

**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2013**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Keith Sutton, Chair	Stephen Gainey, Interim Superintendent	Todd Wirt
Christine Kushner, Vice Chair	Cathy Moore	Marvin Connelly
Tom Benton	Stella Shelton	Karen Hamilton
John Tedesco	David Neter	Joe Desormeaux
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Mark Winters
Jim Martin	Rose Ann Gonzalez	Lloyd Gardner
Deborah Prickett	Pamela Kinsey-Barker	Andre Smith
Susan P. Evans	Clinton Robinson	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
Bill Fletcher	Jacqueline Ellis	Jonathan Blumberg

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- Chairman Sutton shared that he attended both the National School Boards Association Conference in San Diego last week and the Inter-City visit in Oklahoma City. Highlights of both events were shared.
- Chairman Sutton shared that last week, the Board of Education had its Joint Meeting with Count Commissioners and agreed in principle to a \$911 million bond to put forward to the voters in the fall of the this school year. The Board of Education is excited about working with the County Commissioners to pass a capital bond to build excellent schools in Wake County.

Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Gainey shared that on April 12th, he had the opportunity to participate in the Brains and Bodies Award Program with Mr. Hill. The program celebrated different schools working towards improving the health of students and staff. Schools that were recognized included; Farmington Woods Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Brier Creek Elementary, Davis Drive Elementary, Highcroft Drive Elementary, Hunter Elementary, Joyner Elementary, Laurel Park Elementary, and Underwood Elementary. Dr. Gainey congratulated the students, staff, and parents for their involvement in the program.
- On April 13th, Dr. Gainey attended the Artapoolooza Celebration at Olive Chapel Elementary School.
- On April 17th, the STEM Expo occurred at Hilburn Academy, there was tremendous excitement in the building as the students were highlighting their efforts to provide access to clean water.
- On April 19th, Dr. Gainey attended the Teacher Assistant of the Year event. Dr. Gainey congratulated Rosita Eichvalds of Holly Grove Elementary for being the Wake County Teacher Assistant of the Year.
- On April 23rd, Dr. Gainey and Mrs. Prickett attended Give Five, Read Five at Hilburn Academy. The press conference by State Superintendent June Atkinson encouraged donations of books to address the down time students experience during the summer.

- Dr. Gainey announced that this week is National Public School Volunteer Week. A special project was launched by Wal-Mart this year that Fuquay-Varina Middle School and Durant Road Middle School are participating in. A video was shown to highlight the project.
- Dr. Gainey reminded everyone of the Night of Stars volunteer recognition event on May 30th at Crossroads II, where the Wake County PTA will recognize Wake County Public School System's volunteers. Dr. Gainey thanked all of the volunteers of Wake County Schools.

Board Members' Comments

- Mr. Hill recognized the Millbrook High School Women's Basketball team, principal Dana King, and Coach Chris East for their accomplishment this year of winning another Women's State Basketball Championship. Mr. Hill commended the eight seniors who received a scholarship to division one schools and every young lady associated with the team including the trainers and managers were voted academic all conference. Mr. Hill thanked the team for serving as role models and for what they have done for Millbrook High School and the Wake County Public School System.
- Ms. Evans congratulated Rosita Eichvalds, a teacher assistant from Holly Grove Elementary for being selected Teacher Assistant of the Year. Ms. Evans shared that Wake County Public Schools is partnering with the North Carolina Council on Economic Education and Fidelity Investments to give Wake County teachers tools to promote financial literacy to students. Ms. Evans shared she believes this to be a fantastic initiative. Ms. Evans also shared that she attended the National School Boards Association Conference last week in San Diego and found it a very worthwhile three days.
- Mr. Benton congratulated the Millbrook Women's Basketball team and emphasized the role athletics play in schools.
- Mr. Fletcher announced that on April 23rd, Cary High School will be hosting an Autism Awareness Day and will follow it up on April 27th with a walk to raise money for Autism. Mr. Fletcher recognized the New Voices Foundation which has the objective of helping schools be able to develop the skills and to acquire the equipment through a loaner program to assist medically fragile students. This year the foundation launched the Laura Jane Parker Awards program to recognize excellence in public schools in the area of teacher excellence and advocacy. Out of the five counties that make up the schools that the organization serves, Amanda Alston Humel, a special education Pre-K teacher at Hilburn Academy was recognized as the educator they thought most exemplified the ideals of the organization.
- Ms. Kushner recognized the Wake Education Partnership for hosting a visit to Sanderson High School highlighting best practices in student interventions. Ms. Kushner thanked Principal Greg Decker for hosting the event. Ms. Kushner shared that she enjoyed reading at Brooks Elementary on April 22nd for their Community Reads Day and she congratulated all of the nominees for Teacher of the Year. Ms. Kushner shared that she also attended the National School Boards Association Conference last week in San Diego. She highlighted information from the recent Student Achievement Committee meeting and announced that Response to Intervention model workshop that will take place on June 13th.
- Mr. Tedesco thanked the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Board of Education on their trip to Oklahoma City; it was a wonderful opportunity. Mr. Tedesco congratulated the Millbrook High School Girls Basketball team. Mr. Tedesco announced that the Safety and Security Task Force would meet on Thursday, April 25th at 4:30 p.m. at

Crossroads II. He shared that the task force is doing great work and progressing on time to complete the Chairman's goal.

- Ms. Prickett shared that she attended the NC Center of Afterschool Programs/SYNERGY Conference at the North Raleigh Hilton from April 15th through April 17th the conference featured many informative presentations that focused on the benefits of afterschool programs in the state and nationally. The NC Public School Forum released its 15th research study entitled, "Education 24/7...Expanding Learning Opportunities for NC Student to Be Career and College Ready". On April 18th, Ms. Prickett attended the 4th Annual Youth of the Year Luncheon sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The program awards youth for their outstanding character and leadership contributions. Krystal Smith was awarded the 2013 Wake County Youth of the Year. Krystal attends Southeast Raleigh High School and is planning a career as a physical therapist. This morning, Ms. Prickett shared that she attended State Superintendent, Dr. June Atkinson's announcement of a new NC Department of Public Instruction initiative called Give Five, Read Five at Hilburn Academy with Principal Greg Ford, Hilburn Academy staff, students, parents, and Wake County Central Office Staff.
- Dr. Martin congratulated West Lake Elementary for receiving RAMP status and the Athens Drive High School Wind Ensemble for being selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in March 2014 for the National Band and Orchestra Festival. Dr. Martin stated that the Board of Education is very committed to making sure that the William Stadium project goes forward. Dr. Martin also shared that he met with the Middle Creek PTA last week and that he had the opportunity to visit Wilburn Elementary School. The District 5 BAC met this morning where they had an end of the year roundtable discussion.
- Ms. Evans added that Wednesday, April 24th is Administrative Assistants Day, and recognized the Board Relations Specialist for her work with the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 P.M.

Citizens who sign 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.

- **Nicholas Atallah** – Mr. Atallah spoke to the Board regarding a proposed change to the Code of Student Conduct in respect to the use of long term suspensions and possession of rolling papers. Mr. Atallah stated that when rolling papers, when no other evidence of illegal drug use is there, should not be considered drug paraphernalia but rather a tobacco smoking device. Mr. Atallah suggested that the Board revise its description of long term suspensions to make clear to administrators that they should use the full range of long term suspensions when punishing level three offenses.
- **Karin Evanoff** – Ms. Evanoff thanked the Board members who have gone out to the Athens Drive stadium and to see the conditions that students, staff, and family members have been struggling with. Ms. Evanoff shared that Athens Drive High School is asking for what other schools already have and what new schools will have when they are built.

Students should not have to fight for handicapped access to their bleachers, emergency access to their fields, a paved parking lot that is not gravel and ditch-filled, dimly lit, or have to walk without a sidewalk or lights for a half mile back to their school. Ms. Evanoff shared that it is disgraceful and shameful that athletes have to use the bathroom in the woods because they have no facilities to use.

- **Taylor Carey** – Mr. Carey shared that he was senior class president last year and found it hard to motivate and promote school spirit to his peers when everyone knew the shape of the stadium facilities. He also found that when he graduated and attended college that most people who found out that he attended Athens knew how the stadium facilities were and laughed.
- **Alan Keith** – Mr. Keith shared that the problems for the Athens Drive stadium are not new. He attended a Facilities Committee in 2010 where a comment was made that it was not a good time for the improvements. Mr. Keith shared that the Joint Use is an issue and has been an issue with the City of Raleigh. The City of Raleigh has not stepped up until recently. The problem with the stadium has grown so large that the Athletic Boosters cannot fund the project alone. Mr. Keith requested that the Board be strong advocates for the school and take the issue to the next level.
- **Aleece Spaulding** – Ms. Spaulding, Co-President of the Athens Drive Band Boosters, wanted to make the Board aware that not only is the athletic department affected by the lack of an adequate stadium but the band is also. Every band program in the county hosts its own competition and are able to raise between \$12,000 to \$28,000 for their band programs Athens is unable to accommodate that. Ms. Spaulding shared that the quality of the Athens Drive program is dependent upon how much money they can raise and the stadium depends upon that.
- **Susan Cowles** – Ms. Cowles thanked the Board for their support and recognized Dr. Martin, Ms. Evans and Ms. Kushner for also speaking out and visiting the facility. Ms. Cowles shared that the parents are requesting facilities that can be used that don't have black mold in them and access for the handicapped. Ms. Cowles requested that the Board get the Athens Drive stadium on the bond.
- **Aditi Majumdar** – Ms. Majumdar shared that she represents community members for academically gifted students and is concerned about single subject acceleration. Ms. Majumdar shared that within the last two week, fifth grade students have been tested for sixth grade assessments without parents knowing. According to single subject acceleration documentation, parents and the community need to know by the first semester of a school year that testing and identification will be complete by the second semester. Ms. Majumdar stated that Central Office has told all fifth grade teachers not to give any enrichment materials to students. Ms. Majumdar requested that the Board look into the matter as a lot of students are being affected.
- **Chetan Vora** - Mr. Vora shared that he is a parent of a fifth grade student and feels that the way the information about the single subject acceleration program has been communicated has created confusion among parents and teachers. Mr. Vora shared that he felt that his children's school was caught unaware of the amount of changes that were made. Mr. Vora shared highlights from a Newsweek article titled, *US Students Still Lack in Math and Science*.
- **Mr. Preethi Thomas** - Ms. Thomas shared that she is a parent of a fifth grade student who is AG identified and has concerns regarding single subject acceleration. Ms. Thomas stated that no convincing reasons have been given for the change that is taking place with single subject acceleration. Ms. Thomas shared that status information has not been given to

parents and neither has time; information has just been shared within the last two weeks. Ms. Thomas shared that while the county is making and changing policies, she feels that the current fifth grade students are suffering. Ms. Thomas requested that the Board members look into the issue and do what needs to be done.

- **Colleen Huseboe** – Ms. Huseboe shared that she moved to Wake County in 2012 during the height of the Choice Plan and her daughter was sent to a school that she did not have a choice in selecting. Her child’s school and track was dictated. Ms. Huseboe shared that she appealed the decision to the county and was denied; Ms. Huseboe requested that the district put the information up the student assignment list on website for parent accessibility.

- **Cathel Brown** – Ms. Brown shared a resolution prepared by the Friendship Community supporting naming the proposed high school in the Friendship Community Friendship High School. The resolution read as follows,

Whereas, the high school is expected to open for the 2015-2016 school year and will serve up to 2,350 students.

Whereas, the site of the proposed high school will be located in the Friendship Community.

Whereas, in the 1840s and the 1850s some newcomers of American Indian decent arrived and intermarried with Blacks. They assumed active roles in the community as farmers, merchants, and industrialists. They were strong church people.

Whereas, Blacks, Whites, and Native Americans lived on adjacent farms and struggled to provide for their families. To avoid any racial strife, in traditional Indian peace-making fashion, the Blacks, Whites, and Native Americans got together and vowed to live as friendly neighbors; and out of that dialogue came the decision to call the community “Friendship” to honor that mutual goal.

Whereas, the committee representing the residents of the Friendship Community strongly recommends that the proposed educational facility on Humie Olive Road in the Friendship Community be named Friendship High School.

Whereas, the residents of the Friendship Community believe in the appropriateness of the name “Friendship High School” because the school will be located in the very center of this great community.

Whereas, the Friendship Community has upheld the name “Friendship” throughout the years and has served as a model community, known for its kind and neighborly residents.

Whereas, nearly 400 residents signed a petition that was presented to the Wake County School Board, asking for the new school to be named Friendship High School in recognition of the community’s history and heritage. The High School will be located in the middle of the Friendship community and with the tremendous growth in the community; the residents strongly feel naming the high school “Friendship” would leave a legacy that he community deserves.

Whereas, many concerned citizens have called Apex officials, Wake County School Board members and appeared before the Wake County School Board requesting that the proposed school’s name be changed to “Friendship High School”.

Whereas, there are presently three schools: Apex High School, Apex Middle School, and Apex Elementary School that contains “Apex” in their names. The Friendship community believes naming another high school which includes the name “Apex” will confuse those seeking to locate the correct area high school.

Whereas, the residents of the Friendship Community believe that his facility is best served by a name that identifies this community proximity and not by factors such as where the students come from or who provides utility services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Friendship Community fully endorses naming the high school Friendship High School. This the 19th day of April 2013.

- **Saba A** – Mr. A spoke to the Board regarding single subject acceleration. Mr. A. shared that parents and teachers found out two weeks ago that students are being tested on sixth grade assessments before fifth grade EOGs are administered. Ms. A. stated that he has been requesting for four weeks, information from Central Office requesting a public input meeting to work together to address the single subject acceleration issue.

RECOGNITION

HUMAN RESOURCES

6. EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Nine (9) employees were nominated for this month's Employee Excellence Award. Fiscal Implications: The cost of the awards for this presentation was \$153.72. Funds from the Human Resources Department's supplies budget was used to cover this cost. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: None.

David Howell, Senior Director of Human Resources presented the employees for recognition. Chairman Sutton congratulated each of the recipients. Chairman Sutton shared that the Board appreciates the recipient's dedication, hard work, and commitment.

The Board recessed at 7:09 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:18 p.m.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

7. SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Twenty-three students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners at 6:30 p.m. Fiscal Implications: N/A. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: N/A.

Crystal Reardon, Director the Counseling and Student Services, presented the students to the Board. Chairman Sutton congratulated each of the students on their accomplishments. The student's stories of courage, kindness, bravery, and sassiness serve as an inspiration to all.

The Board recessed at 7:44 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:02 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEM

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

8. WAKE UP AND READ COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

WAKE Up and Read is community collaboration focused on the goal of having all students reading on grade-level by grade three. This initiative originated as a Grade-Level Reading Campaign grant proposal. Key leaders from education, business, civic, philanthropic and non profit agencies are participating in the collaboration. The focus of this national initiative targets three areas: school readiness, regular school attendance, and summer learning. The local WAKE Up and Read Campaign has elected to focus initial energies around the first pillar, school readiness. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Information Item only.

Sherri Miller, Director of Literacy Programs, presented information to the Board along with

Dawn Dawson, Senior Director of the Office of Early Learning, Hardin Englehardt from Marbles Kids Museum, and Carolyn Dickens from Mother Read.

A four-minute video was shown to give context to staff's presentation on where Wake and Read originates.

In spring 2012, Angie Wright and the late Dr. Sherri Merritt expressed interest in submitting a grant (All American City Grant) to go along with the reading campaign. The Board approved the school district's participation and the grant submission for the campaign.

Ms. Dickens shared that Wake County was not selected to receive the grant, however, the committee's energy did not stop. In the fall of 2012, the committee came back together with more community partners committed to try to have a Wake Up and Read Campaign. The committee adopted the first pillar; school readiness as its first goal. Ms. Englehardt shared the school readiness focus with the Board.

Ms. Dawson shared the structure of the committee which includes a leadership team and collaborative partners. Ms. Dawson shared that the leadership team sets the agendas and makes recommendations to the entire community collaborative.

On May 4th, there will be a Pre-K Title I screening event where children will be able to participate in early literacy activities that are a part of the PNC mobile learning adventure lab as well as participate in the activities that Marbles will be providing once screenings are complete. Each child will receive a book as well as a bookmark that has strategies specific to early literacy.

The Wake Up and Read campaign will launch in September. Information regarding the campaign can be found at the following website www.wakeupandread.org.

Mr. Tedesco shared that he is appreciative of the initiative continuing from the first time he saw it in the development stage at an Economically Disadvantaged Task Force meeting.

Ms. Evans thanked the staff and guests for giving the presentation as she stumbled upon the program happenstance and was pleased to find out the program was in motion.

Chairman Sutton shared that he appreciated staff's work and focus on early literacy. The Board looks forward to working and partnering with the community collaborative.

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE

9. RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT E.E.S. VOLUME LICENSING AGREEMENT

Microsoft's Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES) program is set up to provide academic customers a way to acquire software and services under a single subscription agreement. Licensing model chosen by the district is based on full-time faculty and staff count, not per device. The district enrolled last year at a negotiated reduced cost of \$531,956.22. It was agreed up front that

second and third year renewal cost would be \$618,037.45 per year. Initial term expires April 30, 2013. Renewal will extend subscription through April 30, 2014. Renewal is being handled through SHI International Corp., a Microsoft reseller. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of renewal is \$618,037.45. Funding for computer software was planned for and is available in the 2012-13 Technology Services operating budget. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of renewal.

10. CAPITAL FUND BALANCE (NON-CIP) APPROPRIATION REQUEST & PURCHASE OF DATA CENTER STORAGE EQUIPMENT

Existing EMC DMX storage system, originally put into place in the WCPSS Data Center in December 2004, and with storage of 127 terabytes, will become de-supported effective June 30, 2013. Recommendation to purchase new EMC storage system with a capacity of 190 terabytes and expandable to 4 petabytes (4,000 terabytes) is being made. Storage is used for Oracle ERP, Lotus Notes, email archive, Blackboard, Central Office file shares, Data Warehouse, and other uses. The purchase price of the storage system is \$667,208.27 inclusive of maintenance/support and sales taxes applicable to WCPSS. Old storage will become surplus and sold by purchasing. A Capital Fund Balance (non-CIP) Appropriation in the amount of \$667,208.27 is requested for the purchase. Fiscal Implications: Required funding is available. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

11. CAPITAL FUND BALANCE (NON-CIP) APPROPRIATION REQUEST & PURCHASE OF DATA CENTER SERVER EQUIPMENT

Existing IBM servers (1-8853-LSU, 2-7995-ACI), originally put into place in the WCPSS Data Center in November 2006 and February 2007, will become de-supported effective June 30, 2013. Recommendation to purchase Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) 24 model B200 servers in 4 chassis is being made. New system will have a combined 3 terabytes of memory and 384 cores of processing power. Servers host Lotus Notes email system, Blackberry management system, Facilities, Transportation, Academics, Student Assignment, Communities in Schools, FACE, Student Services, and other uses. New servers will provide for future virtualization and expansion, automate tasks currently performed manually, offer greater computing power, and use less energy. The purchase price of the server system is \$211,147.62 inclusive of maintenance /support and sales taxes applicable to WCPSS. Old servers will become surplus and sold by purchasing. A Capital Fund Balance (non-CIP) Appropriation in the amount of \$211,147.62 is requested for the purchase. Fiscal Implications: Required funding is available. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FACILITIES

12. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: TOWN OF WENDELL (WENDELL ELEMENTARY-THOMPSON FIELD)

The Town of Wendell is undertaking a project to make drainage improvements to Poplar Street and Anderson Street in the Town of Wendell adjacent to the Thompson Field site at Wendell Elementary School. This drainage project is in preparation for the paving of Anderson Street. In order to construct the improvements, a temporary construction easement, containing 350 sq.ft, is needed on the Thompson Field site. The requested easement is temporary and will not substantially interfere with the present or future use of the property. Staff requests that Board grant the requested easement. A copy of the easement document is attached with the area of the easement identified on the attached Exhibit 2. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

13. CHANGE ORDERS: CUSTODIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

RTP Building Maintenance, Inc., and Royal Janitorial, Inc./DBA Facilico, are providing cleaning services under current contract service agreements. Funds have been encumbered for floor stripping, waxing, and carpet cleaning at school sites, using prices established in the current contracts. The lack of funding in the annual budget resulted in the accelerated wear to floor and carpet surfaces. Therefore these change orders are for a one-time cleaning of the floors for schools listed in current contracts with additional cleaning of listed in-house schools. Total amount of the two change orders is \$1,514,375.56. Fiscal Implications: Funds in the amount of \$1,514,375.56 are available in the current Custodial Services operating budget. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

14. DESIGN PHASE CHANGE ORDER NO. 06: RICHLAND CREEK ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Design Phase Change Order No. 06 to Small Kane Webster Conley Architects, PA, in the amount of \$283,015, to fund the remainder of their design contract for Richland Creek Elementary. The consultant was previously authorized to provide services through the permitting and bidding phase only. This change order will authorize services through the construction and closeout phases of the project and fully fund their total contract amount of \$999,804. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the project budget of \$20,824,459, of which \$19,986,169 is from CIP 2006, and \$838,290 is from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. Offsite funds for construction, in the amount of \$553,002, are currently encumbered from the furniture and equipment budgets within the project. The additional offsite funds to replace these project funds will be requested at a later date. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

15. DESIGN PHASE CHANGE ORDER NO. 03: WEST APEX HIGH

Board approval is requested for Design Phase Change Order No. 03 to Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, in the amount of \$875,000, to fund the remainder of their design contract for West Apex High. The consultant was previously authorized to provide services through the permitting and bidding phase only. This change order will authorize services through the construction and closeout phases of the project and fully fund their total contract amount of \$2,641,730. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the current project budget of \$ 60,964,994, of which \$ 60,785,724 is from CIP 2006 and \$179,270 is from Offsite (Public) Improvements. The remainder of the estimated \$3,000,000 for public improvements will be requested at a later date. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

16. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: WEST APEX HIGH

Negotiations have been completed with Terracon Consultants, to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for West Apex High, in an amount not-to-exceed \$326,385, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Material Testing, Special Inspections, and/or Wetland Delineation Services Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the current project budget of \$ 60,964,994, of which \$ 60,785,724 is from CIP 2006 and \$179,270 is from Offsite (Public) Improvements. The remainder of the estimated \$3,000,000 for public improvements will be requested at a later date. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

17. DESIGN CONSULTANT SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: M-8 MIDDLE

A new middle school designated M-8, located in Northwest Raleigh, will be proposed for funding in the next building program. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Ratio Architects, Inc., (formerly Cherry Huffman Architects, PA) for the design of this school. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143 64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this school is the second use of the 3-story design of their 981 student capacity prototype, most recently used at Wendell Middle. Staff recommends selection of Ratio Architects, Inc. Negotiations have been completed with Ratio Architects, Inc., for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$1,068,098, is currently available of which \$1,000,000 is from CIP 2006 and \$68,098 is from Offsite (Public) Improvements. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$1,505,770 (including \$170,280 of offsite design) with \$51,360 having been paid under a prior contract, of which \$16,805 is being credited against this contract. Therefore this contract amount is \$1,488,965, but the consultant is authorized to provide services only through the design development phase, in the amount of \$521,138. The remaining \$967,827 of the design contract will be partly funded at a later date in CIP2006, with the remainder of the design contract and all of the construction being funded in the next building program. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

18. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: M-8 MIDDLE

A new middle school designated M-8, located in Northwest Raleigh, will be proposed for funding in the next building program. In accordance with the professional services selection procedures (policy 7265), the selection committee recommends the selection of the construction management at risk firm of Balfour Beatty Construction for construction of the M-8 Middle School project. The form of agreement for Construction Management at Risk has been previously reviewed and approved by the Board and modified to reflect the amounts for the lump sum preconstruction fee, general conditions, construction fee percentage, and bonds/insurance percentage. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$1,068,098, is currently available of which \$1,000,000 is from CIP 2006 and \$68,098 is from Offsite (Public) Improvements. The total project budget includes pre-construction compensation for the CM of \$130,000. Funding from the next building program will be needed to fund construction. Savings: Approximately \$700,000 on overhead expenses. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

19. DESIGN PHASE CHANGE ORDER NO 02: SCOTT'S RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Design Phase Change Order No. 02 to Small Kane Webster Conley Architects, PA, in the amount of \$235,612, to modify the design of the prototype to be used at the Scotts Ridge Elementary site. Design of a three-story version of their prototype was in progress for that site to accommodate site constraints caused by additional features associated with a now canceled planned park with Apex. In an effort to economize construction costs, staff recommends modification of a "U" shaped two-story prototype in lieu of the three-story courtyard version originally planned. This is expected to provide constructability efficiencies that will generate savings well in excess of the \$284,929 design fees spent to date. The design contract will now be \$1,137,973, including previously approved change orders. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$1,124,137 is currently available, of which \$705,937 is from CIP 2006, \$73,200 from Offsite (Public) Improvements, and \$345,000 from the Turnpike

Authority condemnation settlement. The current design contract is only funded through the construction document phase. As such the current funded amount is \$561,143. With this change order, the authorized contract amount through the construction document phase will be \$796,755. The remaining \$341,218 of the design contract and all of the construction will be funded in the next building program. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

20. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: SCOTTS RIDGE ELEMENTARY

A new elementary school designated Scotts Ridge Elementary, located in Apex, will be proposed for funding in the next building program. Pursuant to the professional services selection procedures (Policy 7265) and the waiver of that policy approved by the Board on November 13, 2012, Gilbane Building Company is recommended for construction of Scotts Ridge Elementary. They were the low bidder for the overhead expenses associated with this construction management contract. Clancy & Theys Construction Company was selected in 2010 as the Construction Manager for this school. They had not started work when this project was put on hold. Staff is recommending that their contract be terminated for convenience to allow the selection of the Construction Manager using low bid on overhead expenses as described above. Fiscal Implications: Funding, in the amount of \$1,124,137, is currently available, of which \$705,937 is from CIP 2006, \$73,200 from Offsite (Public) Improvements, and \$345,000 from the Turnpike Authority condemnation settlement. The total project budget includes pre construction compensation for the Construction Manager of \$99,000. Funding from the next building program will be needed to fund construction. Savings: Approximately \$500,000 on overhead expenses. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested to award this Construction Manager at Risk contract to Gilbane Building Company and to approve the termination of the current Clancy & Theys Construction Manager contract.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

21. AMENDMENT ONE TO PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP (PCG) CONTRACT

PCG will provide Wake County Public Schools with a Student Incident and Reporting System (SIRS) and Response to Instruction-Behavior System (RtI-B) to be implemented through a fourteen month contract term from April 2013 through June 30, 2014. Planning and implementation of the SIRS base system will begin in April 2013 and the base system will be available by July 1, 2013. Fiscal Implications: The total cost of the contract is \$58,000.00. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

22. ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR TUITION-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL

Enloe High School requests permission to offer the following courses during the summer for first-time credit:

Honors Algebra II, Honors Common Core Math II, PreCalculus and Healthful Living. The cost for students who elect to take the course will be \$360.00. The dates for the courses will be the same as the NovaNet summer school, July 8 –Aug. 6. Fiscal Implications: There is no increase in staff or faculty costs. Tuition for students taking the above stated courses will be utilized to fund the teacher and any instructional materials required. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

23. GRANTS

- Competitive (#19213): Hanban, Asia Society Confucius Classroom Network / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#19313): College Board, 2013 Chinese Guest Teacher Program Grant / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#19413): US Department of Agriculture: Food and Nutrition Service, Farm to School Grant Program / Central Services.
- Competitive (#19513): Spencer Foundation, Spencer Foundation Grants / Central Services.
- Competitive (#19613): US Department of Education, Investing in Innovation Fund (i3) / Central Services.
- Competitive (#19713): Centiva, Centiva Green School Innovation Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#19813): American Honda Foundation, Honda Foundation Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#19913): The Chichester DuPont Foundation, The Clark Fund / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20013): Georgia-Pacific, Georgia-Pacific Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20113): National Art Education Foundation (NAEF), NAEF Grant Programs / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20213): Mazda Foundation, Mazda Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20313): PPG Industries Foundation, PPG Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20413): Sony USA, Sony Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20513): Toyota USA Foundation, Toyota Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20613): Genworth Foundation, Genworth Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20713): Northrop Grumman, Corporate and Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20813): Center for Research in Emotional and Social Health (CRESH), Small Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#20913): EDUCAUSE, Next Generation Learning Challenges Wave IV Grant / Central Services.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and /or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Savings: Grant funding supplements existing resources. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

24. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Professional
2. Support
3. Contract Central Service Administrators

25. REQUEST FOR LEAVE(S)

BOARD

26. BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This represents new nominations to the Board Advisory Councils. The nomination forms are attached for the Board's review and consideration. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

27. BOARD POLICY 1340: BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Revised; First Reading

The revisions to this policy were reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team on 3/11/13. This same information was presented at the Policy Committee Meeting on 3/26/13. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey, Interim Superintendent, presented information to the Board reviewed the highlighted information with the Board.

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Board Policy 1340: Board Standing Committees on first reading. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill the motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD

28. WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, the Wake County Board of Education held a public hearing related to a Re-Districting Plan. The School Board discussed the input received at its May 17, 2011 meeting and adopted a resolution in support of new election districts for board positions. The current School Board continues to support those districts. This issue was discussed at the School Board's April 9, 2013 work session. Fiscal Implications: N/A. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Keith Sutton presented information to the Board. Chairman Sutton shared that information regarding this issue was discussed and input was received at the April 9th Board Work Session. Chairman Sutton stated that the item was brought forth to show support for the Board's current election districts and maps; and is not speaking out in any way against what is being proposed by the General Assembly, that the Board is reaffirming maintaining the current election districts.

Susan P. Evans made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the current board member election districts and method of election. The motion was seconded by Tom Benton.

Ms. Prickett shared her concerns of having wording that stated, "*all nine board members of the Board of Education are now serving four year terms to which they were elected by citizens of Wake County.*" Ms. Prickett stated that two board members have left the board, and feels that the wording may need to change to "*appointed and/or elected*". Ms. Prickett also shared that the action portion of the resolution "*for the current district boundaries adopted in the 2011 redistricting plan*" concerns her as she recalls, the district boundaries are based on where the sitting board members resided. Ms. Prickett also brought attention to "*Whereas, the election conducted in 2011 using the 2011 redistricting*

plan did not result in any protests or contests related to the election of a Board of Education member.” Ms. Prickett shared that at that time, the Board had two members that were appointed versus elected and that some sitting board members during 2011 were not very happy with the redistricting plan.

Jonathan Blumberg, the Board Attorney, shared that there is an official process to contest an election, the last line on the first page of the resolution is referring to when the elections were held, there were no official protests of the election. Mr. Blumberg stated that on the first line of the second page, where it states, *“Whereas, all nine members of the Board of Education are now serving”* the Board may want to add in the words, *“or completing four year terms to which they were elected or appointed by citizens of Wake County.”*

Ms. Evans shared she does not think that the Board is saying that the 2011 district maps were perfect, but they were adequate. Ms. Evans feels that the Board should acknowledge the reasons why something else is being presented. She is not opposed to at-large representation, but would like for the Board to be consulted on how that process would be developed.

Mr. Hill shared that he supported the resolution and he emphasized his support by stating the following from page two of the resolution, *“the current method of election allows for the election of Board members to staggered terms, providing desirable continuity on the Board of Education.”* Mr. Hill stated that he thinks it would be a disadvantage to have 80%-90% of board seats up for election at any given time as he feels there needs to be continuity of leadership.

Ms. Kushner shared that she supported the resolution specifically due to having elections on the municipal election cycle as it currently is; this allows for staggered terms and she believes that the community wants non-partisan elections for the school board.

Dr. Martin shared that he supports the resolution. Dr. Martin proposed an amendment to the last whereas by adding the words “the terms of office or timing of the elections” to the resolution.

Jim Martin made a motion to amend the original motion. The motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The Board voted 7 to 2, with John Tedesco and Deborah Prickett casting the dissenting votes. The motion passed.

After several comments from Board members regarding due process, rule of law, and statutory law regarding election districts, Bill Fletcher called the question. The Board voted on the following revisions to the resolution; on the seventh whereas, there would be an “s” added to correct a typo; on the top of the second page, wording would now say, “all nine members of the Board of Education are now serving or completing four year terms to which they were elected by citizens of Wake County or appointed.” The last whereas would now say, “Whereas, the Board of Education has not exercised its authority to ask that the General Assembly change or alter the terms of office or the timing of the elections of the Board of Education.”

The Board voted 7 to 2 to approve the amended resolution. John Tedesco and Deborah Prickett casted the dissenting votes. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:57 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) and 115C-319, to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3), to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3); Northeast Raleigh Charter Academy v. Wake County Board of Education, 10 CVS 10858, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Education and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232, and to establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5). The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. With no questions or debate, the Board voted unanimously to enter Closed Session

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to return to Open Session at 9:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. With no questions or debate, the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ITEMS

HUMAN RESOURCES

29. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Tom Benton made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Ruth Steidinger, Senior Director of Middle School Programs to Senior Director of Academic Programming and Support effective TBD.
- (2). Thomas Dixon, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at Sanderson High School effective 4/24/13 – 6/28/13.
- (3). Marsha Jackson, Coordinating Teacher for Special Education Services to 2012-2013 Converted Assistant Principal position at Carnage Middle School effective 5/6/13 – 6/14/13.
- (4). Charles Langley, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at Millbrook Elementary School effective 4/24/13 – 6/11/13.
- (5). Mary Page, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at West Lake Elementary School effective 4/29/13 – 6/28/13.
- (6). Bradford Shackelford, Retiree to Interim Assistant Principal at East Wake School of Arts, Education, and Global Studies effective 5/1/13 – 5/31/13.

The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The Board voted 8 to 1, to approve the Administrative Appointment(s). Jim Martin casted the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Sutton Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Stephen Gainey, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary