



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES – REVISED
May 18, 2010**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Ron Margiotta, Chair	Interim Superintendent, Donna Hargens	David Holdzkom
Debra Goldman, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Ann Hooker
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Juley Mizelle
Chris Malone	Kathy Chontos	Cathy Moore
Carolyn Morrison	Marvin Connelly	David Neter
Deborah Prickett	Joe Desormeaux	Andre Smith
John Tedesco	Laura Evans	Mark Winters
Keith Sutton	Michael Evans	
	Stephen Gainey	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Lloyd Gardner	Ann Majestic
	Don Haydon	

Chairman, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair’s Comments

- On behalf of the Wake County Board of Education, Chairman Margiotta congratulated Elizabeth Plotkin for being selected as the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Goldman, Vice Chair, represented the Board of Education at the Teacher of the Year Banquet on May 13, 2010. Ms. Plotkin has been teaching for four years, all at Fuller Magnet Elementary School. She is the facilitator for the kindergarten professional learning team at her school. She often volunteers with youth through her church and speaks to students in the Education Program at Meredith College. In addition, Ms. Plotkin works with Fuller staff and the PTA to prepare meals and hosts sessions for the school’s bi-monthly family nights.
- Chairman Margiotta congratulated all of the finalists for the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year. Finalists include:
 - Carole Barber of Fuquay-Varina High School,
 - Douglas Steve Clark of West Lake Elementary School,
 - Margaret Feldman of Salem Middle School,
 - Paul Bissell Graves of Daniels Middle School,
 - Breanna Harrill of Athens Drive High School,
 - Jennifer Hunter of North Forest Pines Elementary School,
 - Christina Rudd of Cary High School,
 - James Ryan of Knightdale High School,
 - Davida Tatum of Harris Creek Elementary School,
 - Alice Verstrat of Garner Magnet High School, and
 - Carol Wooten of Hunter Magnet Elementary School

- Chairman Margiotta congratulated Sara Morey for being selected for the 2012 Class of Kenan Fellows. Ms. Morey will work with university professors in research to develop math and science lessons for the classroom.
- On May 17th, Chairman Margiotta had the opportunity to present the Wake County Board of Education’s budget concerns to the Wake Legislative Delegation. Chairman Margiotta shared that the delegation seemed supportive and very concerned. Among the information that was shared, as requested by the Board, Chairman Margiotta asked that the Delegation consider, more flexibility for the Board if reductions are needed, with limited revenues available, Chairman Margiotta requested for funds to be used to mitigate rather than increase salaries and benefits. Chairman Margiotta also requested for budget decisions to be made as soon as possible to allow the Board time to plan and implement reductions before the start of school.
- Board members were reminded to let Ann Hooker know immediately if changes need to be made in graduations that they would be attending as principals were making arrangements and needed to finalize plans.
- Chairman Margiotta announced that the Board of Education will hold one Board Meeting in July; on July 20, 2010.
- During the past week, Tony Gurley, Chair of the Wake County Board of County Commissioners, announced that the Commissioners will be funding the schools at the requested amount.

Superintendent’s Comments

- Dr. Hargens congratulated Elizabeth Plotkin as Wake County Public School System’s Teacher of the Year. Dr. Hargens thanked the sponsors of the event, thanked Mrs. Goldman for providing a welcome on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Tony Gurley who provided a welcome on behalf of the County Commissioners, and Sarah Martin who spoke on behalf of the PTA. Dr. Hargens also thanked Dr. Stephen Gainey and the entire Human Resources staff for coordinating the event.
- In addition to recognizing the finalists, the four winners of the Diane Kent-Parker First Year Teacher Award were recognized. Dr. Hargens congratulated each of the winners which included:
 - Nikki Britt of Reedy Creek Elementary School,
 - Karen Hall of Aversboro Elementary School,
 - Lindsey Evans of Apex Middle School, and
 - Preston Williams, Jr. of Middle Creek High School
- Dr. Hargens congratulated Carnage Middle School for being named a finalist in the 2010 Siemens, “We Can Change the World” competition. The national sustainability competition encourages students to team up and develop plans to initiate environmental change in their local communities. Carnage chose a project intended to educate the community about growing native plants in backyard gardens. From the 25 state finalist teams, two winning teams and one grand prize winning team will be chosen and announced on May 24th. Dr. Hargens wished Carnage Middle School the best in the next phase of the competition.
- A team of students from Hunter Elementary School earned second place in the national Siemens “We Can Change the World” Elementary School Challenge. Teacher Assistant, Smith Raynor, led her team of kindergarten to second grade students, known as the

Hunter EcoHeroes, to be featured on the Jumbotron in Times Square in New York City. The EcoHeroes found out from their cafeteria manager that their cafeteria produces about a dumpster full of trash every 2-3 days. The students decided to focus their project on reducing waste in the cafeteria and changing wasteful behavior.

- Dr. Hargens congratulated the 2010 State School Bus Roadeo Winner, Bill McKemey, a Holly Springs bus driver. Mr. McKemey received a \$500 monetary prize and a trophy. He will represent North Carolina in the International competition in St. Louis on July 24-25, 2010. Wake County also had two other drivers who placed in the top ten of the competition. Byron Lanier, a Broughton High School driver, placed fourth in the competition. Jeff Mellen, a Garner driver, placed fifth in the competition.
- Two Wake County teachers have been selected to take part in a summer math workshop provided by the American Institute of Mathematics. Michelle Tucker of Wendell Middle and Rachel Wilde of Dillard Drive Middle were selected to attend the “How to Run a math Teacher’s Circle” workshop in Palo Alto, CA, June 28-July 2. They will be part of a team from NC State University.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated Enloe freshman, Calvin Deng. He scored in the Top 12 for the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad, a prestigious high school mathematics competition held annually. Calvin will attend the Math Olympiad Program in Lincoln, Nebraska in preparation for the opportunity to compete in the International Mathematical Olympiad.
- Angie Wright, Senior Director of Grants Administration recently delivered the inaugural Naylor Keynote Address at Appalachian State University. Dr. Wright was the first recipient of the Naylor Distinguished Dissertation Award. This year, she was invited to deliver the address but also to present the Dissertation Award to the second recipient.
- Enloe High School students earned first, second, and third place in the 2010 NC Chinese Writing Contest, sponsored by the Confucius Institute at North Carolina State University. The first place winner was Kimberly Yao; second place was Alex You, and third place was Jason Chen and Anna Li. The award winners received cash prizes and a series of Chinese books.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated the Evaluation and Research Department for an impressive number of recent national publications. Glenda Haynie has been asked to prepare a research article for the Middle School Research Journal based on the 8th grade Algebra study. Brad McMillen had a paper presented at the American Educational Research Association conference this year examining the effects of year-long versus one-semester Algebra I courses on mathematics achievement. David Holdzkom, Brad McMillen, and Colleen Paepflow were all honored for their contributions to the American Educational Research Conference.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated Ligon Middle School. A team of students recently competed at the state-level Battle of the Books and came in 4th place overall.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated the Broughton High School ensemble, under the direction of Christine Conley, and Salem Middle School ensemble, under the direction of Bobby Hinson. Both schools recently performed at the Festivals of Music.
- Auxiliary Services announced that eighteen employees, in the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Department, have earned certification for completing the North Carolina Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program. The certification gives these employees

national recognition for their commitment to improving their skills in the areas of safety and technical performance.

Board Members' Comments

- Dr. Morrison shared that she visited Daniels Middle School on May 13th to view a ribbon cutting on the solar panel that was received as the result of a grant that was one of two, in the state. Dr. Morrison shared that the solar panel generates 2 kilowatts of electricity every hour. She also visited the first grade at Green Elementary School and learned about pond life.
- Mr. Sutton recognized the Black History Quiz Bowl team from Knightdale High School. The team of students competed in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Black History Quiz Bowl competition. They participated amongst teams from Wake County and emerged as the top winner and competed against a team from South Carolina. Knightdale High School took top place.
- Mrs. Goldman shared that it was an honor to be in attendance at the Teacher of the Year banquet. It was a fantastic event. She also visited with a group of parents and staff from Broughton High School. She was very impressed with Broughton housing their own graduation. Mrs. Goldman also visited Weatherstone Elementary School and had a wonderful education on academic interventions, PLT time, and DIBELS. Mrs. Goldman also congratulated all valedictorians on their accomplishment.
- Mr. Tedesco thanked his colleagues and the staff for their support and kind words during his recent family emergency.
- Dr. McLaurin recognized Fox Road Elementary for performing in Artspllosure. Dr. McLaurin shared that in the Journal of American Medical Association, "The Solution to our Obesity and Diabetes Dilemma in Families and Children" is going to be teaching home economics. Each board member will receive a copy.
- Mrs. Prickett shared that the Student Achievement Committee met on May 11th. The committee had a representative from the state level to come and talk about the suspension and drop out rates. At the next committee meeting, there will be a focus on Wake County's suspension and drop out rates. During the May 11th meeting, the committee discussed professional learning teams, and the IB Programme at Broughton High School. Mrs. Prickett thanked Dr. Hargens and Dr. Gainey for a great job at the Teacher of the Year banquet.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Kevin L. Hill requested that item #18, BOARD POLICY 6200: STUDENT ASSIGNMENT, REVISED; SECOND READING be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda. Mr. Margiotta requested to add APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Margiotta added the following item to the Closed Session agenda, to consult with the Board of Education attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). Garlock, Snee, Eisenstadt, Barlow, Pidcock, Byrd, Wright, and Evans v. Wake County Board of Education.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

The specific recommended actions in Curriculum Management Audit Report have served as a system wide “blueprint” for continuous improvement. The Superintendent’s Leadership Team members have direct responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the actions. Leadership Team members serve as Performance Goal Managers or Recommendation Managers. The action steps were placed by the Leadership Team to be implemented over seventeen quarters. We have just completed eleven quarters of the seventeen-quarter implementation plan. This quarterly report will serve as a review of our progress. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: For information only.

Dr. Hargens presented information to the Board. She shared that Dr. Rosanne Stripling led a team of 23 auditors under the auspices of Phi Delta Kappa International to provide an objective and independent review of how we support our most fundamental work, educating students.

The auditors left the school board and administration with 117 action steps to complete, which were grouped in 8 broad recommendations. Dr. Hargens highlighted each of the recommendations which include:

- Opportunity – Meet students’ needs equitably, and eliminate the achievement gap.
- Consistency – Unite strategic planning – from the school board to the administration to the school to the classroom.
- Governance – Strengthen school board and administrative direction through policy particularly in regards to curriculum management.
- Management – Actively direct and support the curriculum and provide guidance to teachers that will in turn ensure equal access to the curriculum for all students.
- Evaluation – Increase the use of data in decision making. The report given, will focus on evaluation.
- Budgeting – Tie the expenditure of resources to learning and the needs of the curriculum.
- Instruction – Unify and enhance training and development. The new teacher evaluation instrument ties into this recommendation.
- Organization – Clarify roles and responsibilities to increase the alignment of efforts and to increase effectiveness.

Following the receipt of the audit, staff developed a systematic plan to respond to the 117 action items in concert with the school board. The final report will be given October 2011.

With the focus of this report being on data, data-driven accountability means understanding whether we are doing what we say we are doing and that we are choosing whether to implement, enhance, or discontinue programs based on their effectiveness and promoting learning and teaching.

Recommendation 5 formally states, that we must, “formalize comprehensive assessment procedures to provide data for decision making at all levels of the system. Establish a formalized process for selection, implementation, and evaluation of programs utilizing data that will be used as feedback for revision or continuation of programs and practices.” To support staff’s efforts toward data-driven accountability, Dr. Hargens focused on two highlights, one of them being the academic auditor position.

Over a year ago, funds were re-purposed to fund the role. The position is now filled and Dr. Weinstein is hard at work evaluating how resources allotted to schools are actually being deployed. She is looking for alignment with the intent of the resource and the impact on learning. She is a part of the Internal Audit structure which reports functionally to the Board, and administratively, to the Superintendent’s office. Her role is to ensure that resources are used for the board’s intent and that we are not continuing to do what the data does not support works.

The second major development is a new intranet site by the Evaluation and Research department. The site tracks our responses to program evaluation and emphasizes the need to answer the question that data-driven accountability asks, “What are we going to do differently and what are we going to stop doing because of the data?” The intranet webpage provides the evaluation and research department program evaluation staff’s report findings and recommendations. Recent program evaluations on the webpage include,

- The NovaNet evaluation,
- Accelerated Learning Program, and
- Intervention Months for grades 6-8

The evaluations describe the students served by the program, student achievement in the program, the expenditures and the delivery of the program, and program evaluation staff recommendations. Following each program evaluation, the webpage provides the program manager’s response to the specific findings and recommendations.

Dr. Hargens shared that 82% of the action items have either been completed or in progress by the staff or the school board. To date, the work has built a firm foundation for future success. The school system is more aligned, consistent, and data-driven. The system has a better idea of how to work together and are making better decisions. An infrastructure has been established for improvement and for being accountable to the citizens and students of Wake County.

Dr. Hargens shared that the most important recommendation, the auditor’s highest priority for the board and administration, is to take concrete steps to eliminate achievement gaps between subgroups of students. While the foundation has been laid since the audit, through two key processes, alignment between the taught and written curriculum and collaboration, some of the action steps yet to be addressed relate to recommendation #1, opportunity.

Board members shared their concerns with the audit and the direction of the board moving forward regarding the effectiveness of the adjustments with the Curriculum

Management Audit. In light of the declining economy, the board may need to review the real cost/benefit analysis of all programs and the effectiveness of the programs on student achievement.

CLOSED SESSION

Debra Goldman made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:40 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319, 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 Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:06 p.m.

7. 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 two 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.

- **Caroline Monson** – Ms. Monson spoke to the Board regarding her support of keeping the IB Program at Broughton High School. Ms. Monson requested that the Board vote to keep the program at Broughton High School.
- **Jennifer Tollison** – Ms. Tollison spoke to the Board regarding her support of keeping the IB Program at Broughton High Schools. Ms. Tollison shared some data with the Board regarding the investment of money and time spent on the IB Program.
- **Peter Eberhart** – Mr. Eberhart spoke to the Board requesting that they table the vote on the Student Assignment policy.
- **Diana Bader**- Ms. Bader spoke to the Board regarding maintaining diversity, and supporting the most vulnerable students in the county and include these items in the Student Assignment Policy.
- **Mary Martorella** – Ms. Martorella spoke to the Board regarding the Student Assignment policy in its regards to diversity.
- **Rob Schofield** – Mr. Schofield spoke to the Board regarding how student assignment is being done and what the impact may be on the future.
- **Paul Kretzschmar**- Mr. Kretzschmar spoke to the Board regarding diversity and working with schools to ensure that all children get a good education.
- **Amy Womble** – Ms. Womble spoke to the Board regarding the legal audit being conducted by Thomas Farr and who was interviewed during the audit process.
- **Aransa Sue Lascurain** – Ms. Lascurain spoke to the Board regarding the costs of using of a “headhunting firm” to find a new superintendent.
- **Hardin Englehardt** – Ms. Englehardt spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of the diversity policy being eliminated and the impact of the decision. Ms. Englehardt requested that the Board vote to maintain diversity as a factor in student assignment.

- **Amy Lee** – Ms. Lee spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts of Mr. Tom Farr, the legal fees incurred by WCPSS, and the individuals interviewed during the legal audit.
- **Tonya Culpepper** – Ms. Culpepper spoke to the Board regarding the current direction of the Board as it relates to assignment. Ms. Culpepper encouraged the Board to take the time to listen.
- **Heather Koons** – Ms. Koons spoke to the Board regarding decisions that will knowingly create high poverty schools. Ms. Koons encouraged the Board to make decisions based on thorough analysis of the implications, both educational and financial.
- **Patty Williams** – Ms. Williams spoke to the Board regarding her passion for what is best for all children who attend public schools. Ms. Williams stated that she will continue to share facts in the hope that the information will help.
- **Craig Fortner** – Mr. Fortner spoke to the Board regarding magnet schools and their diverse populations are keys to keeping the interior of the system working. Mr. Fortner urged the Board to listen when a new voice speaks up.
- **Lynn Edmonds** – Ms. Edmonds spoke to the Board regarding student assignment, bussing, and student achievement as it relates to Wake County’s student assignment. Ms. Edmonds shared that proximity and diversity can coexist in factors of student assignment.
- **Cyndi Soter O’Neil** – Ms. Soter O’Neil requested that the Board change course on the new student assignment policy. Ms. Soter O’Neil shared that the community-based assignment schools will create high wealth schools and high poverty schools.
- **Ann Campbell** – Ms. Campbell spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts of supporting diversity and challenged the Board to improve the educational opportunities and outcomes for the students assigned to the high poverty schools that will be created.
- **Aaron Henderlite** – Mr. Henderlite spoke to the Board regarding Open Meetings. Mr. Henderlite challenged the Board to hold their public meetings when the public can attend and get rid of the tickets being used currently to attend an open meeting.
- **Jonica Rowland** – Ms. Rowland spoke to the Board regarding the opportunity costs of foregoing what is currently in place and the costs of going with a new plan. Ms. Rowland urged the Board to make sure that decisions are data-driven.
- **Jody Gross** – Ms. Gross spoke to the Board against the IB Program at Broughton High School. Ms. Gross shared her thoughts regarding Broughton being able to keep the program and its affect on Millbrook and Sanderson.
- **Sharon Echard** – Ms. Echard spoke to the Board regarding diversity and the student assignment policy. Ms. Echard shared data with the Board to support her thoughts and position.
- **Anne Sherron** – Ms. Sherron spoke to the Board regarding the decisions being made from the Sanderson High School perspective. Ms. Sherron shared her thoughts on each high school remaining strong.
- **Darlene Middleton** – Ms. Middleton spoke to the Board regarding the diversity policy as it relates to student assignment. Ms. Middleton shared her thoughts regarding creating zones that isolate socioeconomic populations.

- **Jennifer Lanane** – Ms. Lanane spoke to the Board regarding PLT early release time. Ms. Lanane shared her thoughts and feelings regarding the Board’s recent decision on PLT time for the upcoming school year.

The Board recessed at 4:59 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:33 p.m.

RECOGNITION – 6 P.M.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

27. 2010 WCPSS VALEDICTORIANS

Twenty-four students will be recognized as Valedictorians.
 Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Eric Sparks presented twenty-four valedictorians from the Class of 2010. Twenty of the valedictorians plan to attend universities in North Carolina. Five will attend the University of Chapel Hill, five bound for Duke, and five going to N.C. State University.

One student earned a Robertson’s scholarship to attend both UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke Universities. Other students plan to attend Appalachian State University, Davidson College, and East Carolina University. Four valedictorians are headed to out-of-state schools which include, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Cornell University, and Drexler University.

Seven of the valedictorians want to be doctors, four indicated interests in bio-medical engineering, three plan to be research scientists, three plan to be engineers, two are interested in law, and one wants to be a designer of computer games.

Chairman of Board, Ron Margiotta, and the entire Board of Education congratulated each of the students for their accomplishments and the recognition of being valedictorian.

CONSENT ITEMS

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 14, 2010 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- April 28, 2010 - Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 4, 2010 - Committee of the Whole Minutes

FINANCE

9. 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 April 2010. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

FACILITIES

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

Staff have reached agreement with Peakway Development, LLC, (“Peakway”) to again lease a gravel parking lot located at 3600 Apex Peakway, Apex, NC, for a two year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012, with the possibility for an annual renewal thereafter. The annual rental rate for 2010-2011 will be maintained at the current rate of \$20,900. The annual rate for the 2011-2012 term will increase to \$21,500. This lease is for continued use as a bus parking lot. The current lease for this area will expire June 30, 2010. A copy of the Lease Agreement is attached. Fiscal implications: A single sum lease payment of \$20,900 is due July 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 term, and a single sum lease payment of \$21,500 will become due on July 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 term. Funding for this lease will be available July 1, 2010 and will come from the Operating Budget. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

11. CONTRACT EXTENSION: WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Staff recommends an extension of the contract with Waste Industries, Inc., for a 6th year of an original 4-year agreement with no price increase for 2010-2011 budget year, a reduction in the 30-yard container rental fee, a reduction in the 30-yard dumpster hauling fee, and the addition of 4 new schools. Contract price is \$1,067,941.50, based on the estimated amount of work to be ordered during the year. The contract term is from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The appropriate form of agreement, as approved by the Board’s attorney, will be executed. This contract was not re-bid because negotiations are in progress to consolidate waste collection contracts with Wake County. However, those negotiations have not yet reached fruition, so the existing contract was extended. Fiscal implications: Funding is included in the 2010-2011 budget. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

12. NEW AND EXTENDED CONTRACTS: CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Based on bids received May 3, 2010, staff recommends 2 new custodial service agreements for routine service. The first is with SSC Services Solutions, for 2 Middle Schools and 1 High School, representing 601,278 square feet, in the amount of \$287,068.36. The second is with RTP Building Maintenance, Inc., for 1 Elementary School, representing 80,628 square feet, in the amount of \$57,090. Staff has negotiated up to a 10% reduction in cost for services with the 4 existing custodial contractors, for modified cleaning at office complexes, no project cleaning, and a 4 week reduction of routine services at traditional schools. In addition, the stripping and waxing of VCT floors, and one carpet cleaning per year have been removed from the scope of their contracts. Based on the contractors’ satisfactory performance, staff recommends extensions as follows: RTP Building Maintenance, in the amount of \$2,685,038.43, for 11 Elementary Schools, 7 Middle Schools, 8 High Schools, and 1 Office Complex, representing 3,700,000 square feet; A-K Building Maintenance, in the amount of \$569,572.41, for 5 Elementary Schools, 2 Middle Schools, 1 High School, and a 9th Grade Center, representing 900,000 square feet; Cenplex Building Services, Inc., in the amount of \$120,694.42, for 2 Elementary Schools, and 1 Office Complex, representing 200,000 square feet; and Facilico, Inc., in the amount of \$3,368,894.74, for 39 Elementary Schools, 10 Middle Schools, and 3 High Schools, representing 4,700,000 square feet. The total amount of the six contracts is \$7,088,358.36, with a contract term of July 1, 2010 to

June 30, 2011. Fiscal Implications: Funding is included in the 2010- 2011 budget.
Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

13. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Negotiations have been completed with Terracon, Inc., to provide construction materials testing and special inspection services for Walnut Creek Elementary School, in an amount not-to-exceed \$131,885, in accordance with the Master Geotechnical, Material Testing, and/or Special Inspections Services Agreement. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,753,133, of which \$22,746,533 is from CIP 2006 and \$6,600 is currently from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. It is expected that the total Offsite Improvements budget commitment will ultimately be approximately \$500,000. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

14. BIDS: HVAC UPGRADES (WEST LAKE ELEMENTARY AND WEST LAKE MIDDLE)

Bids were received on April 28, 2010, for HVAC Upgrades and DDC Controls Replacement at West Lake Elementary School and West Lake Middle School. Staff and Sigma Engineered Solutions, P.C., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC, in the amount of \$1,242,000. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$67,813,687 for CIP 2006 Life-Cycle Replacement of Building Components. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

15.CHANGE ORDER NO. 3: MOVING CONTRACT FOR WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 3 to All American Relocation, Inc., to complete the final phase move of this school from Heritage High back to Wake Forest-Rolesville High. This change order increases the contract amount by \$124,860 and completes the scope of work for the entire move back to Wake Forest-Rolesville High. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$51,922,973, of which \$51,500,747 is from PLAN CIP 2006, \$200,000 from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, and \$222,226 from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

16.CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-02: WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-02 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company, for their Construction Management at Risk contract for Walnut Creek Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$3,272,397, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Release 1 bid packages, which includes 4 of the 31 construction packages for this project. A list of the bid packages is attached. A change order will be brought to the June 15, 2010 Board meeting to establish the GMP for this project. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,753,133, of which \$22,746,533 is from CIP 2006 and \$6,600 is currently from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. It is expected that the total Offsite Improvements budget commitment will ultimately be approximately \$500,000. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

17. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Contract (#012910): SAS Institute, Inc., Broughton High School Algebra I Tutorial Program / Central Services.

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

POLICY

19. APPOINTMENT TO WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In accordance with NC General Statute 115D-12, the Board of Education appoints four of the trustees on the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees. Terms are for four years and are staggered. The term for Jim Perry will expire on June 30, 2010. Attached is a spreadsheet showing the current appointees of the Board of Education as well as a biographical profile of Jim Perry, who is being considered for reappointment by the Board. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Presented for reappointment by the Board of Education.

20. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Each Board member submitted two recommendations for individuals to serve as Citizen Advisors to the Community Relations Committee in addition to Board Advisory Chairs who will automatically serve as a member. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

21. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

Each Board member submitted recommendations for individuals to serve as Citizen Advisors to the Student Assignment Committee. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

22. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Professional
- b. Support

23. CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK CONTRACT

In order to facilitate a safe learning and working environment for students and employees, the Human Resources Department runs criminal record checks on applicants and employees in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. In addition, beginning 7/1/10, the Volunteer Services System will be managed by the Human Resources Department. Thus, criminal record checks will be run on volunteers in the school system. It is recommended that US Info Group be awarded this contract. Fiscal Implications: \$170,000 from contract services budget. Budget is available.

ACTION ITEMS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

24. EARLY RELEASE DAYS FOR 2010-2011

Early release days have been a part of the structure of the school calendar for at least 10 years. During the 2009-2010 school year, there were six common early release days. Based on feedback from the Time Committee, six common early release days are being proposed for the 2010-2011 school year. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dawn Dawson shared a revised version of the early release days. Ms. Dawson shared that information on early release days has been presented to the Student Achievement Committee and to Committee of the Whole. The listing of proposed common early release days adjusts September 17th, thereby removing September 24th. The 2010-2011 Common Early Release days are as follows:

- **Traditional** - Friday, September 17th; Friday, October 22nd; Friday, December 3rd; Friday, February 11th; Friday, March 11th; and Friday, April 8th.
- **Year-Round** - Friday, July 30th; Friday, August 20th; Friday, October 1st; Friday, December 3rd; Friday, January 21st; Friday, February 11th; Friday, March 4th; and Friday, April 1st.
- **Modified** – Friday, August 20th; Friday, October 22; Friday, December 3rd; Friday, February 11th; Friday, March 4th; and Friday, April 8th.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve, seconded by Debra Goldman. The Board voted by Roll Vote with, Anne McLaurin voted “yes”, John Tedesco voted “yes”, Debra Goldman voted “yes”, Chris Malone voted “yes”, Deborah Prickett voted “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voted “yes”. Kevin L Hill voted “no” and Keith Sutton voted “no”. The motion passed on a 6 to 2 vote.

25. BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

In December 2008, the Board of Education voted to remove the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme magnet program from Broughton High School. The board then approved a phase-out plan to remove funding for the program after the 2012-13 school year when the last magnet students graduate. The Student Achievement Committee, chaired by board member, Deborah Prickett, recommends changing the phase-out plan to a maintenance plan, thereby keeping the IB Diploma Programme in place at Broughton after the 2012-13 school year. Fiscal Implications: Funding is in place through phase out plan for program through 2013. Additional funding, (estimated \$180,000 per year), will be required in 2013 and beyond. Recommendation for Action: Approve Student Assignment Committee recommendation to change the phase-out plan to a maintenance plan, thereby keeping the IB Diploma Programme in place at Broughton after the 2012-2013 school year.

Marvin Connelly presented information to the Board. Anne McLaurin made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman. Board members shared their concerns and support of the recommendation. The Board voted 7 to 1, with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting

“yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion passed.

POLICY

26. BOARD POLICY 5522: HONOR ROLL

Revised, First Reading

The Honor Roll Policy, Policy 5522, was originally adopted August 20, 1976. Dr. Kenneth A. Branch reviewed the policy in April 2010 and is proposing changes to the policy. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Kenneth Branch presented information to the Board. The policy was presented at the Policy Committee meeting and Committee of the Whole for thorough vetting. With no questions from the Board, Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the changes that were presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

27. BOARD POLICY 1326: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

New Policy; Second Reading

The policy change was approved at the Policy Committee meeting on April 28, 2010. The change was reviewed at Committee of the Whole on May 4th and was also approved as a first reading by the Board of Education. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, presented information to the Board. Ms. Majestic shared that the two substantive changes to Policy 1326 were adding #5 and #6. Item #5 states “The Board may provide for the designation of spokesmen for groups of persons supporting or opposing the same positions.” Item #6 states “The Board may provide for the selection of delegates from groups of persons supporting or opposing the same positions when the number of persons wishing to attend the hearing exceeds the capacity of the meeting room.” Items 5 and 6 were taken from a statute (N.C.G.S. 115C-51) recently passed by the Legislature that pertains to Public Comment at school board meetings.

The following suggested information from the Board attorney was also included in the beginning of the policy which states, “Committee meetings, work sessions, and Committee of the Whole meetings do not have time set aside for public comments.” Other changes included information from Terri Cobb that were suggested from the Policy Committee.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the changes to Policy 1326. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. After comments from Board members, the motion was unanimously approved.

18. BOARD POLICY 6200: STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Revised; Second Reading

The policy change was approved at the Policy Committee meeting on April 28, 2010. The change was reviewed at Committee of the Whole on May 4th and was also approved

as a first reading by the Board of Education. Fiscal Implications: None.
Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Board members shared their concern of the proposed changes to Board Policy 6200, specifically what is omitted from the proposed policy. Carolyn Morrison made a motion to postpone voting on Board Policy 6200 indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote to postpone indefinitely the vote on the second reading of Board Policy 6200. After several comments from Board members, Ann McLaurin voted “yes”, John Tedesco voted “no”, Kevin L. Hill voted “yes”, Debra Goldman voted “no”, Chris Malone voted “no”, Deborah Prickett voted “no”, Keith Sutton voted “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voted “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4, Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The motion failed to pass on a 4 to 5 vote.

Several Board members made comments regarding their position on Policy 6200. Carolyn Morrison made a motion to postpone the vote on the second reading of Board Policy 6200 until the Board attorney has had time to review the impact of the proposed revisions and bring back information on how the decision will impact the magnet grant application. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board voted by Roll Call vote with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The voted was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The vote failed to pass on a 4 to 5 vote.

Debra Goldman offered a motion to accept the presented Policy 6200: Student Assignment for second reading. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. Anne McLaurin offered the following amendment to the motion, *“school assignments will not allow schools to be segregated on the basis of socioeconomic status or race. No school should have more than 50% poor or minority students.”* The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. After several comments from Board members, Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, spoke to the issue of the use of race in the amendment. Ms. Majestic shared that there is a potential problem, with essentially setting a quasi-quota that is race-based, in light of recent Supreme Court decisions. She also shared that the risk is not around socioeconomic, but it is around the use of race, and cautioned the Board. Keith Sutton offered a friendly amendment to Anne McLaurin’s amendment. The friendly amendment removed the words *“or race”*. The amendment would read, *“school assignments will not allow schools to be segregated on the basis of socioeconomic status. No school should have more than 50% poor or minority students.”* Dr. McLaurin accepted the friendly amendment. The Board voted by Roll Vote on the friendly amendment, with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion failed to pass on a 3 to 5 vote.

Anne McLaurin made an amendment to the original motion to approve Board Policy 6200: Student Assignment on second reading. The amendment would read as follows, *“school assignments will not allow schools to be segregated on the basis of socioeconomic status. No school should have more than 50% poor students.”* The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton.

Discussion ensued on the definition of what “a poor student” is. Keith Sutton offered the wording “economically disadvantaged” instead of “poor” as a friendly amendment. Dr. McLaurin accepted the amendment. The amendment to the motion read, “*school assignments will not allow schools to be segregated on the basis of socioeconomic status. No school should have more than 50% economically disadvantaged students.*” The Board voted by Roll Call vote on the amendment, with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The motion failed to pass on a 4 to 5 vote.

The Board returned to the original motion of approval Board Policy 6200: Student Assignment for second reading. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote, with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “yes”. The original motion passed on a 5 to 4 vote.

Debra Goldman made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

HUMAN RESOURCES

28. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Mary Bohr, Applicant to Principal at Penny Road Elementary School effective July 1, 2010.
- (2). Kimberly H. Burton, Assistant Principal at Carpenter Elementary School to Principal at East Garner Elementary School effective date TBD.
- (3). Melanie K. Parrish, Assistant Principal at Durant Road Elementary School to Principal at Middle Creek Elementary School effective date July 1, 2010.

The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

30. RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT RENEWALS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to accept the contract renewals for administrators. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

31. REDUCTION IN FORCE

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the list of certified staff recommended from the Reduction in Force. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

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 two 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.

- **Jim Martin** – Mr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding his disappointment that ideology is trumping reason in regards to fiscal responsibility, assignment, and the Broughton IB Programme.
- **Barbara Garlock** – Ms. Garlock spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on the actions the Board is currently making without data to justify them. Ms. Garlock also shared her feelings and thoughts regarding the recent lawsuit pertaining to Open Meetings.
- **Sarah Moncelle** – Ms. Moncelle spoke to the Board from the student perspective regarding attending high poverty schools and its affect on students.
- **Kim Yaman** – Ms. Yaman spoke to the Board regarding students and the impact of the Board Policy 6200- Student Assignment on students.
- **Nefertiti Byrd** – Ms. Byrd spoke to the Board regarding diversity and the Board approving Board Policy 6200 eliminating diversity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, John Tedesco made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Donna M. Hargens, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary