



**WAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2010**

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

Chairman, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- Chairman Margiotta made the following remarks, *“I acknowledge that during the last few months, the discussions of the Board of Education have focused on student assignment and devising a better method of offering choice and stability to all families. We have made every effort to be diligent in responding to the voices of parents. We believe that this new approach to student assignment will provide quality educational opportunities for all children by addressing the needs of families and communities that the district serves. The new assignment plan will overcome the inefficiencies of the past including a lack of stability, while increasing trust and collaboration between all stakeholders.*

This Board, does not intend to create high poverty or low-performing schools in the new zone assignments. Again, let me repeat that this Board does not intend to create high poverty or low-performing schools in the new zone assignments. Our intention is to provide choice and increased stability for all families while increasing the focus on student achievement and methods to ensure academic success for all children. While there are those individuals who prefer to cause unnecessary distractions, this Board cannot and will not permit these distractions to divert our attention away from our priority of increased achievement for all students.

I have requested from Superintendent Hargens, along with the support of staff, a detailed report using the most recent student achievement, once the data has been verified by the Department of Public Instruction. This report will include a complete and thorough analysis of End-of-Grade and End-of-Course results, showing the gains and losses by grade level for every Wake County school.

Based on this report, I have also requested that staff prepare a plan of action identifying the needs of students as well as strategies to address those needs. I have requested information for students below grade level as well as strategies for addressing the needs of students who are academically gifted.

While this Board will continue to forge ahead in devising a new method for student assignment, I look forward to conversations during the next few months focusing on strategies to boost student achievement throughout the system. Thank you.”

Superintendent’s Comments

- Dr. Hargens congratulated Chief of Staff, Terri Cobb, who successfully defended her dissertation and earned her doctorate in June 2010.
- Sylvia Wilkins, principal of Dillard Drive Elementary School, and Matt Wight, principal at Apex High School, were selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of Distinguished Leadership in Practice (DLP).
- On July 1st, the Ribbon-cutting Ceremony was held for Holly Grove Middle and on Wednesday, July 7th, the Ribbon-cutting Ceremony was held for Alston Ridge Elementary. Dr. Hargens and Chairman Margiotta had the honor of attending. Dr. Hargens thanked Ken Proulx, principal at Holly Grove Middle, and Fran Venezia, principal at Alston Ridge Elementary for hosting the events. Dr. Hargens also thanked the community members who were in attendance to show their support.
- On July 6th, Instructional Services held staff development activities for teachers in year-round schools.
- Back-to-School resources are now available on the internet for parents. Included is information related to kindergarten registration, bus routes, lunch programs, bell schedules, and more.
- On July 9th, the 2010-2011 school year started. Dr. Hargens thanked principals, teachers, and support staff in all year-round schools for their careful planning in making the day run smoothly.
- Southeast Raleigh High School Senior, Neel Mandavilli, was one of four students from North Carolina honored by Congressman David Price with a Congressional Award Gold Medal. Over 250 young people from across the country were honored at an event held in Washington, DC last month.
- Southeast Raleigh High School Senior, Julie R. Robinson was among more than 1,900 additional winners of the National Merit Scholarships.
- Broughton High School rising senior, Sarah Dumas, recently attended the National Bar Association’s Crump Law Camp held at Howard University in Washington, DC.
- During the summer months, the school social workers have continued to support families. As of this week, 26 social workers have made over 300 home visits to families to assist with school registration.
- This summer, the Program Accountability Team in Evaluation & Research updated the K-5 Assessment Result analysis programs.

- Dr. Hargens congratulated Migdalia De Los Santos, counselor at Knightdale Elementary School. She was recently selected by ETS to serve on the National Praxis School Counseling Advisory Committee.
- Dr. Jacque Mercer, school psychologist at Forest Pines Elementary and North Forest Pines Elementary, recently presented at the North Carolina School Psychology Associations Annual Conference. Her presentation was titled: “An Overview of Data Driven Decision Making.”
- Dr. Hargens congratulated Brian Sumner, Senior Administrator for Testing. Mr. Sumner was selected to co-chair DPI’s Accountability Configuration Control Board.
- The Juvenile Justice Youth Summit was held on June 22, 2010 with an attendance of over 300 representatives from agencies such as Wake County Juvenile Justice, local SRO’s, Wake County Human Services, and WCPSS employees.
- The Arts Education Department collaborated with the United Arts Council of Raleigh/Wake County to conduct a week-long institute on arts integration. Thirteen teams attended the institute. Each team was composed of a classroom teacher, an arts teacher, an administrator, and a parent.
- Through the hot summer, students have continued to volunteer to work their Community Garden. This 1,000 square foot organic garden was started last year as a partnership with Cherry Huffman Architects to grow food for the Interfaith Food Shuttle’s “Plant a Row for the Hungry” program.

Board Members’ Comments

- Mrs. Prickett congratulated Mrs. Melinda Stephani. Mrs. Stephani is a retired Wake County Public School System employee who was sworn in by North Carolina House of Representative, Nelson Dollar, as a Governor’s Appointee to the North Carolina Holocaust Council on June 18, 2010. Mrs. Prickett attended the ceremony.
- Mrs. Prickett also shared that she had the opportunity to attend the Summer Institute for the 21st Century Community Learning Center After-School Programs in Washington, D.C., which was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. The after-school program is one of the largest in the nation with a \$1.1 billion budget. Presently, some of the programs are in Wake County and there are many throughout the state of North Carolina. Mrs. Prickett shared that Geoffrey Canada, the President and Chief Executive Officer for Harlems’s Children Zone, was the keynote speaker.
- Mr. Hill congratulated Dr. Hargens for being a finalist for the superintendent’s position in New Hanover County. Mr. Hill also shared that the preliminary test scores were released for End-of-Course and End-of-Grade, he also thanked the teachers, staff, parents, and students at each school for their hard work for the gains. Mr. Hill also thanked Dr. Burns, WCPSS’s former superintendent for laying the ground work with his focus on learning and teaching, the professional learning teams, and the professional security to call for the Curriculum Management Audit, which helped to get things going.
- Dr. Morrison echoed Mr. Hill’s comments and accolades to Dr. Hargens for her honor in being selected as a finalist in the superintendent search in New Hanover County. Dr. Morrison shared how proud she was of Dr. Cobb. Dr. Morrison

thanked everyone for their kind condolences after the death of her sister on June 15th.

- Mrs. Goldman shared that the search firm, Heidrick and Struggles spent three days conducting focus groups and input sessions with stakeholders. The search firm continues their research and have been putting forth a very diligent effort. Included in the three-day input sessions were two open public sessions, one in the evening, the other in the daytime where members of the community could come and speak. There were approximately 50 people in attendance at the two public sessions. Mrs. Goldman shared that the Superintendent Search Committee will continue to meet and shared that the meetings are open to the public.
- Mr. Tedesco shared that the Board is continuing their efforts to engage the community to be stakeholders in schools. Mr. Tedesco shared that during the week of July 12th, the Board had an opportunity to reach out to Lenovo. Lenovo hosted a half-day conference where several Board members were in attendance, they included, Chairman Margiotta, Mrs. Goldman, and Dr. McLaurin. Board members learned what's happening in technology elements of education around the country and globally, and where the Board can work collaboratively as a community partner moving forward. Mr. Tedesco shared that Lenovo has a strong interest in being strong partners with the school system as the Board embarks on a new future that looks at a plan for all elements of advancing academic achievement in WCPSS.
- Mr. Tedesco thanked the large group of community stakeholders who have come together to “roll up” their sleeves and do the hard work for the issues of the economically disadvantaged students with the Economically Disadvantaged Student Performance Task Force. The task force has kicked off the first meetings really well. Mr. Tedesco thanked Dr. Hargens for her help and leadership. Mr. Tedesco encouraged people to come to the next meeting of the task force which will be held on Thursday, July 29th at 4:00 p.m. at Smith Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Margiotta requested to move Item #23, BOARD POLICY 2100:

EMPLOYMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT from Consent to the Action Agenda.

Chairman Margiotta added the following items to the Action Agenda: Suspension of Policy 1300, Board Meeting, and Policy 1340, Board Standing Committees, for a period of three months, Board Policy 2570: Naming of Schools, the Capping of Enrollment at Cedar Fork Elementary for the 2010-2011 School Year, and Board Advisory Council Nominations. The Board also removed item #33, Revision of Board Policy 2420: Distribution of Publications by Non-Students for first reading from the agenda.

Carolyn Morrison made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. ACADEMICALLY INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED PROGRAM PLAN

Article 9B (N.C.G.S. 115C-150.5) provides a state definition for Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) students and requires local education agencies (LEA) to develop three-year AIG local plans with specific components, to be approved by local

school boards and subsequently sent to the State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for review and comment. Article 9B is the current legislation mandating identification and services for gifted education K-12 in North Carolina.

The NC AIG Program Standards (adopted by the State Board of Education, July 2009) serve as a statewide framework and guide LEAs to develop, coordinate and implement thoughtful and comprehensive AIG programs.

Dr. Hargens recognized the staff for their hard work with the AG Plan and she also recognized former Director, Joyce Gardner, for her dedication, passion, and commitment to all students; in particular, as her role as Director of K-12 Academically Gifted Program. Darryl Fisher shared that Article 9B of the North Carolina General Statute 115C-150.5 requires local education agencies to develop a three-year AIG plan. The AIG plan must be approved by the Board of Education and sent to the State Board of Education and DPI for review and comment.

Mr. Fisher shared that the AIG Program standards serve as a statewide framework and guides LEA's to develop a comprehensive AIG Plan. The AIG Plan includes six principle standards with fifty accompanying practices. In the past, Wake County's AIG Plan has been an exemplary plan for the state, it has been used as a model for the state.

The six principle standards of the AIG Plan comprise the following:

- Student identification,
- Differentiated curriculum and instruction,
- Personnel and professional development,
- Comprehensive programming with total school community,
- Partnerships, and
- Program accountability

The six standards include a total of fifty practices, which include maintained, focused, and future practices. Priority is given to the twelve focus practices in the proposed plan. Focus practices were chosen based on feedback from focus groups and surveys.

One of the requirements of the AIG Plan is to receive feedback from the community. Mr. Fisher shared that staff had six focus group sessions, they included; 654 elementary school parent surveys, 502 middle school parent surveys, 65 elementary school principal surveys, 18 middle school principal surveys, Gifted Education Leadership Team input, and the AG Teacher focus group and recommendations.

Parents and principals were invited to participate in the focus groups over a 2 month span of time at various times and locations throughout the county. All survey participants were invited to participate in the focus groups if they were interested. Approximately 100 participants were in the focus groups. The Gifted Education Leadership Team is comprised of principals, AG teachers, AG staff, and meets a minimum of three times per year or as scheduled by the AIG Program Director.

The areas identified and recommended for improvement in the 2007-2010 Plan included:
Improve communication

- An increase in the number of students from underrepresented populations,

An improved AG service to students which would include,

- more direct AG service to students,
- increase visible AG service to students (i.e. project-based learning),
- focus on underrepresented populations

Descriptions of referral and identification process needed clarification and more parent friendly language.

Mr. Fisher shared that the 2010-2013 AIG Plan incorporates additional consultation services for middle school students identified as very strong. Alternate pathways for identification will be used for students from underrepresented populations.

Mr. Fisher shared Standard 1 - Student Identification, Standard 4 – Comprehensive Programming within a Total School Community, Standard 5 - Partnerships , and Standard 6 – Program Accountability of the AIG Program Standards with the Board. He stated that the AIG Plan is a living document and will be annually reviewed with stakeholders to ensure that staff is focusing on the recommendations that have been made and have made the recommended changes.

Mr. Fisher requested that the Board review the draft AIG Plan and will ask for the Board’s approval of the AIG Plan at their next meeting. Pending Board approval, the AIG Plan will be submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction for their review, comments, and approval.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the percentage of students who are identified, the areas that were identified for improvement, the percentage of AIG students that represent underrepresented populations, if EVAAS data is being used to identify underrepresented populations, and how staff arrived at the recommendations/ strategies.

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.

Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, read the following statement prior to the Public Comment.
“The Board invites comments from members of the public on issues of public concern. The Board is committed to conducting its meetings with order, civility, and respect, and asks that all meeting participants comply with the following expectations.

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Please give your name when you begin speaking; it is not necessary to give your address. Please stay within your time limit. There is a light on the podium that keeps track of the time for each speaker. When it turns yellow, 30 seconds are remaining. The light will turn red and beep when the speaker's time is up. Because of the large number of speakers tonight, each person will be allowed two minutes for remarks. Speakers may not give their time to another speaker, or trade their time slot with another speaker. If a speaker chooses not to speak or is not present at the time he/she is called, the Chair will move to the next speaker on the list.

Under State law and Board Policy, the Board may provide for the designation of spokesmen for groups or persons supporting or opposing the same positions. Also, 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.

Speakers are welcome to offer substantive comments or criticism but are required to refrain from personal attacks and insults directed at Board members or others. The Board also asks that members of the audience show respect for each speaker and refrain from loud comments or other disruptions. Also, members of the audience who are carrying signs must keep the signs in front of themselves and not raised above their heads to avoid blocking the view of others.

Any person who interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts the Board meeting may be directed to leave the premises by the Board Chairman. The Board regularly sets aside 30 minutes at the beginning of its meeting for Public Comment unless the Board extends this time. Any speakers remaining at the end of the 30 minute period will be recognized at the conclusion of the Board's business agenda."

- **Bill Randall** – Mr. Randall spoke to the Board regarding his opposition to bussing and diversity programs, and shared his support for neighborhood schools.
- **Donna Williams** – Ms. Williams thanked the Board majority for doing what they said they would do when they ran for office. Ms. Williams also thanked the Board majority for implementing budget cuts of over \$25 million.
- **Jim Martin** – Dr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding his thoughts on the Board's discussion of changing how the Board would conduct meetings; changing from meeting twice a month to once a month. Dr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding his thoughts on the Board removing the educational requirements from the job description of the superintendent.
- **Jeff Morse** – Mr. Morse spoke to the Board regarding saving \$25 million of taxpayer funds. Mr. Morse thanked the Board members for their service and for ending forced bussing.
- **Art Wilson** – Mr. Wilson spoke to the Board regarding his support of the Board majority and the majority being fiscally conservative and setting out to do what they said they would do.
- **Lynn Edmonds** – Ms. Edmonds spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on the Board majority's decisions regarding the hiring of a search firm for a new

superintendent and the proposal to revise the credentials of the next superintendent. Ms Edmonds also shared her opposition to the Board majority.

- **Chase Foster** – Mr. Foster spoke to the Board condemning the recent decision to allow the Civitas Institute to hold one of five private stakeholder meetings with the Superintendent Search Firm, Heidrick and Struggles. Mr. Foster shared his thoughts regarding the Civitas Institute.
- **Samuel L. Greene** – Mr. Greene spoke to the Board regarding the characteristics that should be sought in selecting a new superintendent. Mr. Greene also shared that the Board should seek someone that has an educational background as that will help with the split in the community. Mr. Greene urged the Board to be on one accord.
- **Kathy Boos** – Ms. Boos encouraged the Board to hire an educator as the next superintendent. Ms. Boos encouraged the Board to think about the children that they are affecting with reassignment and the neighborhood schools plan. Ms. Boos appealed to the Board to reinstate the diversity policy for the benefit of all children.
- **Betty Ellerbee** – Ms. Ellerbee shared her discouragement with the disregard the Board has shown for the body of research supporting the value of socio-economic diversity. Ms. Ellerbee stated her opposition to removing the requirement of the Wake County Superintendent being an educator and that the Board awarded the search for the superintendent to the highest bidder.
- **Heather Losurdo** – Ms. Losurdo thanked Dr. Hargens for what she has done thus far. She also thanked the Board for the tireless hours they spend in meetings. Ms. Losurdo thanked the Board for continuing to do what they said they would do during their campaigns and shared that they had her support.
- **Amy Lee** – Ms. Lee shared that recently released 2009-10 test results in Wake County show commendable gains and an across the board narrowing of achievement gaps. Ms. Lee shared that credit for rising test scores is due to hard working teachers who participated in professional learning teams. Ms. Lee shared that it is critical for the Board of Education to create a good working environment for teachers where they can inspire student success.
- **Diana Bader** – Ms. Bader shared that the community zone assignment plan will create high poverty schools and will re-segregate schools. Ms. Bader shared that research shows that high poverty schools and re-segregation will happen in the school system. Ms. Bader shared that “we will not stop fighting, because we know what studies have proven and what the research shows; high poverty schools do not help children.”
- **Melonie Taylor** – Ms. Taylor shared that she hopes the school board is successful in increasing graduation rates among minorities and among all students. Ms. Taylor shared that she wanted the Board to hire a superintendent that can use data and research and not opinions to back up decisions.
- **Sonju Gichie** – Ms. Gichie shared her personal experience as a student who was told in her primary years that her reading and writing skills would never be good enough for a standard class, today she is taking all advance classes, including four AP classes. Ms. Gichie shared with Board members that students need excellent schools with equal opportunities to be identified as AIG students.

- **Susan Evans** – Ms. Evans shared that if the new Board majority has ideas that can improve student achievement in WCPSS’s low performing schools to share the information now instead of waiting for the reassignment plan.
- **Marie Garlock** – Ms. Garlock shared her thoughts with the Board on how she sees the new Board majority and the decisions that have recently been made.
- **Rob Stephens** – Mr. Stephens shared his thoughts and feelings regarding the creation of neighborhood schools. Mr. Stephens shared information with the Board comparing the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County assignment plan with the creation of community-based assignment zones in Wake County.
- **Camellia Lee** – Ms. Lee shared her thoughts and feelings regarding diversity and public education for all students.
- **Michelle Laws** – Ms. Laws shared her thoughts in opposing the Board’s recent decisions and policies.

The Board recessed the meeting at 4:47 p.m. The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 4:48 p.m. on a motion by Debra Goldman, seconded by John Tedesco. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:25 p.m.

- **Judy Keener** – Ms. Keener presented a grassroots petition of appreciation for the Wake County Board of Education.
- **Tama Bouncer** – Ms. Bouncer congratulated the students and educators in Wake County for the preliminary End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) test scores for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Bouncer shared that the scores have shown improvement in almost all subgroups and also a closing of the achievement gap at several grade levels in addition to EOC tests being passed by 85% of students. Ms. Bouncer shared that the improvements are the result of the work during the 2009-2010 school year of professional learning teams and the focus on data.
- **Christopher Acock** – Mr. Acock shared that he supports diversity and not re-segregating schools or having high poverty schools. Mr. Acock shared that the approach being sought by the Board will create high poverty schools.
- **Debbie Griffith Overby** – Ms. Overby shared that she supports diversity, but not forced bussing. Ms. Overby shared that she truly cares about the economically disadvantaged students in Wake County and that Wake County should try the new community-based assignment zone plan.
- **Paul Anderson** – Mr. Anderson shared his thoughts with the Board regarding abandoning one plan that works, for one that is being guided as they move forward. Mr. Anderson shared that its his hope that the Board can reach consensus on helping all children in Wake County.
- **Frank Hurley** – Mr. Hurley congratulated the Board and requested that they stay the course and that their efforts are appreciated.
- **Kathleen Brennan** – Ms. Brennan shared her thoughts from the SAS EVAAS report, that the county has institutionalized low expectations and missed opportunities for minority and low-income students. Ms. Brennan thanked the Board members for proceeding forward in trying to find something new to try to educate children better.
- **Bernard (Bill) Irlbeck** – Mr. Irlbeck shared personal experiences of the result of high poverty public schools. He also shared his thoughts regarding there not being

enough magnet slots available. Mr. Irlbeck urged the Board to spend their time and energy getting the magnet program fully funded so that there are enough slots available for everyone who qualifies and wants to attend.

- **Colethia Evans** – Ms. Evans shared the research she obtained on the Fairfax County Schools model which included per pupil spending, free and reduced lunch percentages, and the graduation rate that had been reviewed by Board members. Ms. Evans urged the Board to keep their focus on the students, keep resources in classrooms, replicate best practices from across the county and state, and to obtain ideas from across the spectrum of passionate parents and community leaders.
- **Benjamin Duncan** – Mr. Duncan shared his support of diversity and his lack of support for a neighborhood school system. Mr. Duncan requested that the Board not abandon a system that has worked, but improve it.

CONSENT ITEMS

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2010	-	Student Achievement Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2010	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2010	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2010	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2010	-	Committee of the Whole Minutes
June 15, 2010	-	Annual Board of Education Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2010	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2010	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2010	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2010	-	Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

8. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

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

9. RENEWAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, LTD. (AAL) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WCPSS has an agreement with AAL to provide maintenance and support of the Esis software used for NCWISE. WCPSS has been utilizing AAL support services directly since 2003 when the district entered a Memo of Understanding with DPI and became its own data center. Cost of maintenance for each of the last two years was \$179,055.20. Cost to renew maintenance for the 2010-11 fiscal year was negotiated to remain static at \$179,055.20. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of renewal is \$179,055.20. Funding for contracted services is identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2010-11

operating budget request. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of renewal.

10. CONTRACT: SECURITY SERVICES FOR 2010-2012

Board approval is requested for contracted security services for the Alarm Monitoring Center, night patrol, administration buildings, bicycle patrol officers, security officers on elementary school campuses. Staff recommends that AlliedBarton Security Services be awarded the contract for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. The annual value of this contract is approximately \$1,358,500. The rates will remain the same for the next two years. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available through budgeted security contract services in the amount of \$1,358,500. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

11. CONTRACT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

This contract will be made with the City of Raleigh to provide school resource officers at each of the following high schools:

Athens Drive High School	Millbrook High School
Broughton High School	Sanderson High School
Enloe High School	Southeast Raleigh High School
Longview/Phillips High School	Wakefield High School
Leesville High School	

Fiscal Implications: Funding for this contract, in the amount of \$340,542.00 (\$37,838.00 per school), is available through At-Risk fund 69 for the 2010-2011 school year. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

12. CONTRACT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

This contract will be made with the Wake County Sheriff's Department to provide school resource officers at each of the high schools:

East Wake High School
Wake Forest-Rolesville 9th Grade Center
Wakefield High School 9th Grade Center

Fiscal Implications: Funding for this contract, in the amount of \$113,574.00 (\$37,838.00 per school), is available through At-Risk fund 69 for the 2010-2011 school year. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

13. CONTRACT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

This contract will be made with the Town of Cary to provide school resource officers at each of the high schools located within the city. The following is a list of the schools:

Cary High School	Middle Creek High School
Green Hope High School	Panther Creek High School

Fiscal Implications: Funding for this contract, in the amount of \$113,514.00 (\$37,838.00 per school), is available through At-Risk fund 69 for the 2010-2011

school year. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

FACILITIES

14. LEASE AGREEMENT: MODULAR SPACE CORPORATION ANNUAL LEASE

Staff recommends approval of lease payments to Modular Space Corporation totaling \$263,484 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This is in accordance with the Master Lease Agreement approved by the Board of Education on February 7, 2009. The lease payments are for 82 buildings (one 6-classroom unit, one 7-classroom unit, two 2-classroom units, two multipurpose units, three restroom units, and 73 single units) at 33 campuses. Fiscal implications: Funding is available in the capital outlay portion of the operating budget for 2010-2011. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

15. LEASE AGREEMENT: M-SPACE HOLDINGS ANNUAL LEASE

Staff recommends approval of lease payments to M-Space Holdings totaling \$195,120 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This is in accordance with the Master Lease Agreement approved by the Board of Education on February 7, 2009. The lease payments are for four 8-classroom modular buildings at 3 campuses. Fiscal implications: Funding is available in the capital outlay portion of the operating budget for 2010-2011. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

16. LEASE AGREEMENT: VANGUARD MODULAR BUILDING SYSTEMS ANNUAL LEASE

Staff recommends approval of lease payments to Vanguard Modular Building Systems totaling \$810,492 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This is in accordance with the Master Lease Agreement approved by the Board of Education on February 7, 2009. The lease payments are for 19 buildings (eleven 8-classroom units, six 6-classroom units, and two 4-classroom units) at 14 campuses. Fiscal implications: Funding is available in the capital outlay portion of the operating budget for 2010-2011. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

17. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-02: ROLESVILLE MIDDLE (M-6)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-02 to D. H. Griffin Construction Company, LLC, for their Construction Management at Risk contract for Rolesville Middle School. This change order, in the amount of \$22,074,772, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Release 2, which is forty (40) of the forty-three (43) construction packages bid to date for this project. A list of bid packages is attached. The change order for the work at the offsite intersections will be brought to a future board meeting to establish the total GMP for the Rolesville Middle School Project. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$43,427,316, of which \$42,509,271 is from CIP 2006, \$426,157 is currently from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements, \$245,944 from Wake County Parks & Recreation, and \$245,944 from the Town of Rolesville. It is expected that the total Offsite Improvements budget commitment will ultimately be approximately \$1,900,000. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

18. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-13 AND CM-16: LACY ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-16 to Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc., for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract for additions and renovations at Lacy Elementary. This change order, a reduction in the amount of \$92,604.34, provides final reconciliation of the remaining construction manager contingency and architectural contingency funds. This change order will complete this contract. The final Guaranteed Maximum Price for this contract is \$18,596,224.48. The CMAR contract allows for unused construction manager contingency funds to be credited to the construction manager as follows: 40% for meeting substantial completion; 20% for meeting final completion; and 40% for meeting specific performance measures. This construction manager met substantial completion, final completion, and met 96% of the performance measures. The attachments show how the unused construction manager contingency was calculated, the process for evaluation of their performance, and other key criteria about this contract. Board approval is also requested to ratify the execution of Change Order No. CM-13, a reduction in the amount of \$528,081.11, for unused general conditions and construction allowances. It was inadvertently presented for execution on March 9, 2010 without having Board approval first. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,941,774, of which \$525,000 is from PLAN 2004, \$21,086,995 from CIP 2006, and \$329,779 from CIP 2006 Offsite (Public) Improvements. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

19. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR CAPITAL COLLABORATION PROJECTS

This resolution requests an appropriation from the restricted fund balance to Banks Road Elementary (\$11,721.85), and Sycamore Creek Elementary (\$165,628.17). These amounts are municipal collaboration funds that were closed into a restricted fund balance at fiscal year end June 30, 2010, and must be re-appropriated for the new fiscal year 2010 – 2011. Fiscal implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$177,350.02. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

20. RESOLUTION: REVISE APPROPRIATION FOR CIP 2006

On June 22, 2010, the Board of Commissioners approved the 15-year lease of Crossroads I and II for WCPSS administrative space beginning May 1, 2011. Included in the resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners was a redirection of current CIP 2006 capital funds in order to fund a sub-fund (sinking fund) within the WCPSS capital projects fund. Annual transfers from the County's WCPSS Capital Projects Fund to the County's General Fund will be included in the County's general fund budget in order to fund the differential between WCPSS' current lease costs and the increased operating budget cost of the Crossroads I and Crossroads II lease. The Board of Commissioners directed that upon sale of the existing administrative spaces, projects that were deferred from the redirection of funds would be funded and able to move forward. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, this Board of Education resolution requests reducing the appropriation for CIP 2006 by \$13,224,163. \$9,189,363 of this reduction comes from Land Purchase and \$4,034,800 comes from Life Cycle Replacement of Building Components which was designated for component replacements at the administration buildings on Wake Forest Road and Noble Road. Upon sale of administrative buildings, proceeds will be used toward land acquisition and life cycle repair projects. Fiscal implications: The appropriation for CIP 2006 will

decrease by \$13,224,163, from \$880,216,472 to \$866,992,309, until the current administration buildings are sold. Once they are sold, the money will be re-appropriated to the land and life cycle budgets. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

21. GRANT PROPOSALS

Competitive (#00111): Pepsi, Refresh Project / Individual Schools.

- Competitive (#00211): Toshiba, American Foundation Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#00311): Target Stores, Field Trip Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#00411): US Department of Education, Full-Service Community Schools Program / Central Services.
- Competitive (#00511): Walmart Store and Sam's Club, Giving Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#00611): Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award, National Gardening Association, Kids Gardening / Individual Schools.
- Collaboration (#00711): Wake County Community Partnership Funding, Kraft Family YMCA / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#00811): US Department of Education, High School Graduation Initiative / Central Services.
- Contract (#00911): PRC 602 – Wake County Smart Start, Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Program / Central Services.
- Contract (#001011): PRC 603 – Wake County Smart Start, Consultation and Support for Child Care Providers / Central Services.
- Contract (#001111): PRC 604 – Wake County Smart Start, Supporting School Readiness Program / Central Services.
- Competitive (#001211): US Department of Education, Smaller Learning Communities 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

22. BOARD POLICY 1610: BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Second Reading

The Policy Committee approved revisions for Policy 1610, Board Member Opportunities for Development, on June 9, 2010. The revisions were presented at Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2010. The proposed revisions reflect changes in G.S. 115C-50. The Board approved the first reading on June 15, 2010. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: The Policy Committee requests Board approval.

24. BOARD POLICY 3219: JOB DESCRIPTION TEACHER

Revised: Second Reading

This policy was reviewed by the Policy Committee on June 9, 2010 and the Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2010. It also was presented to the Board for a first reading at its June 15, 2010 meeting. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

25. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Professional
- b. Support
- c. Contract Central Services Administrators

26. REQUEST FOR LEAVES

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. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

27. CAPPING OF ENROLLMENT AT CEDAR FORK ELEMENTARY FOR 2010 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The Growth and Planning Department recommends that the enrollment be capped for the 2010-2011 school year at Cedar Fork Elementary. Staff presented information at the Committee of the Whole showing enrollment in the base area has grown rapidly for the past year, and is expected to continue, and has caused serious overcrowding at the school. The enrollment cap recommended by staff is 843. Enrollment capping is governed by Board Policy 6204. Board Policy 6204.1 states, in part, “shall become effective on a date specified by the board, but not later than midnight on May 1 prior to the beginning of the school year of implementation.” Waiver of Board Policy 6204.1 will be necessary to approve this capping request. The overflow school agreed to by the Board in a discussion at the July 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole is _____. Fiscal implications: Transportation costs may increase due to travel time. Other facility related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Laura Evans shared that the Growth and Planning Department recommends that the enrollment be capped for the 2010-2011 school year at Cedar Fork Elementary beginning July 21, 2010. The enrollment cap recommended by staff is 843 students. The overflow school agreed to by the Board in a discussion at the July 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole would be Weatherstone Elementary School. Staff requested approval of a cap on Cedar Fork Elementary’s enrollment with an overflow school of Weatherstone Elementary and, effective immediately; a waiver of policy 6204.1.

Debra Goldman made a motion to waive Board Policy 6204.1, the motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion to waive policy was unanimously approved.

Debra Goldman made a motion to cap the enrollment at Cedar Fork Elementary for the 2010-11 school year and that the Board assigns the students that request a traditional option in the affected nodes to attend Weatherstone Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

28. REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 6520: STUDENT GRIEVANCES

First Reading

Staff will present proposed changes to Policy 6520 to bring it into alignment with Policies 7105, Use of School Transportation Services, and 7125, School Bus Routing and Stops. The Policy Committee on June 9, 2010, and the Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2010, reviewed and recommended approval of the changes. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for action: Recommend that the Board receive this first reading and direct staff to place on the agenda of the August 3, 2010 Board meeting.

Don Haydon shared in the original wording of Board Policy 6520. The policy referred only to the principal as being the person to whom a grievance was sent, while in fact, the transportation decisions are made by the Senior Director of Transportation.

Staff reviewed the proposed changes in Board Policy 6520, in paragraph B and B4. Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the revisions to Board Policy 6520. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICY

29. BOARD POLICY 2333: REPORTING INFORMATION TO THE PRINCIPAL AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Revised: Second Reading

This policy was reviewed by the Policy Committee on June 9, 2010 and the Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2010. It also was presented to the Board for a first reading at its June 15, 2010 meeting. A revision resulting from discussion with the Board at its June 15, 2010 meeting is denoted in blue. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Stephen Gainey reviewed the revised section of B3 with the Board. With no questions from the Board, Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the revision to Board Policy 2333/3033/4033. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

30. BOARD POLICY 3233: ACTION PLANS RECOMMENDED CHANGES

Revised: First Reading

The Policy Committee met on June 24, 2010 to review these revisions to this policy. This same information was presented at the Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2010. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Dr. Gainey shared that staff inserted two ratings (developing and not demonstrated) that are being brought on by the new Teacher Evaluation Instrument. Staff also indicated a third possible outcome, which is non-renewal. Dr. Gainey reminded the Board that the policy addresses all types of employees. Dr. Gainey reviewed each of the following sections of the policy that were revised; Section C, G, G3, and H.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the revision Board Policy 3233. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

31. REVISION OF POLICY 2334: REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

First Reading

Staff will present proposed changes to Policy 2334/3034/4034/6434 to clarify the procedures to be followed for contractor personnel who are delivering or picking up equipment, materials or supplies at schools. Section E of the existing policy requires that all contractors conduct annual checks of contractor personnel on several registries. The proposed change would exempt from that requirement personnel who are solely delivering or picking up equipment, materials or supplies at the administrative office or loading dock of the school, at non-school sites, at schools closed for renovation, or at school construction sites. It is noted that the underlined portion was added after the Policy Committee meeting. The Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2010, reviewed and recommended approval of the changes. Fiscal implications: None. Recommendation for action: Recommend that the Board receive this first reading and direct staff to place on the agenda of the August 3, 2010 Board meeting.

Don Haydon shared that there would be forthcoming wording revisions to the R & P. With no questions from the Board, Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the revisions to Board Policy 2334/3034/4034/6434. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

32. REVISION FOR BOARD POLICY 2110: JOB DESCRIPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT

First Reading

The Policy Committee discussed Board Policy 2110, Job Description of the Superintendent, at the June 24 Policy Committee meeting. The Policy Committee requested for the item to be added to the July 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion by the entire Board. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: The Policy Committee requests Board approval.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the revisions to Board Policy 2110, the motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The Board voted 6 to 2 with Anne McLaurin and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The motion passed.

SUSPEND POLICY 1300, BOARD MEETING AND POLICY 1340, BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS

The Board will suspend Policy 1300 and 1340 through November 9, 2010 so that the Board can have one action meeting and at least one work session per month and the operation of standing committees will be suspended. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: The Policy Committee requests Board approval.

John Tedesco made a motion to suspend Policy 1300 and Policy 1340 through November 9, 2010 as follows; the Board will have one action meeting and one work session meeting per month and the operation of the standing committees will be suspended. The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman.

Anne McLaurin wanted to include public participation (Public Comment) at the Board Work Session. John Tedesco suggested to formally allow an hour of Public Comment

during the one action meeting held monthly.

With several comments of hesitation from Board members regarding the issue, Chairman Margiotta requested to withdraw the motion from the floor or vote the motion down and look at other options.

Keith Sutton shared that he was inclined to agree with the chair, to remove the item from the table to give Board members time to review and to come back with better recommendations.

The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. Without a 2/3 vote, the motion did not pass.

Debra Goldman made the following motion, “*to make the change and have the item presented as a first reading for the policy change*”. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone.

Keith Sutton clarified that since the Board could not waive/suspend policy, the Board is going to go forth with amending the policy with a majority vote. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The vote was 4 to 4. The Chairman broke the tie by voting “yes”. The motion to make the change and have the item presented as a first reading passed on a 5 to 4 vote.

BOARD POLICY 2570: NAMING OF SCHOOLS

The Policy Committee discussed Board Policy 2571, Naming of Schools at the June 24 Policy Committee meeting. At the request of the Board, the Committee requested for the Policy to be added to the July 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole Agenda for further discussion by the entire Board. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the recommended policy change in Board Policy 2571. The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman. After several comments from Board members regarding the policy, 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 motion passed on a 5 to 4 vote.

POLICY

23. BOARD POLICY 2100: EMPLOYMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Second Reading

The Policy Committee approved revisions for Policy 2100, Employment of the Superintendent on June 9, 2010. The revisions were presented at Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2010 and the Board approved the first reading on June 15, 2010. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: The Policy Committee

requests Board approval.

Debra Goldman made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the second reading of Board Policy 2100. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. Carolyn Morrison made the following motion, *“to table action on Board Policy 2100, Employment of the Superintendent, pending receipt of the public input which has been solicited by our search firm, Heidrick and Struggles. This information should be considered prior to finalizing the policy.”* The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. After several comments from Board members and the reading of the State Statute regarding the employment of a superintendent, 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 vote was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no.” The motion failed to pass.

Anne McLaurin shared her opposition to having C3 – “In the event that the vote to elect a Superintendent is not unanimous, the Board shall then extend the newly-elected Superintendent a unanimous vote of support and confidence.” in the policy if board members did vote against it, it creates a public record that is not an honest public record.

After several comments from Board members regarding C3, Board attorney, Ann Majestic stated that, *“it does seem questionable to dictate a vote.”* Dr. McLaurin made a motion to delete C3 of Policy 2100 *“In the event that the vote to elect a Superintendent is not unanimous, the Board shall then extend the newly-elected Superintendent a unanimous vote of support and confidence.”* The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “yes”. The motion was approved on a 6 to 2 vote.

Carolyn Morrison made a motion to have the Board restore the part of Policy 2100 giving priority consideration to deserving internal employees before a national search is begun. Deleting this part of the policy could result in Wake County losing the best and brightest candidates. 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 vote was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “no”. The motion failed to pass on a 5 to 4 vote.

The Board returned to Board Policy 2100, Employment of the Superintendent, Second Reading with the deletion of C3. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Chairman Margiotta broke the tie by voting “yes”. The motion passed on a 5 to 4 vote.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

HUMAN RESOURCES

34. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

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

- (1). Thomas Benton, Retiree to Interim Principal at East Wake School of Integrated Technology effective August 1, 2010 through October 30, 2010.
- (2). Charles Langley, Retiree to Interim Principal at West Lake Middle School effective August 1, 2010 through September 3, 2010.
- (3). Eric Bethel, 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Davis Drive Middle School to Assistant Principal at Wakefield High School effective July 21, 2010.
- (4). Christopher Cox, 2009-2010 Converted Assistant Principal at Martin Middle School to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Martin Middle School effective August 1, 2010.
- (5). Dimitrious Foster, Applicant to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Fuquay Varina High School effective August 1, 2010.
- (6). Brian Gwyn, 2009-2010 Interim Assistant Principal at Apex Middle School to Assistant Principal at Apex Middle School effective July 21, 2010.
- (7). Aaron Marcin, Teacher at Cary Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Green Hope Elementary School effective August 1, 2010.
- (8). Robert Morrison, Teacher at Fuquay-Varina High School to Assistant Principal at Holly Springs High School effective August 1, 2010.
- (9). Chrystal Regan, 2009-2010 Converted Assistant Principal at Enloe High School to Assistant Principal at Sanderson High School effective July 21, 2010.
- (10). Wallace Sellars, 2009-2010 Converted Assistant Principal at Wakefield Middle School to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Wakefield Middle School effective August 1, 2010.
- (11). Niko D. Schutte, Applicant to Assistant Principal at Fuller Elementary School effective August 1, 2010.
- (12). Ellen Wester, Retiree to Part-Time Assistant Principal at North Garner Middle School effective July 21, 2010.
- (13). Karen Whiteman, 2009-2010 Converted Assistant Principal at Dillard Drive Middle School to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Dillard Drive Middle School effective August 1, 2010.

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

35. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)

CLOSED SESSION

Debra Goldman made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:47 p.m. for the reasons stated on the Agenda. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

- **Rebecca Fernandez** – Ms. Fernandez shared her thoughts regarding neighborhood schools and also shared that neighborhood schools do not benefit impoverished neighborhoods.
- **Deborah Dolan** – Ms. Dolan thanked the Board for their leadership and their commitment to serve and shared that she supports neighborhood schools. Ms. Dolan shared her personal experiences with bussing and says that she favors inclusion and not segregation.
- **Kelly Roberts** – Ms. Roberts shared her thoughts in supporting diversity and gave a comparison of children from a rich diverse school setting with abundant resources and a school with sub par resources and very little diversity.
- **Jacob Tobia** – Mr. Tobia shared his thoughts on and support for the diversity policy from the perspective of a charter high school student.
- **Sonya Jackson-Bennetone** – Ms. Jackson-Bennetone shared her thoughts as a concerned parent regarding neighborhood schools and her opposition.
- **Andy Ewens** – Mr. Ewens shared his thoughts regarding the Board not listening to parents. Mr. Ewens shared his support of the diversity policy and stated that the key to Wake County’s economic success is the influx of high-tech industry with high-paying jobs. Mr. Ewens shared that businesses are becoming apprehensive and property values inside the beltline will begin to decline.
- **Dr. Joy Weeber** – Dr. Weeber shared that she is appalled that the future of the children of Wake County are in the hands of a school board that changes and rescinds policy and not following rules that have been generally accepted in society as to how we conduct the people’s business. Dr. Weeber shared that we need schools that represent the entire community that we all live in.
- **Carl Bryant** – Mr. Bryant shared his thoughts of where he sees the school system going, in his eyesight it is back to segregation. Mr. Bryant shared his personal experiences with segregation to the Board.
- **Lola James** – Ms. James requested that the Board teach simply. Ms. James shared that parents and students are watching them; feed the children and teach them well. Everyone is watching.
- **Kyle Bulkley** – Mr. Bulkley shared his support of the diversity policy with Board members as a Raleigh Charter High School student.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Debra Goldman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Donna M. Hargens, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary