

# WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION



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## OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 2004

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Members Present</u></b>	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Toni Patterson
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	
Bill Fletcher	Del Burns	
Rosa Gill	Luther Cherry	
Beverley Clark	Jonibel Willis	
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Bev White	
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Linda Isley	
	Karen Banks	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Mike Burriss	<i>None</i>
	Ann Hookers	
	Donna Hargens	

*Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

*Kathryn Watson Quigg requested an amendment to the agenda to add to the Action Agenda Facilities-Humidity Control Renovations at Hilburn Elementary School. Seconded by Amy White.*

*Patti Head made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

June 1, 2004 – Open Meeting

*Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 1, 2004, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.*

### **POLICY**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY SERIES 1000 *(Exhibit A)***

##### *Second Reading*

Policy Series 1000 is being submitted for Second Reading. Only the five attached policies required minor additional revisions from First Reading.

Policy 1200 — Under 1200.1, add “. . . and the vice chair . . .”

Policy 1322—Add in first paragraph “. . . in collaboration with the board chair and vice chair . . .”

Policy 1324—Last paragraph, last words, add “. . . and on the web site.”

Policy 1340—Under 1340.1, add the word “instructional” before programs for name of committee

Policy 1345—Make 1345.1 to read, “All items referred to committee(s) shall be reported out to the full board. Fiscal Implications-None. Recommendation for Action- All the policies in Series 1000 have been discussed with the board and have been approved for First Reading, with the 5 listed above needing additional revisions as attached. We are asking for approval of Second Reading for the entire series.

*Amy White made a motion to approve the seconded reading of Board of Education Policy Series 1000, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **FINANCE**

#### **1. ADOPTION OF THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL BUDGET RESOLUTION** (Exhibit B)

To approve the 2004-2005 School Budget Resolution. Fiscal Implications: To establish the Official Budget for the Wake County Public School System for 2004-05.

*After Superintendent McNeal made his comments concerning the School Budget Resolution, a lengthy discussion took place with the Board members.*

*Dr. Burns gave remarks relating to the BOE Budget Resolution. He began to discuss the adjustments between the Board of Education's Budget Proposal the Budget Resolution request for the 2004-2005 school year. The total budget request from the WCBOE to the County Commissioners was \$1,335,175,546. There were changes that accrued in the budget that decreased the county appropriation by \$5,000,000 and a decrease in fund balance appropriation (to balance the budget) by \$100,249; with these changes the total budget resolution is \$1,330,075,297. Dr. Burns outlined the budget cuts in local funds.*

*Ron Margiotta made a statement about his concerns concerning the budget cuts. His concerns were that he would like to adopt a budget with just a total amount without specified changes in line items. He would like for the board to adopted the budget, but to go back and review the specific line items and made change elsewhere. Dr. Burns responded that changes had to be approved (today) by the Board of Education before the budget could be approved. There were several adjustments that Ms. Margiotta will not support. Removal of 1.6% salary adjustment \$2 million for non-certified staff and central office administrators. Removal of 0.25% \$1 million increase in supplementary pay scale for certified staff. Removal for 180 months academically/intellectually gifted teachers. Removal of 125 months of instructional resource teachers \$480,327. Removal of parent leadership development institute \$102,000.*

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a statement that she will support the budget resolution with great reservation. She stated that the board has been good stewards of the tax payer's dollars and that the board has not be frivolous in the past, that is why these cuts are so painful to do. The programs that are put in place make a difference for the children of Wake County. This budget is about the children and how they succeed. The successes that the goal has meant for children and to move backwards we will be hurting the children. Each child in Wake County deserves our help to succeed. This budget is a step backward.*

*Carol Parker asked if we could take the \$2 million out of fund balance for non-certified staff salary increases? Dr. Burns reply that \$15 million of fund balance to balance the budget. The projected total fund balance as the end of June 2004 will be \$14 million.*

*Beverley Clark stated that she was very disappointed that the board did not receive the additional \$5 million in funding and that we must support the quality of our community and support our schools. She stated that in our request for the additional funding, we supplied the county commissioners with our business case for each additional program that we requested. Ms. Clark said that she would support the budget resolution with great reservation.*

*Patti Head stated that she would support the budget resolution but ask staff that after we have paid our demands to the state, if possible we reinstate these budget cuts back into the budget.*

*Amy White commented that when you are in a competitive field you have to fight to stay at the top. In order to sustain the level of achievement in this district, we had to continue to put in place the types of programs that will cause our children to excel. The pack toward progress stops with these budget cuts.*

*We are able to put in place programs that will continue to help our students achieve with these budget cuts. So with great reservation, she will support the budget resolution.*

*Patti Head stated that the Board of Education is dedicated to increase and continue conversations with our county commissioners and the public so they fully understand the impact these budget cuts do to the programs of Wake County Public Schools and where we are going with Goal 2008. Wake County Public Schools is used as model of public schools across the nation and we don't want to lose our leadership position.*

*Beverley Clark agreed with Ms. Head that we must continue conversation so that the county commissioners and the public understand Goal 2008. Goal 2008 means helping each child excel to the next level.*

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve the Adoption of the 2004-2005 School Budget Resolution, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was 7 to 1 with Ron Margiotta voting "no."*

## **POLICY**

### **1. 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 one of the Board's appointees, Harvey Montague, expires June 30, 2004. Fiscal Implications-None. Recommendation for Action-Presented for nominations and appointment to be made by the Board. *Carol Parker made a motion to approve the reappointment of Harvey Montague to the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.*

## **FACILITIES**

### **HUMIDITY CONTROL RENOVATIONS AT HILBURN ELEMENTARY**

Hilburn Elementary continues to struggle with high humidity levels within the building. In the summer and fall of 2003 maintenance staff installed new equipment in one wing of the building and performed mold remediation and carpet replacements. The modifications are effective in the portion of the building. Staff recommends modifications to the remainder of the equipment. Bids were received June 22, 2004 for modifications to the remainder of the building. The bids are significantly over budget and award will require board approval. Staff recommends award of the project to Hockaday Mechanical Corporation in the amount of \$143,890. Fiscal Implications-Funds are available in deferred maintenance portion of the PLAN 2000 building program. Recommendation for Action- Due to immediate need to install the equipment during the summer vacation, Board approval is recommended.

*Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Susan Parry adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Susan Parry, Chair

