elected officials and the Board members who gave of their time to be in attendance.
- On April 15, the Board held a work session at Crossroads. The Board discussed the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success and the Board of Education's work plan and Board structure. On April 23, the Board will continue the discussions. Dr. Phil Boyle will be in attendance again to facilitate the discussions.
- On Wednesday, April 16, the Board of Education held their joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. A proposal was presented by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the Wake Education Partnership Foundation. The proposal was a part of the "Support Our Students" presentation. The proposal involves the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners'

negotiation of an Inter-local Agreement which will result in a funding formula for the WCPSS that would address increasing student performance.

- On April 17, several Board members completed their first day of Facilitative Leadership Training with Dr. Joe Peel. Ms. Gill thanked Dr. Peel for his assistance. Facilitative Leadership Training is a 3-day training. The second and third day of training will be conducted on April 24 and April 25. Additional training dates will be available during the summer.
- April 10-13, several Board members and staff members attended the Inter-City visit. Ms. Clark, Ms. Head, and Mr. Hill shared their experiences from the Inter-City Visit to Nashville, Tennessee highlighting the Nashville district's school system working hard to improve itself, fully implementing literacy coaches, the one magnet high school, and their metro system of government which allows for budget increases due to growth and inflation.
- Ms. Goettee shared Legislative updates that the Joint Study Committee on School Funding Formulas met April 16. The committee is recommending that \$100 per mentor be now increased to \$100 per mentee. Senator Swindell has offered a resolution that growth factor be included when allotting money for textbooks. The other highlight was that a fuel reserve line item be added to the state budget to protect the uncertainty of fuel cost in the future. There is a recommendation to increase the funding for Academically Gifted and Talented students from 4% cap to 4.25% cap. The committee will be recommending that the Department of Public Instruction develop state performance standards to monitor local programs and to consider developing a uniform policy to identify these students.

Superintendent's Comments

- On April 9, a reception for the Teacher of the Year Finalists was held at the North Carolina Bar Association. A special thank you was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Head for making the event possible. The finalists include: Belinda Best of Conn Elementary, Cynthia Clavijo of West Lake Elementary, Laura Cochrane of Highcroft Elementary, Taela George-East of Sanderson High, Kim Jackson of Project Enlightenment, Danielle McCaslin of Bugg Elementary, Melinda Mouzzon of Knightdale High, Susan Pullium of East Wake School of Health and Science, Susan Taylor of Panther Creek High, and Ann Quarles of Powell Elementary. The 2008 Wake County Teacher of the Year will be announced at a banquet on May 15. Dr. Burns congratulated each teacher and stated that these teachers represent 9,000 other teachers in WCPSS. Dr. Burns shared that he appreciated their knowledge and the leadership that they provide everyday in addressing the needs of the students in WCPSS.
- Farmington Woods Elementary International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Elementary School will host their Primary years Programme Exhibition on Thursday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. The exhibition will be the culmination of months of work for fifth graders around essential questions and units of inquiry. Students will be presenting the results of their investigation for parents, staff, and school community members.
- Hunter GT/AG Basics Magnet Elementary School's Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras traveled to Fayetteville State University on Wednesday, April 9th to participate in the 2008 Eastern North Carolina Orchestra Festival. The students

performed under the leadership of Melissa Taylor. Hunter was the only elementary school orchestra to participate. They received the highest score possible, superior, from each of the three judges. Hunter also received a 19 out of 20 score on their sight reading performance. Dr. Burns congratulated the students and the school family.

- The Tenth Annual Elementary Choral Celebrations, sponsored by the Raleigh Fine Arts Society, was held at Meymandi Concert Hall on April 16 and April 17. During the two performances, the following WCPSS elementary school participated: Combs, Baucom, Root, Brooks, Cedar Fork, Conn, Davis Drive, Douglas, Farmington Woods, Forest Pines, Fox Road, Fred Olds, Holly Grove, Lead Mine, Oak Grove, and Weatherstone. Dr. Burns congratulated the students, and their teachers for two outstanding performances.
- Anthony Locklear served as a panelist at the Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps Conference. The presentation was entitled “Scholarly Conversations”. He engaged audience members in a question and answer session around the subject of “Getting Communities Involved in the Conversation About Closing the Achievement Gap for All Students”. The panel presentation was one of four highly promoted key sessions which was open to all participants.
- On Friday, April 18, the School-to-Career’s 8th Annual Xtreme Beginnings was held at McKimmon Center. The event allows students to talk with professionals representing a variety of different businesses, students to practice job interviews, and to serve as a Job Fair for students entering the workforce directly after graduation. Over 700 students and 300 businesses participated. Dr. Burns thanked the many businesses for volunteering their time to participate.
- Wayne Davis, a junior at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School, set a national record in the 55-meter hurdles (7.06 seconds) and tied the 60 hurdles mark (7.62) at the Nike Indoor Nationals. Last Spring, he set a record as a sophomore in the 110 hurdles (13.65) at the Nike Outdoor Nationals. An article related to these accomplishments has been published in the April 14 “Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd Edition”.
- Over 94% of the teachers in Wake County have participated in the Teacher Working Conditions Survey. The survey occurs every two years. In 2006, Wake County had a 76% participation rate. Dr. Burns thanked the 10,000 teachers who have taken their time to participate. Dr. Burns stated that the feedback is extremely important to the district as staff plans for methods to address retaining and recruiting high quality employees.
- On Saturday, April 19, the Job Fair was held at Panther Creek High School for secondary level and Green Hope High School for the elementary level. All schools participated and brought teams to assist with interviews. Over 1,700 teacher applicants participated and numerous administrative candidates. The applicants represented approximately 42 states. Dr. Burns thanked the principals and teachers who interviewed for their schools, central services administrators who were on hand for scheduled interviews, interviewing of walk-in applicants, and a variety of other tasks, the Security Department who were available to assist with parking, the staffs at Panther Creek and Green Hope High, the students from Panther Creek and Green Hope High who served as guides. Dr. Burns extended a special thank

you to Maurice Boswell, Joan Kister, and the Human Resources Staff for making the event so successful for the district.

- Bob Bittner recently conducted a presentation for the Green Intelligent Buildings Conference. Dr. Burns thanked Mr. Bittner for his willingness to share his knowledge.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Beverly Clark requested to move Consent Agenda Item #6 Finance, District Standards for Desktop and Laptop Computers to the Action Agenda. Patti Head requested to move Finance Consent Agenda Item #4 Finance, Contract – Market Smart and #5 Finance , Contract- Edwards Educational Services, Inc. to the Action Agenda.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LOCAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2007-2008

To report potential changes in local expenditures for 2007-2008 as of March 31, 2008.

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. Recommendation for Action: No action. Administration is reporting potential changes in local expenditures.

Terri Kimzey presented information to the Board regarding the potential changes in expenditures for 2007-2008 through March 31. Changes included a savings lapsed salaries at \$1,560,493, Utilities of \$850,000; Adjusted Salaries in the amount of \$426,404; Assistant Principals \$224,777; start up dollars for new schools \$201,136, Project Achieve \$4,620.

Ms. Kimzey shared potential changes that would cost the district. They were, one-time allotments in the amount of \$197,067; legal fees in the amount of \$450,000; salary audit in the amount of \$156,944; graduation costs of \$71,379, central services restructuring of \$30,000; Communications Department in the amount of \$12,000; diplomas in the amount of \$6,777; and ABC bonuses in the amount of \$2,259.

Ms. Kimzey shared that two items were repurposed. Auxiliary Services repurposed capital outlay dollars by moving \$970,000 in capital dollars to accelerate some costs that would have been in the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success as they are able to be paid this year. One of the costs is \$320,000 to begin the process of reviewing consolidated administrative building costs, \$532,055 for school buses, and \$118,945 for replacement vehicles. With the year-round department not being needed, the funds were repurposed \$10,000 to cover Board of Education expenses related to meetings, work sessions, transfer hearings, and filing system. \$13,000 for the Chief of Staff Office for a copier and supply expenses.

Ms. Kimzey shared that WCPSS had a net savings of \$3,705,433.

2. CHARACTER EDUCATION

At the April 5, 2005 meeting, the Board of Education put into policy what has been practice in the classroom for more than 10 years. The Board gave final approval to Character Education Policy 5130, which formalizes practices and beliefs related to the importance of character education and a positive learning environment in the Wake County Public School System. This policy reflects the eight character traits adopted by WCPSS in 1993 and focuses on curriculum, climate, and community involvement as core components of the Character Education Program. The impact of Character Education is best demonstrated by providing examples from our schools. Character Education is essential when we look at the learning and life skills required for our students to be productive citizens in the 21st Century.

Dr. Susan Schmidt presented information to the Board regarding Character Education. Dr. Schmidt shared background information of character education and shared the eight character traits of character education which are, courage, good judgment, integrity, kindness, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline. In 1998, all North Carolina schools were asked to adopt character traits, and they adopted Wake County Public School System's traits. In 2001, House Bill 195 required schools to implement Character Education Programs and to establish student dress codes, Wake County Public School System traits were also included in the legislation. In April 2005, the Wake County Public School System Policy 5130 was adopted and formalized what was already in place for 12 years. Character Education is alive and well in the Wake County Public School System today. Several schools were highlighted, they included Baileywick Elementary, Northwoods Elementary, Holly Ridge Middle, Leesville Road Middle, and Phillips High School.

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.

There were no speakers for Public Comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2008	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes

- March 11, 2008 - Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 18, 2008 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- March 25, 2008 - Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- April 8, 2008 - Work Session & Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- April 8, 2008 - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Aversboro Elementary School. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Recommendation for Action: Approval of Authorization Forms.

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 2008. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2007-2008

To report changes in the budget resolution resulting from transactions processed during January - March, 2008. Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+ \$ 5,772,796
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+ \$ 610,033
Adjust Federal Programs Fund	+ \$ 1,455,533
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+ \$ 1,363,974
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+ \$ 180
Adjust Local Grants Funds	+ \$ 324,121

Net Changes + 49,526,637

Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with the Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

FACILITIES

1. LEASE AGREEMENT: PEAKWAY DEVELOPMENT, LLC (BUS PARKING)

Terms and conditions of a Lease Agreement have been reached with Peakway Development, LLC, ("Peakway") to again lease a gravel parking lot located at 3600 Apex Peakway, Apex, NC, under a one year lease beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, with the possibility for an annual renewal thereafter. This lease is for continued use as a school bus parking lot. The current lease for this area will expire June 30, 2008, and required an annual rental payment in the amount of \$20,200. A copy of the new Lease Agreement is attached. Fiscal Implications: A single sum lease payment of \$20,900 is due and payable to Peakway Development, LLC. Funding for this lease would come from the 2008-2009 Operating Budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends Board approval.

2. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS ON MULTIPLE PROPERTIES (HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY)

As a part of the development of Herbert Akins Road Elementary and the construction approval process, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Town of Fuquay-Varina are requiring that road improvements are made to Herbert Akins Road to address traffic and safety concerns. As a condition of site plan approval, permit issuance, and completion of the improvements, it is necessary that WCPSS acquire temporary construction easements from the following property owners: 1) Baker; 2) Bullock Family, LLC; 3) Dickens; 4) Kryder; and 5) Vaughn. The combined total amount of compensation to acquire the land needed for all necessary temporary construction easements totals \$501. A copy of the easement plats are attached with the areas of the easements identified thereon. Fiscal Implications: The Board will compensate the property owners in the individual amounts shown below for a combined total of \$501: 1) Baker: \$50; 2) Bullock Family, LLC: \$52; 3) Dickens: \$65; 4) Kryder: \$131; and 5) Vaughn: \$203. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. PERMANENT SLOPE AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: K&A DEVELOPERS, LLC (HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY)

As a part of the development of Herbert Akins Road Elementary and the construction approval process, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Town of Fuquay-Varina are requiring that road improvements are made to Herbert Akins Road to address traffic and safety concerns. As a condition of site plan approval, permit issuance, and completion of the improvements, it is necessary that WCPSS acquire permanent and temporary construction easements totaling 0.57 acres from property owner, K&A Developers, LLC. A permanent slope easement to be located adjacent to the right-of-way area will be required for the road improvement and will have an adverse impact upon the property owner's remaining property. Proposed compensation to acquire the land needed for the slope easement and temporary construction easement totals \$7,873. A copy of the easement plat is attached with the areas of the easements identified thereon. Fiscal Implications: The Board will compensate the property owner in the amount of \$7,873 from the CIP 2006 Land Purchase budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. PERMANENT DRAINAGE AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: HICKS PROPERTY (HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY)

As a part of the development of Herbert Akins Road Elementary and the construction approval process, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Town of Fuquay-Varina are requiring that road improvements are made to Herbert Akins Road to address traffic and safety concerns. A condition of site plan approval, permit issuance, and completion of the improvements, it is necessary that WCPSS acquire permanent and temporary construction easements totaling 0.124 acres from property owner, Hicks. A permanent drainage easement to be located adjacent to the right-of-way area will be required for the road improvement and will have a slight impact upon the property owner's remaining property. Proposed compensation to acquire the land needed for the drainage easement and temporary construction easement totals \$2,089. A copy of the easement plat is attached with the areas of the easements identified thereon. Fiscal Implications: The Board will compensate the property owner in the amount of \$2,089

from the CIP 2006 Land Purchase budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION, WATER LINE DEDICATION AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT: TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA (HERBERT AKINS ROAD ELEMENTARY)

As a part of the development of Herbert Akins Road Elementary and the construction approval process, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Town of Fuquay-Varina (“Town”) are requiring that road improvements are made to Herbert Akins Road to address traffic and safety concerns. As a condition of site plan approval, permit issuance and to complete the improvements, it is necessary that Wake County Board of Education dedicates approximately 0.12 acres of right-of-way to NCDOT.

In addition, the Town requires the dedication of a water line and water line easement located within the proposed dedicated right-of-way and a drainage easement located adjacent to the proposed dedicated right-of-way area. Board approval is requested for the granting of the water line and drainage easement dedications to the Town so that recordation of said dedications can occur. The requested easements and right-of-way dedications will not interfere with Wake County Public Schools’ present or future use of the property. A copy of the easement plat is attached with the area of the right-of-way and easement identified thereon. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. TRANSIT, SIGHT TRIANGLE, AND TREE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: CITY OF RALEIGH (BUGG ELEMENTARY)

As part of the renovation of Bugg Elementary, the City of Raleigh Transportation Division requires dedication of a new transit easement to be located on a portion of the school property along Cooper Road. The City of Raleigh will erect and maintain a bus shelter and related facilities, containing 300 square feet, which will provide an area for members of the public to access public transportation. Also, a new sight triangle easement, to be located between the Cooper Road entrance to and exit from the school, is required to improve the visibility of traffic conditions.

Additionally, as a condition of site plan approval and permit issuance, The City of Raleigh has required Tree Conservation Easements upon school property, in order to preserve the integrity of tree protection and natural resource buffers. These requested easements, containing a total of approximately 1.51 acres, are in compliance with the City of Raleigh Tree Conservation Ordinance.

The easements will not significantly interfere with the Wake County Public School System’s present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat which indicates the areas of the transit, sight triangle and tree conservation easements is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

7. PERPETUAL UNDERGROUND UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT: WAKE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION (HERITAGE HIGH)

As part of the construction process and in order to provide service to the Heritage High site, Wake Electric Membership Corporation requires an easement to construct, relocate,

maintain, and operate electric and/or communication facilities thereon consisting of poles, cables, wires, underground conduits, enclosures and other pertinent facilities. The easement to be granted will allow for installation of utility service equipment where needed upon the site, with the precise location to be determined by mutual agreement and to be memorialized by site maps or drawings upon installation. The requested easement will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the proposed easement and drawing is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff request Board approval.

8. UTILITY EASEMENT: PROGRESS ENERGY (POE ELEMENTARY)

As part of the modular unit installation and in order to provide service to the Poe Elementary site, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., requires an easement to construct, relocate, maintain, and operate electric and/or communication facilities, thereon, consisting of poles, cables, wires, underground conduits, enclosures and other pertinent facilities. The easement to be granted will allow for installation of utility service equipment where needed upon the site, with the precise location to be determined by mutual agreement and to be memorialized by site maps or drawings upon installation. The requested easement will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the proposed Easement and drawing is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff request Board approval.

9. UTILITY EASEMENT: TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS (HOLLY GROVE ELEMENTARY)

The Town of Holly Springs desires to install a traffic signal light pole at the SE corner of the intersection of Cass Holt Road and Avent Ferry Road adjacent to the Holly Grove Elementary School site. The Town is seeking to acquire approximately 831 sq. feet for an easement for the signal light pole. The requested easement will be located outside of the school's existing boundary fence and will not interfere with Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the easement plat is attached with the area of the easement identified thereon.

Pursuant to the Sales Tax Agreement the Holly Grove Elementary School site has been transferred to Wake County, which must approve and execute the easement conveyance. The easement request has been scheduled by Wake County staff for presentation to the Board of Commissioners on May 4, 2008. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

10. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: BUGG ELEMENTARY

Negotiations have been completed with ESP Associates, PA, to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for the Bugg Elementary School Additions and Renovations Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$195,000, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Material Testing, Special Inspections, and/or Wetland Delineation Services Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$19,569,538, of which \$19,459,878 is from CIP 2006, \$75,000 from Plan 2004, and \$34,660 from Plan 2000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

11.MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: SMITH ELEMENTARY

Negotiations have been completed with ESP Associates, PA, to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for the Smith Elementary School Additions and Renovations Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Material Testing, Special Inspections, and/or Wetland Delineation Services Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,004,513, of which \$21,774,513 is from CIP 2006 and \$230,000 from Plan 2004. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

12.BIDS: WAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY (WINDOW REPLACEMENT)

Bids for window replacement at Wake Forest Elementary were received on April 1, 2008. Staff and Smith Norwood Architecture & Design, PA, recommend award of the single prime contract to 39 Construction Co., LLC, in the amount of \$139,092. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$200,000, as provided in PLAN 2000 Deferred Maintenance line item. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

13.BIDS: WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE MIDDLE (PAINTING)

Bids for the exterior and interior Painting at Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle School were received on March 28, 2008. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to Quality Decorators in the amount of \$116,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$67,813,687 for CIP 2006 Life-Cycle Replacement of Building Components projects. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

14 BIDS: LEESVILLE HIGH (PAINTING)

Bids for the exterior and interior painting at Leesville High School were received on March 27, 2008. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to Finishin' Touch Painting in the amount of \$159,200. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$67,813,687 for CIP 2006 Life-Cycle Replacement of Building Components projects. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

15.BIDS: PARTNERSHIP ELEMENTARY (EXTERIOR REPAIRS)

Bids for exterior repairs at Partnership Elementary were received on March 20, 2008. Staff and HH Architecture P.A., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Triple M Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$559,900. Repairs at Partnership Elementary include 1) roof replacement 1916 original building and 1959 cafeteria addition, 2) masonry repairs 1916 original building, and 3) window replacement 1959 classroom addition. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$67,813,687 for CIP 2006 Life-Cycle Replacement of Building Components projects. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

16.CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-03: MILLS PARK MIDDLE (M-10)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-03, to D. H. Griffin Construction Company, LLC, for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the construction of the new Mills Park Middle School. This change order, in the amount of \$5,073,384, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the early steel package, which is one of the 53 construction packages for this project. In addition, this change order establishes the reimbursable general conditions cost for the project. A list of bid packages is

attached. A future change order will be brought to the August 5, 2008 Board meeting to establish the total GMP for the Mills Park Middle School Project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$42,579,271, of which \$42,509,271 is from CIP 2006 and \$70,000 is to be provided by Town of Cary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

17.CHANGE ORDER NO. CMCO #04: LACY ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CMCO #04 to Balfour Beatty Construction Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the additions and renovations at Lacy Elementary. This change order, in the amount of \$19,262,932, is to establish the total guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for this project. A list of bid packages are attached. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,170,829, of which \$525,000 is from PLAN 2004 Startup, \$21,256,995 from CIP 2006, and \$388,834 from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

18.CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-03: HOLLY GROVE MIDDLE (M-9)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-03 to D. H. Griffin Construction Company, LLC, for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the construction of the new Holly Grove Middle School. This change order, in the amount of \$5,053,535 is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the early steel work package, which is one of the 53 construction packages for this project. In addition, this change order establishes the reimbursable general conditions cost for the project. A list of the bid packages are attached. A future change order will be brought to the June 17, 2008 Board meeting to establish the GMP for the total project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$42,539,315, of which \$42,490,315 is from CIP 2006 and \$49,000 is from Wake County Parks and Recreation and the Town of Holly Springs. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

19.CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-04 GMP 3: ROOT ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-04 GMP 3 to New Atlantic Contracting, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the renovations and additions at Root Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$4,480,604, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the final 21 bid packages, which are part of the 39 construction packages for this project. A list of the bid packages are attached. The total GMP for this project is \$14,910,107. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,928,650, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$21,628,650 from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

20.CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-02: ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-02 to Barnhill Contracting, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the construction of the new Alston Ridge Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$18,112,544, is to establish a total guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for this project. A list of the bid packages are attached. This change order also modifies the general conditions of the contract from "lump sum" to "reimbursable". Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$23,141,453, of which \$22,746,540 is from CIP 2006 and

\$394,913 from CIP Offsite Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

21.CHANGE ORDER NO. CO2: POE ELEMENTARY MODULAR SWING SPACE

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CO2 to Beau Chene Company, LLC, for their swing space modular set-up contract at Poe Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$121,188.27, is for connecting and installing all services (power, water, sewer, ADA access, data, fire protection, and security) required for permitted occupancy for a third six-classroom modular unit, to increase the swing space at this campus. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$14,179,044, of which \$250,000 is from PLAN 2004, \$13,792,560 from CIP 2006, and \$136,484 from CIP 2006 Life Cycle Replacement. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1.AMENDMENT ONE TO PEDIATRIC SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.

We are currently contracting with Pediatric Services of America, Inc. to provide nursing services to identified special education students. Since the beginning of the school year, we have had an increase of two (2) additional students requiring nursing services. Fiscal Implications: We are increasing the current contract from \$100,000.00 to \$140,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Education Services' budget for this increase. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. AMENDMENT ONE TO MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.

We are currently contracting with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. to provide nursing services to identified special education students. We originally under-budgeted the amount needed in this contract. In addition, we have had an increase of four (4) additional students requiring nursing services from Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. Fiscal Implications: We are increasing the current contract from \$90,000.00 to \$135,000.00. Funds are available in the Special Education Services' budget for this increase. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. AMENDMENT TWO TO SOUTHEAST FAMILY SERVICES (FORMERLY SHIGLEY FAMILY SERVICES)

Currently there are two hundred fourteen (214) evaluations included in the Southeast Family Services Contract. This amendment will allow us to add twenty (20) additional preschool evaluations. Fiscal Implications: We are increasing the current contract by \$30,000.00 making the total contract amount \$351,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Education Services' budget for this increase. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. GRANT PROPOSALS

1. Competitive (#1226): Wake Education Partnership, Teacher Leadership Grants / Individual Schools.
 2. Competitive (#1227): Wake Forest Women's Club / Individual Schools.
- Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

- A. Professional
- B. Support
- C. Contract Central Services Administrators

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT

Mr. Tart shared that the Facilities Committee met on April 15. The committee discussed the following topics, multi-year assignment plan, elementary and middle school capacities, cost of traditional vs. year-round schools, and what the impact of this would be on a future Capital Improvement Plan.

The committee also discussed the funding choices for the renovation project at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. The possibility of using Heritage High School as swing space for the Wake Forest renovation project is very high if all items can go forth without any glitches. Real estate transfers to the county were a topic discussed as well as the agenda items for the current meeting.

The next Facilities Committee meeting will be held on April 29 at 9:30 a.m. Items for discussion will be, Wake Forest-Rolesville High School renovation project, planning assumptions for the next Capital Improvement Plan, and schematic designs for Wilburn Elementary School, as well as facilities agenda items for the next meeting.

Ms. Millberg shared that the Policy Committee met on April 15, two policies were discussed, Policy 6230- Assurances of Appropriate Services for Academically Gifted Students- New, First Reading and Policy 6860- Co-curricular Activities and Athletics- Revised, First Reading. The committee also discussed an item regarding a shooting team at East Wake High School. Ms. Millberg stated that it was realized for the first time this year, that the shooting team violates the Board's current policy regarding weapons. The committee discussed the policy and the intent of the policy. The intent of the policy was to make sure that weapons were not brought onto school campuses; weapons were not taken on school field trips, or brought to any extra-curricular activity. The shooting team did violate the policy. Staff has been asked to work with the Board's attorney to draft an exception to the policy that would allow teams such as the one at East Wake High School to compete in the competition and still address concerns regarding student safety.

Mr. Margiotta shared that it is wonderful that the Board is reconsidering the policy that affects the Shooting Team at East Wake High School; however, it is disappointing that the students will not be able to participate in the competition. Mr. Margiotta further stated that the original intent of the policy was a good one; however, there are several ramifications to all of the Board's policies.

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE

1. CONTRACT – MARKET SMART

The Magnet Office is requesting that the existing contract with Market Smart be expanded to develop a magnet schools marketing video. Market Smart has an existing contract with the Magnet Programs. The expansion funds will be utilized to develop a video to help market the three Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant schools; East Garner Magnet Middle School, Garner Magnet High School, and Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School. Funds will come from MSAP grant funds. Fiscal Implications: Increase the existing contract by \$20,000 for a total of \$115,000
Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Virginia Cardenas presented information to the Board regarding the contract with Market Start. Ms. Cardenas shared that Magnet School Assistance Program Grant (MSAP) was awarded on October 1, for three years totaling \$8.5 million. The grant targets three schools, East Garner Middle School, Garner High School, and Southeast Raleigh High School. The purpose of the grant is to restructure the magnet theme so that minority group isolation is reduced. Minority group isolation will be reduced through marketing and recruiting students as well as maximizing the capacity of the schools.

Ms. Cardenas further stated that the MSAP grant would improve academic programs by infusing dynamic programs that will strengthen the current ones. Ms. Cardenas stated that the MSAP grant would strengthen East Garner Middle and Garner High School's IB Programme primarily through the arts, both visual and performing.

Ms. Cardenas shared that the Magnet Office works closely with the Growth and Planning Department to decide where to recruit students from without jeopardizing feeder schools, and work with the magnet grant recruiter in how to develop a marketing plan to target the different areas and create an enticing market plan for the students to come.

After clarifying questions from the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. CONTRACT- EDWARDS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School is a recipient of the 2007-2010 Federal Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant. A key objective of Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School's program design is to develop and implement their magnet Leadership component. Dr. Steve Edwards will work together with staff and students from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School in the development and implementation of the MSAP's grant Leadership component. Dr. Edwards will provide the consulting services and training needed for Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School to comply with the Leadership scope and objectives of the MSAP grant. This is a three-year contract slated to begin on May 1, 2008. The three year (2007-2010) contract fee is \$200,000. The Magnet Programs Office is requesting that \$40,000 of the MSAP federal grant funds be allocated to pay for

year one of the contract. Contract fees for year two and three will be \$80,000 per year. Requests to encumber year two and year three funds will be requested once those funds are released from the federal government. Fiscal Implications: \$40,000 for year 1 of the contract. The contract will be paid from MSAP grant funds. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. DISTRICT STANDARDS FOR DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS

The district has standardized on two brands for desktop and laptop purchases since 1997. The current standards are Lenovo and Dell. To assure that the district continues to receive the best products to meet its needs at the most beneficial pricing, a Request for Proposal was released in December 2007 to determine which manufacturers would be chosen to serve as the standards during the next three years. Proposals were submitted by Lenovo, Dell and HP. Each manufacturer also provided evaluation units which representatives of various groups of district staff were given the opportunity to evaluate from the user perspective. A committee was formed to evaluate the proposals and determine which manufacturers would be recommended to provide desktop and laptop equipment over the next three years. As a result of the committee's review, Lenovo and HP are being recommended. A contract with each manufacturer would be executed for a period of one year renewable annually for up to two additional years. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of recommended standards.

Keith Cooper presented information regarding the district standards. Mr. Cooper shared that the district is on a three-year renewal cycle to revisit the standards for desktop and laptop computers and determine what will be purchased to move forward. The current standards are Lenovo and Dell. To assure that the district continues to receive products that meets its needs, a RFP was released in December 2007, and proposals were submitted by Lenovo, Dell, and HP. A committee was formed to evaluate the proposals and determine which manufacturers would be recommended. As a result of the committee's review, Lenovo and HP were recommended.

After clarifying questions from the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS 2008- 2009

To approve the Board of Education's Plan for Student Success for 2008-2009. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Education's Plan for Student Success for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be delivered to the County Commissioners on May 15, 2008. Also, included are Projections for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Recommendation for Action: Board of Education's approval of the Plan for Student Success including a budget request from the County Commissioners for 2008-2009. This amount is shown on the attached sheet.

David Neter presented information to the Board by reviewing adjustments to the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success to the Board of Education's Plan for Student

Success. Board members agreed to include funding to offer foreign language at every elementary school; increase services for academically gifted students; adding literacy coaches at elementary, middle, and high schools; streaming live video of Board meetings; and increase reimbursement for school board members for in-county travel.

County appropriation that was in the Superintendent's Plan for Student Success for 2008-2009 was \$335,786,907 the adjustments that Board members agreed to include totaled \$19,697,999. The revised county appropriation for 2008-2009 is \$355,484,906. The requested appropriation is an 18% increase of current funding which totals \$300,744,100.

After clarifying questions from the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Adjusted Board of Education's Plan for Student Success. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The Board voted 7 to 1 with Kevin L. Hill, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "yes", and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

FACILITIES

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department presented recommendations to the Board of Education on April 8, 2008, for the following subdivision: The Villages of Apex, North Village (phases 1A and 1B). Fiscal Implications: Facility-related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for approval.

Chuck Dulaney shared that staff recommends assigning the students from the The Villages of Apex to Baucom Elementary, Salem Middle, and Apex High School. With no questions from the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF TRADITIONAL CALENDAR OPTIONS

In order to comply with a Superior Court ruling stating that students can only be assigned to year-round or modified calendar schools with informed parental consent, the Board of Education needs to designate additional traditional calendar options and approve a process for informing parents of their right to request a traditional calendar assignment. Staff will present recommendations for designating traditional calendar options for nodes assigned to year-round or modified calendar schools. Fiscal Implications: Transportation costs are likely to increase. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for Board approval.

Chuck Dulaney presented information to the Board regarding the assignment of traditional calendar options. Staff is recommending that for the 26,000 students who have previously consented and signed consent forms for year-round and modified calendar assignments who are currently attending year-round and modified calendar schools, rather than requiring a signed piece of paper for staff to keep up with, that staff inform all of the parents and inform all of the parents along with the official school assignment for next year, that they have the right to withdraw their consent and request assignment to a traditional calendar school and with that information be a list of the traditional calendar alternative assignment that would be paired with each of the year-round or modified

calendar schools. For the other 5,000 – 6,000 students who will be assigned to year-round or modified calendar schools for next year, who are newly pre-registered students or are students who did not consent this past year, but did not apply for traditional calendar options, a personalized letter be sent to those families from the Growth and Planning Office and that school personnel to follow-up with phone calls and set a deadline of May 23 for those parents to let staff know whether or not they consent to their year-round or modified calendar assignment. If parents do not consent or respond on the form, and do not contact the school and does not complete a consent form, staff would assign them to a traditional calendar school.

With several questions from the Board regarding Rolesville and Smith Elementary being a traditional calendar option, Lori Millberg made a motion to have the traditional option for nodes 70.1, 70.3, and 641, be Wiley Elementary instead of Rolesville Elementary. The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. Ms. Clark amended the motion to notify the Board of Education if the number of students going to Wiley moves to 50 or above. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Margiotta made a motion to adjust the plan and grant all students assigned to a year round calendar the same consent form that they were given last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tart. The Board voted 1 to 7 with Ron Margiotta voting “yes” and Kevin L. Hill, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Ann McLaurin voting “no”. The motion failed to pass.

Mr. Dulaney provided information to the Board regarding the traditional calendar option of Smith Elementary for East Garner Elementary, Timber Drive Elementary, Vance Elementary, and West Lake Elementary. Beverley Clark made a motion to revise the staff recommendation to provide Combs Elementary as the one year traditional alternative for Timber Drive Elementary. Lori Millberg seconded the motion. The Board voted 6 to 2 with Kevin L. Hill, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, and Eleanor Goettee voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed.

Beverley Clark made a motion to accept the recommendations for the traditional calendar options with the modifications made. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The Board voted 7 to 1 with Kevin L. Hill, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes” and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to accept the recommended Implementation Plan for Informed Consent for Assignment to Year-Round and Modified Calendar Schools with the date and timeline changes from April 25 to April 29. The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. Mr. Dulaney quickly reviewed the Implementation Plan. The Board voted 7 to 1 with Kevin L. Hill, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed.

POLICY

1. POLICY 6230- ASSURANCES OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS

New; First Reading

Policy 6230 addresses the identification and assurances of appropriate services for Academically Gifted Students in Wake County. The Wake County Public School System Academically Gifted Program is governed by the requirements of N.C. General Statutes Article 9-B. Academically or Intellectually Gifted Students. The Wake County Public School System Academically Gifted Program plan addresses identification and service delivery as required by law. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Donna Hargens presented information to the Board. Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. POLICY 6860- CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Revised; First Reading

Policy 6860.5 on Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics is amended to permit exemptions from medical examinations due to a bona fide religious objection if approved by the Senior Administrator of Athletics. The change has been approved by the Policy Committee. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Bobby Guthrie presented information to the Board. After clarifying questions from the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Patti Head made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS- Cont'd

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1) Steven Eric Bursleson, Assistant Principal Intern at East Millbrook Middle School to Interim Assistant Principal at Carnegie Middle School, effective date April 23, 2008 through June 30, 2008 (Interim Position).
- (2) Lutashia Dove, Assistant Principal Intern at Ballentine Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Ballentine Elementary School, effective date May 12, 2008 (Permanent Position).
- (3) Andrew Dunkle, Assistant Principal Intern at Apex High School to Assistant Principal at Wakefield High School, effective date April 23, 2008 (Permanent Position).
- (4) Gary Gammill, Interim Assistant Principal at Oak Grove Elementary School, effective date May 1, 2008 to May 16, 2008 (Interim Position).

The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following Administrative Transfer(s):

- (1) Burton Batten, Assistant Principal at Green Hope Elementary School (50%) and Highcroft Drive Elementary School (50%) to Assistant Principal at Laurel Park Elementary School, effective date June 1, 2008 (Converted Position).

The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Lori Millberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patti Head. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary