

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
<i>Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Toni Patterson
<i>Susan Parry, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	John Ringo
Beverley Clark	Karen Banks	Janice Shearin
Bill Fletcher	Danny Barnes	Walt Sherlin
Rosa Gill	Maurice Boswell	Jonibel Willis
Patti Head	Del Burns	Mike Burriss
Amy White	Luther Cherry	Board Attorney Present
Jeff York	Michael Evans	<i>Ann Majestic</i>
	Donald Haydon	
	Linda Isley	
	Cindi Jolly	
	Ann Hooker	

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *The chair met with the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce to talk about the Eastern Wake schools.*
- *Ms. Quigg attended the "Teacher of the Year" banquet at the Embassy Suites, Cary, North Carolina. Johnny Gatlin, Middle Creek High School teacher was named the 2002-2003 Teacher of Year.*
- *The Board will recognize the Citizens Advisory Council on School Operations at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow. This committee was charged with identifying the appropriate level of funding for the school system in order to reach Goal 2003 and to look at the fiscal policies and procedures. The board recognized all the long hours of hard work the members contributed to the task and will recognize them later in the meeting.*
- *Ms. Quigg shared that Southeast Raleigh High School participated in the National "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" Robotics Competition. It is a non-profit organization with a mission to generate an interest in science and engineering among youth. For the past two years, the robodogs have hosted the North Carolina FIRST Leggo League Tournament.*

Superintendent's Report

- *The MLK Celebration and reception was held on Monday, May 19, 2003, at 6p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center to announce and honor this year's award recipients. This year our celebration was yearlong and involved students and teachers in eight-grade social studies classes and high school students in United States history classes. These students and teachers are participated in reading, discussions, and other learning activities centered around the topic "Conversations About Diversity: Does Race matter?"*
- *The Scholastic Pursuit tournament was held today at Peace College. This competition is a culminating activity of the scholastic pursuit elective in magnet schools. For over 15 years, students have met for this competition, which emphasizes academic excellence. Teams*

participating were Carnage, Fuller, Hunter, Powell, Underwood, Wendell, and Washington. The top two teams that competed in the final round were from Wendell and Hunter elementary schools and for the second year in a row, the Scholastic Pursuit winner for 2003 is Hunter Elementary School. Wendell Elementary School came in 2nd place.

RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of 2003 Battle of the Books Winners For Grades 6, 7, and 8

Student teams along with their teacher advisors and media specialists were recognized for their outstanding achievement in the Battle of the Books literacy program.

6th grade team-Lufkin Road Middle School

7th grade team- Martin Middle School

8th grade team – Carnage Middle School went on to the Regional competition and competed against 10 districts and came in 2nd place with the silver metal.

2. 2002 Presidential Award For Excellence in Mathematics Teaching

The National Science Foundation (NSF) announced on March 20, 2003, the teachers selected for the 2002 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nations' highest honor for teachers. The honor was by the White House and administered by the National Science Foundation. The 2002 North Carolina winner of the Elementary Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching is Carolann Wade, Apex Elementary School. Four winners from each state, one each from elementary and secondary mathematics and science, are honored. Each awardees is presented a special citation signed by President Bush, a \$7,500 cash award from the National Science Foundation to improve science and mathematics instruction, gifts from donors, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the award ceremony and participate in various educational and celebratory functions.

3. 2002 Presidential Award For Excellence in Science Teaching

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4. Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year, 2003

Lynne Davis Allen, a first grade teacher at Wakefield Elementary, was selected to represent the Wake County Public School System as the “Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year.” The North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics sponsors this award. Lynne will receive a year's free membership in the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics and will be recognized at its awards ceremony at the 2003 fall conference.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Jeff York made a motion to pull from the Consent Agenda-Facilities Item # 2: Design Consultant Agreement: Daniels Middle Renovations; Item # 3: Design Consultant Agreement: Ligon Middle Renovations; and Item #15: Approve Tender Agreement with Surety: Farmington Woods Elementary.*

- Rosa Gill made a motion to add to the Consent Agenda Recommendation for Administrative Appointments.
- Susan Parry made a motion to revise the Action Agenda-Policy- Revision of Policy 2308, 3008, 4008-Tobacco-Free Environment to edit the language, seconded by Patti Head.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRS' REPORTS

District 1 (Exhibit A)

District 4 (Exhibit B)

District 5 (Exhibit C)

District 7 (Exhibit D)

District 9 (Exhibit E)

PUBLIC HEARING

Rebecca Duncan. Poe Elementary School parent. She asked the board, "What is the logic for the 3-tiered system?" Parents at Poe Elementary opposed the 3-tiered bell schedule.

Peggy Lorello. Fuller Elementary parent. She opposes the 3-tiered bell schedule .28% of the students are on free and reduced lunch program. Parents can't change their work time to accommodate a 9:15 a.m. start time. Please consider changing the middle schools to start at 9:15 a.m. and allow the elementary schools an earlier start time.

Lorie Heath. Apex High School, parent. She represented high school students. Please consider moving the start time 15 minutes later.

R. Suresh-Parent. Fuller Elementary School, parent. He opposed the 3-tiered system bell schedule and expressed a concern about pollution related to bus fumes.

Linda Peterson- York Elementary School, parent. She opposed the 3-tiered system, and requested bell schedule. She requested that the Board allow the elementary school start time be 9:30 a.m. and not 9:45 a.m.

Holly Hamblin- Fuller Elementary School, teacher. She opposed the 3-tiered system, and requested that the Board leave the start time at 9:30 a.m. and not 9:45 a.m. The later time is a disadvantage to the students and teachers. Students can't attend after-school activities, and teachers can't attend workshops or have a second job to supplement their income.

Elizabeth Norval. Fuller Elementary School, teacher. She requested the Board to have all elementary schools scheduled for early start times. Teachers find it difficult to teach young children late in the day and for students to retain what they have learned.

Jennifer Keifer- Fuller Elementary School, teacher. She opposed the early start time of 9:15 a.m. 99% of the parents / staff oppose.

In August 2001, the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners created a Citizens Advisory Committee charged with finding a way to determine the appropriate level of funding for our school system to reach Goal 2003, to develop a funding methodology for our school system, and to look at our fiscal policies and procedures. Jim Talton, Cressie Thigen, and the CAC worked for many months until they delivered their recommendations in February. They demonstrated the importance of public involvement in keeping all schools strong. The Board of

Education is pleased to announce that Wake County Public School System's excellence as a steward of the taxpayers' dollar and a strong educator of our children. Ms. Quigg thanked the CAC for their contributions of time and talents in the service of Wake County's citizens and children.

Break 5:00 p.m.-Reception for the Citizens Advisory Council

Reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Julie Henry. Parent. *She opposed the early start time, and requested that the Board develop a study committee that includes magnet parents to examine transportation issues.*

Bruce Merenbloom. *He opposed the early start time, stating that students don't have time for after-school activities.*

Sandra Wilder. President, Hunter Elementary School, PTA. *She asked that the board please leave the start time at Hunter Elementary School at 9:00 a.m.; and if possible, move it to a earlier start time of 8:30 a.m.*

Susan Gentry. Athens Drive High School parent. *She informed the Board of two issues that are problems for students of low-income families. In order to have a senior picture in the yearbook, each student has to pay a \$20.00 sitting fee. Student who drive to school pay \$120.00 for a parking permit. Parents should be given advance notices of these fees in the student's junior year so that parents/student may save or budget for these fees.*

The Southeast Raleigh High School FIRST Team is the participant in the National First Robotics Competition. FIRST is an acronym, which stands "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to generate an interest in science and engineering among today's youth. The SRHS FIRST team partnered with corporate sponsors and the NCSU College of Engineering in order to participate in this exciting and dynamic program. There are close to 50 SERHS students that participate each year. Throughout the years, the team has maintained a budget of over \$60,000. It is up to the team members to raise the funds to meet their goal. For the past four years, IBM has remained a dedicated sponsor to the SERHS FIRST Team. North Carolina State University has been equally. Supportive close to 20 middle school teams from around North Carolina attended the event, showing a promising future of FIRST. First works toward the goal of motivating elementary and middle school students to become interested in the fields of engineering and mathematics.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 8, 2003 – Community Relations Committee

April 8, 2003 – Finance Committee

April 8, 2003 – Policy Committee

FACILITIES

1. Master Commissioning Services Agreement

The Board approved the request was utilize the professional services agreement format to contract with firm(s) to provide commissioning services on various capital improvement projects. Commissioning services outlined in this contract will include various building systems from the building envelope to mechanical and electrical systems. Services included in this agreement will be provided throughout the course of a project from the pre-construction phase through the post-construction phase. The intent of these services is to provide more efficient building systems and to reduce maintenance costs. District legal counsel has reviewed and approved this contract format.

2. Design Phase Change Order No. 1: Enloe High

The Board approved the request for design phase change order number 1 with Brown Jurkowski Architecture Collaborative for the capital improvements at Enloe High. This change order in the amount of \$161,000 is for educational programming and planning services. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$9,151,942, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

3. Bids: Cary High Boiler Replacement

Bids for the replacement of two steam boilers at Cary High were received on May 1, 2003. Staff and Padia Consulting, Inc. recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to Jeff Hargett Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$297,000. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$375,000, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

4. Bids: Sanderson High Band Room Renovation

Pre-approval was requested for bids for Sanderson High Band Room Renovation, which are scheduled to be received on June 19, 2003, if the bids are within the CCAP of \$450,000. Pre-approval allowed acceleration of preliminary construction activities at minimal financial risk. The Project addresses potential health and safety concerns in the existing band room and requires urgent approval for construction to begin during summer. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$588,000 of which \$9,917.83 is from the 2002-2003 Facilities Planning & Construction Operating funds, \$42,782.17 is from the 2002-2003 Facilities Planning & Construction Capital Outlay funds, \$75,000 is from the 2002-2003 Maintenance & Operation Operating funds and \$460,300 is from the 2003-2004 Facilities Planning & Construction Capital Outlay funds.

5. Bids: Modular Classroom Units (2003 Pkg. A) – Daniels Middle

Bids for the Modular Classroom Building (multiple classrooms, relocatable, modular structure) (2003 pkg. A) at Daniels Middle were received on May 1, 2003. Staff and Gurel Architecture, Inc. recommended awarding of the single-prime to Beau Chene Company, LLC, in the amount of \$755,292. Fiscal Implications: Funding are available from the total project budget of \$5,603,211, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

6. Bids: Mobile Units - Package "F" – 2003 Relocation

Bids for the 2003 relocation of Mobile Units – Package "F" were received on April 22, 2003. Staff and Gurel Architecture, Inc. recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis in the amount of \$237,520. Funds are available from the total project of \$450,000, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

7. Bids: Kingswood Elementary Addition and Renovation

Bids for the addition and renovation at Kingswood Elementary were received on April 22, 2003. Staff and Davis Kane Architects, PA recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to Blair Construction in the amount of \$6,446,805. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$6,362,722. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$8,208,135, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

8. Bids: Leesville Elementary Foundation and Wall Repairs

Bids for the foundation and wall repairs at Leesville Elementary were received on April 25, 2003. Staff and MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company, LLC in the amount of \$122,000. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$200,000, as provided in the Deferred Maintenance component of the Phase IIIB Long Range Building Program.

9. Bids: Millbrook High Track and Field Improvements

Bids for the track and field improvements at Millbrook High were received on April 30, 2003. Staff and McKim & Creed, P.A. recommended awarding the construction and associated engineering services contract to Advantage Sports Surfaces in the amount of \$129,100. Funds are available from the total project of \$1,000,000, as provided in the Deferred Maintenance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

10. Bids: Sanderson High Track and Field Improvements

Bids for the track and field improvements at Sanderson High were received on April 30, 2003. Staff and McKim & Creed, P.A. recommended awarding the construction and associated engineering service contract to Precision Sports Surfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$148,894. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$275,000, as provided in the Deferred Maintenance Component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

11. Bids: Enloe Track and Field Improvements

Bids for the track and field improvements at Enloe High were received on April 30, 2003. Staff and McKim & Creed, P.A. recommended awarding the construction and associated engineering services contract to Precision Sports Surfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$138,569. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$9,151,942, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

12. Bids: Athens Drive High Rubberize Track

The Maintenance and Operations Department recommends award of contract to Precision Sports Surfacing, Inc. in the amount of \$125,234. Funds are available in the 2003-2003 current expense budget. The contract amount is \$125,234.

13. Bids: North Garner Middle – Asbestos Abatement

Bids for the asbestos abatement at North Garner Middle were received on April 21, 2003. Staff and Froehling & Roberson, Inc. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to Klein Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$104,783. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$12,545,728, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

14. Bids: Ligon Middle – Asbestos Abatement

Bids for the asbestos abatement at Ligon Middle School were received on April 21, 2003. Staff and EEC, Inc. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to EME, Inc. in the amount of \$196,193. Funds are available from the total project budget of \$8,960,429, of which \$8,915,429

is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program and \$45,000 is from the Deferred Maintenance Component of the Phase IIIB Long Range Building Program.

15. Bus Parking Lease Agreement – Apex Elementary

Renovation of Apex Elementary and limited parking for busses in the Apex area, requires the relocation of approximately 40 busses until a more permanent solution can be determined. Terms and Conditions of a 12 month Parking Lease Agreement from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, have been reached with Peakway Development, LLC of Apex, NC for a parking lot off Perry Road near Apex Elementary. This same property was leased during 2002-2003. A single sum lease payment of \$19,200 is due and payable on or before July 1, 2003.

16. Termination of Easement – Highcroft Elementary

The Board of Education acquired approximately 22 acres for the new Highcroft Elementary. The contract to acquire the property required the owners to grant the Board temporary easements for access to the site and access to well water if needed for construction purposes. Highcroft developers have now provided permanent access and well water is not needed. Board approved the execute a termination of easements agreement to eliminate temporary easements.

FINANCE

1. Report Of Administration Approved Contracts *(Exhibit F)*

Attached are summaries 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 for April 2003.

PROGRAM

1. Grant Proposals: First Precis of Two

Competitive (#766): North Carolina Zoo, Keepers in the Classroom / Douglas Elementary School. Competitive (#767): NC Department of Public Instruction, Community Service / Central Office. Competitive (#768): US Department of Education, Smaller Learning Communities / Central Office. Competitive (#769): US Department of Education, Early Reading First / Project Enlightenment. Collaboration (#770): US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services, Compassion Capital Fund / Central Office collaboration with CJH Educational Grant Services being the fiscal agent. Competitive (#771): US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, 21st Century Community Learning Centers / Central Office and individual schools. Collaboration (#772): Capital Area Workforce Development Board, Workforce Investment Act Youth Services / Mary E. Phillips High School with Youth and Educational Achievement Center being the fiscal agent. Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

2. Grant Proposals: Second Precis of Two

Competitive (#773): US Department of Education, Carol M. White Physical Education Program / Central Office. Entitlement (#774): PRC 060 - US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped / Central Office. Entitlement (#775): PRC 049 - US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, IDEA Title VI-B Preschool Handicapped / Central Office. Entitlement (#776): PRC 044 - US Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, IDEA Title VI-B Capacity Building / Central Office. Collaboration (#777): GE Fund, Math Excellence / Fuller Elementary, Smith Elementary, Carnegie Middle and Centennial Middle Schools with NCSU College of Engineering being the fiscal agent. Entitlement (#778): PRC 017 – North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Career and Technical Education Improvement / Central Office, Curriculum and Instruction. Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

3. Contract: Richard M. Milburn High School

An Amendment was made to the Wake County Public School System's existing contract with Richard M. Milburn High School. The minimum number of students served second semester will increase from 140 to 160. The cost per student will remain the same as the last two years, \$2,875.00 per student, per semester. Total cost of \$833,750.00 to be paid from program fund 069.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Administrative Transfer

Betty Jean Cornell, assistant principal at East Garner Middle School, to assistant principal at Holly Ridge Middle School.

2. Recommendations for Administrative Appointments

Jackie Ballard Gabr, teacher at Davis Drive Middle School, to assistant principal at Apex Middle School.

Sherry Schliesser, assistant principal at Kingwood Elementary School to assistant principal at Vance Elementary School.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS – None

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

1. REVISION OF POLICY 2308, 3008,4008 - TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Revised; Second Reading

- Prohibits use or display of any tobacco product by students, employees, and visitors in any school system building or leased or owned vehicle or on any school system premises, not just in facilities serving children.
- Prohibits the possession of tobacco products by students.
- Defines "tobacco product" to include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products and 'tobacco use' to include smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve with a slight revision to the language of Policy 2308, 3008, and 4008-Tobacco-Free Environment. (Exhibit G)

Jeff York spoke up to explain the recommendation from the Policy Committee and how they reached the decision to deleting the highlighted language in the first paragraph and moving the phrase "or on grounds" to the end of the first highlighted sentence under 2308.2. Motion seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was "6 to 1" with Jeff York voting "no."

PROGRAM

1. Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the following subdivisions: Bedford at Falls River, (phase 12, and 13, phases 16 and 17, phase 18, phase 22, phase 26, phase 27, and phase 29). Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other

facilities-related costs will be avoided. *Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

2. Bell Schedule Recommendation

The proposed bell schedule modifications open and close schools at times the Transportation Department can more effectively and efficiently provide bus service to students. Advantages of the bell schedule modifications include long-term savings in operating costs, better utilization of equipment, and the ability to provide better service. It is important to note that new school openings and school relocations will dictate a need to change some opening and closing times. Additional local dollars will be required to support 44 buses not currently in the fleet if the current bell schedule is maintained. Staff recommended board approval of the bell schedule recommendation which establishes times for two (2) new schools (Holly Ridge Middle and Holly Ridge Elementary) and modifies bell schedules to change tiers at eight (8) existing elementary schools (Adams Elementary, Brassfield Elementary, Dillard Drive Elementary, Holly Springs Elementary, Kingswood Elementary, Lincoln Heights Elementary, Underwood Elementary, and Wakefield Elementary). Recommendation also includes modification of fifteen minutes or less for thirty-nine (39) existing schools to bring dismissal times in line with a true three-tier system.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into closed session at 7:10 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

Board Reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendation for Administrative Appointments

- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Mark Barber, assistant principal at Davis Drive Elementary School, to principal at Penny Road Elementary School, seconded by Beverley Clark.*
- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Franklin Creech, II, assistant principal at Timber Drive Elementary School, to principal at Fuquay-Varina Elementary School, seconded by Beverley Clark.*
- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve James Sposato, assistant principal at Powell Elementary School, to principal at Powell Elementary School, seconded by Beverley Clark.*
- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Julie Vandiver, applicant, to principal at Dillard Drive Elementary School, seconded by Beverley Clark.*
- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Teresa J. Winstead, assistant principal at Durant Middle School, to principal at Durant Elementary School.*
- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Luther Cherry, Area Assistant Superintendent, to Associate Superintendent of Operational Services.*

2. Recommendation for Administrative Transfer

- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve Administrative Transfer of Dana King, principal at East Millbrook Middle School, to principal at Millbrook High School, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.*

3. Recommendation for Career Status

- *Rosa Gill made a motion to approve 577 teachers for career status, seconded by Jeff York. The vote was unanimous.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair