



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 7, 2007**

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Don Haydon
Beverley Clark, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	David Holdzkom
Eleanor Goettee	Danny Barnes	Ann Hooker
Patti Head	Maurice Boswell	Julye Mizelle
Ron Margiotta	Mike Burriss	David Neter
Lori Millberg	Kathy Chontos	Bev White
Carol Parker	Marvin Connelly	Jonibel Willis
Susan Parry	Chuck Dulaney	Mark Winters
Horace Tart	Lloyd Gardner	<b>Board Attorney</b>
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 2:57 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INFORMATION**

**Chair's Comments**

- July 25, 2007 was the first day of school for students on the modified calendar. Mrs. Gill congratulated the principals and teachers for a smooth opening to the school year. They had a bit of uncertainty to deal with because Judge Manning's order affected their schools just as it did the year-round schools, and they handled it with grace. Mrs. Gill stated that she was proud of all of the year-round and modified schools for beginning the academic year with a strong focus on "teaching and learning."
- Wake Early College will begin their school year tomorrow, August 8, 2007. Our traditional schools will begin on August 27, 2007. Mrs. Gill stated that she believes this is going to be an outstanding school year for students.
- One of the reasons that she believes this is because of the excitement she witnessed at the Assistant Principals' Leadership training that was held on Monday, July 23, 2007. The event was the first meeting of this type that she recalls for assistant principals. She had the opportunity to speak at the opening of the meeting, and heard from the Assistant Principal of the Year, Dr. Gloria Jones of Centennial Campus Middle School. Mrs. Gill thanked Dr. Dudley Flood for his dynamic and inspirational comments during the dinner that closed the day. Mrs. Gill also congratulated and thanked Dr. Burns and his Leadership Team for committing so

much time and attention to the assistant principals to ensure the best support for the teachers and students.

- Mrs. Gill gave the Board members several dates to place on their calendars:
  - \*Wednesday, August 15, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Joint Meeting scheduled with the County Commissioners in the Board Conference Room,
  - \*Tuesday, August 28, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Joint Meeting scheduled with Raleigh Town Council at Carroll Middle School, (as part of Mrs. Gill’s goal this year, Mrs. Gill would like to have communication and interaction with elected officials, as well as parents, and communities throughout the county)
  - \* Thursday, September 6, 2007, the Board of Education will have a work session at the Webster Center, Crossroads II, in Room 1412,
  - \*Monday, September 24, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00p.m. – Joint Meeting with the Town Councils of Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon, and Garner, location is to be determined.
  - \*Tuesday, September 25, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. – Joint Meeting with the Town Councils of Apex, Cary, Holly Springs, Morrisville, and Fuquay- Varina, location is to be determined.

### **Superintendent’s Comments**

- Dr. Burns congratulated East Garner Magnet Middle School and Garner Magnet High School. They received authorization for the IB Middle Years Program. The work of Cathy Williams, Principal at East Garner and the staff, as well as Michael Holton, Principal of Garner High School, and his staff is appreciated.
- Two of the High School English Language Arts Department chairs and Senior Administrator, Dr. Sherri Merritt, had a proposal accepted for this year’s National Council of Teachers of English Conference. The conference will be held in October. Their presentation will include developing leadership among chairs for supporting adolescent literacy in the district. Dr. Burns congratulated those involved in the project.
- The Literacy Team, working in collaboration with Communications, developed a video on “How Children Learn to Read.” The video will be shown on School Connections, it highlighted kindergarten teacher Melissa McElroy from Brier Creek Elementary. The School Connection is one way in which WCPSS is hoping to increase opportunities for teachers to share best practices.
- On August 3, 2007, a group of 27 student performers from the Republic of China visited Olive Chapel Elementary. Raleigh is one of five cities that the students visited. The visiting students were a part of a youth sports group. They demonstrated rope skipping, diabolo (Chinese yo-yo) spinning, kite flying, as well as dragon and lion dancing. The students were selected by their government to visit the U.S. as ambassadors of cultural exchange and friendship.
- Yates Mill Elementary School hosted the Summer Math Institute on July 11 and 12. Two strands of the workshops occurred simultaneously, one for new teachers and the other for experienced teachers. The Institute was well attended and the participants appreciated the opportunity. Dr. Burns thanked Instructional Services and Yates Mill Elementary School.

- Title I teachers, local literacy teachers, and Special Education teachers have been working collaboratively to find methods to better support teaching and learning for all students. As a result, they will be co-sponsoring Reading Clusters, a comprehensive training centered on the basics of providing reading instruction. The training will be designed for all teachers. Dr. Burns thanked them for their work in supporting this effort, as we are aligning our resources and instructional strategies.
- A team of middle and high school teachers met to develop Wake County's first second language proficiency evaluation instrument. During the upcoming school year, students will be permitted to earn high school credit for second language courses that they take in middle school. The new instrument will be used by middle school Spanish students to demonstrate their mastery of the language and their readiness for high school courses. The creation of the instrument is another example of how teachers in the district are working collaboratively to increase vertical alignment and how we're working to increase communication.
- During the week of July 23, three days of training related to professional learning communities took place in Durham, North Carolina. The training was sponsored by High Five. WCPSS had over 200 participants.
- On Monday, July 23, 2007, Dr. Burns attended and welcomed support staff at the Clerical Institute, which took place at the Webster Center. Over 360 employees participated in the event. Dr. Burns thanked the Office of Continuous Improvement and Professional Development for organizing the event as well as the other departments that provided training.
- On July 23, 2007 as Mrs. Gill stated before, WCPSS held its first system-wide Leadership Development for Assistant Principals at the McKimmon Center. The focus of the event was on "Leadership Development, Leading from Where You Are". Approximately 250 assistant principals attended the event. The meeting began with a general session followed by area meetings. Dr. Gloria Jones, WCPSS Assistant Principal of the Year, provided an overview and introduced Dudley Flood, who was the guest speaker. Dr. Burns thanked Mrs. Gill for providing the welcome from the Board of Education as well as the Chiefs and Area Superintendents. Dr. Burns looks forward to many more activities, as that as the district continues to focus on retaining, recruiting and training.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Mrs. Gill added that the Board would consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, to the Closed Session Agenda and added an appointment to the Wake Technical Community College Board of Directors to the Action Agenda.

Mrs. Head requested that the minutes from May 22, 2007, be pulled from the Consent Agenda to clarify a statement that she made.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOLS**

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present recommendations for the following subdivisions: Twelve Oaks – Phase 1A; Phase 1B; Phase 1C and Kitts Creek Phase 1D. Fiscal Implications: Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facility-related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for information.

Chuck Dulaney presented information to the Board. Growth and Planning Staff has reviewed 119 projects that have been approved by municipalities, by the Wake County Planning Department, and presented to the Wake County Register of Deeds, which have been officially recorded. The 119 projects will generate 6,104 housing units, of that 3,408 are single family homes, 1,384 town homes, 56 condominiums, and 1,256 apartments. The 6,104 housing units will generate somewhere between 4,000 and 4,500 students.

Twelve Oaks' current assignments are Holly Grove Elementary, Holly Ridge Middle School, and Holly Springs High School. Holly Grove Elementary is year-round and is moving into its new facility. It does have capacity for growth. Holly Ridge Middle is the concern. It is at 99% capacity projected for this year, and uses 14 mobile units on campus. Holly Springs High is still growing into its facility. Staff suggests that the Board considers creating a spot node for the Twelve Oaks subdivision and assigning it before any houses are built to Lufkin Middle School, which is also at 99% capacity, but it is without mobile classrooms and on a year-round schedule.

Kitts Creek's current assignments are Cedar Fork Elementary, West Cary Middle, and Panther Creek High School. West Cary Middle is the concern. It is projected to be operating at 113% of capacity this next year and has very little room in which to absorb additional students. Reedy Creek Middle School will be operating at 86% of capacity this year. Staff suggests that Reedy Creek Middle would be a better fit. However, if Reedy Creek Middle is assigned, staff suggests assigning Reedy Creek Elementary as well. Staff suggests as an alternative, assigning the Kitts Creek subdivision to a year-round calendar which would be Morrisville Elementary and East Cary Middle. Staff recommends leaving that area assigned on a traditional calendar, but make the assignment Reedy Creek Elementary and Reedy Creek Middle.

Mr. Dulaney answered clarifying questions from the Board regarding the developer's communication with the school system.

## **PROGRAM**

### **1. USING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE WRITING INSTRUCTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- Current state of writing achievement
- Writing Model overview
- The role of The Writer in writing instruction

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None

Ruth Steidinger, Director of Literacy and Beth Ware, Member of the Literacy Team presented. The Instructional Services Division formed a Writing Committee that reviewed system writing assessment data to determine Wake County's success in developing proficient writers. While encouraged that over 50% of students at Grades 4, 7, and 10 passed the North Carolina Writing Test, this percentage was significantly lower than the number of students passing the North Carolina Reading Assessments at the same grade levels. Analysis of the data revealed that students' proficiency in conventions was much higher than their proficiency in content. Members of the Writing Committee reviewed instructional strategies and materials and evaluated the professional development opportunities in Wake County. The committee recognized the importance of helping all students (K-12) reach their writing potential in order to become literate and independent citizens.

The work of the committee culminated in the development of a writing model that reflects the major factors influencing proficiency in writing. The model depicts what the student brings to the classroom, the importance of the classroom environment, and a comprehensive, balanced approach to writing instruction. To support K-2 teachers, the literacy team developed the K-2 Writing training, which is a ten hour intensive training that is offered six times during the year with a maximum of forty participants per training. The literacy team has provided schools with exemplars or student writing samples that represent the various stages of writing. In the last two years, staff has had Literacy Coaches working with various grade levels choose writing as the focus of their study. Many of the groups have used a resource called "*The Primary Units of Study*" as a tool. Based on their success, the Literacy Department purchased a copy for each school. The Literacy Team is providing training modules for literacy teachers at each school.

There are similarities with 3-5 teachers, including training which includes rubrics that have been given to students and teachers, where they can develop the same understanding of the features of effective writing. Three-five teachers have exemplars which are accessible through Blackboard. In the fall, the literacy team will present each school with the "*Units of Study*" for grades 3-5. Recently staff has offered schools to participate in a program where they provide labs or writers. Forty-two elementary schools and 7 middle schools have taken advantage of the opportunity. Each writer has an infrared feature, which will allow the user to "beam" files to a computer or printer. Each writer has sixteen electronic folders, which means that sixteen different students can use the same piece of equipment.

Ms. Ware answered clarifying questions from the Board regarding the capabilities of the writer as well as spelling concerns, and independent thinking.

#### **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 three minutes for remarks. Issues or concerns involving personnel matters are not appropriate for this public comment setting. After 30 minutes of public comment, any speakers remaining will be recognized at the end of the agenda for their comments.*

- **Lisa Meeks (Fred Olds Parent)** – Concerned with the process of demagnetizing schools as well as the performance of the Board.
- **Karen Rhodes (Parent from Fred Olds and Martin Middle)** - Concerned regarding the demagnetization of Fred Olds and the impact that it places on base assignments.
- **Norma Prosser (Parent)** – Concerned regarding the demagnetization of Wake Forest Elementary and the impact it will have on the students.
- **Kenille Prosser- Baumgardner (Former teacher at Wake Forest Elementary)** – Concerned regarding the demagnetization of Wake Forest Elementary and the maximum use of the facility.
- **Belinda Sukeena – (Resident of Fuquay-Varina)** – Concerned with the demagnetization of Lincoln Heights and the impact it will have on the students. Requested the Board to table action on demagnetizing.
- **Tracy Nelson - (Parent from Lincoln Heights Elementary)** - Concerned regarding the issue of fairness, seats, trust, and doing the right thing. Concerned that Lincoln Heights has the only magnet program in the Southern area, and is the only magnet that offers the Community Model.
- **Stephanie Gootnick – (In-coming PTA President at Fred Olds)-** Concerned that the demagnetization of the five elementary schools is an agenda to try and fix economic woes and the demand for certain economic parities.
- **Mark Cabot – (Parent from Olds Elementary)** – Concerned regarding the demagnetization of the five elementary schools and the impact it will have on students and to table the decision of demagnetizing the schools.
- **Marie Vedetta – (Parent from Olds Elementary)** - Supports Fred Olds in keeping their magnet status. Requests the Board to delay the vote.

### CONSENT ITEMS

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2007	-	Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
June 4, 2007	-	Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
June 5, 2007	-	Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
June 6, 2007	-	Board of Education Recessed Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2007	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2007	-	Board of Education Annual Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2007	-	Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
June 26, 2007	-	Board of Education Closed Session Minutes
July 17, 2007	-	Committee of the Whole Minutes
July 20, 2007	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

## **FINANCE**

### **1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of the Wake County Public School's General Fund, Federal/FICA Tax, Capital Outlay, Capital Improvements, Child Nutrition, Individual Schools, Federal Programs, Flexible Benefits, Transfer Account, Individual Schools Child Nutrition, ACH Payroll Settlement, Individual Schools, Worker's Comp/Payroll Deduction, Community Schools, NC401k, Wachovia Investment Account. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Recommendation for Action: Approval of Authorization Forms.

### **2. AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

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

### **3. RENEWAL OF NOVELL SCHOOL LICENSE AGREEMENT**

WCPSS utilizes a network operating system licensed under a renewable School License Agreement with Novell, Inc. This software is one of our basic requirements in providing network access throughout the district. Our annual enrollment fee is calculated at \$2 per license. The enrollment fee for WCPSS is reviewed each year to determine appropriate level of license and the total cost is adjusted if necessary. Renewal for 2007-08 will remain static at \$200,000. The use of Microsoft Server 2003 at twenty-three school sites is the main factor in the level of license not requiring an increase. In the future additional school sites will convert to Microsoft Server 2003. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of renewal is \$200,000.00. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2007-08 operating budget request. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of renewal.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: MILLS PARK ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SITE (E-22/M-10)**

Terms and conditions of an Agreement were previously reached with the Town of Cary and Panther Creek-Raleigh Limited Partnership to acquire and develop an elementary and middle school site on Green Level to Durham Road, Cary, NC. Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement is now required for recordation in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County to serve as record notice of the terms of the agreement that survive closing. Closing of the site has occurred, and site development is underway on the elementary school site. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

### **2. BIDS: EIGHT-CLASSROOM MODULAR UNIT FOR LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH**

Bids were received on July 12, 2007 for connecting and installing all services (power, water, sewer, data, ADA access, fire protection, and security) required for permitted occupancy for an eight classroom modular unit at Leesville Road High School. Staff and

H. S. Annis Architect, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to Blake Lewis Construction in the amount of \$201,653. Fiscal Implications: Funding for this contract is available from the total project budget of \$16,935,553, all of which is from the CIP 2006 Mobile Classroom Relocation and Leasing, 2007-2009 project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**3. BIDS: EIGHT-CLASSROOM MODULAR UNIT FOR BUGG ELEMENTARY**

Bids were received on July 10, 2007 for connecting and installing all services (power, water, sewer, ADA access, data, fire protection, and security) required for permitted occupancy for an eight classroom modular unit at Bugg Elementary. Staff and H. S. Annis Architect, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company in the amount of \$161,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding for this contract is available from the total project budget of \$16,935,553, all of which is from the CIP 2006 Mobile Classroom Relocation and Leasing, 2007-2009 project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**4. BIDS: EAST WAKE MIDDLE WATER MAIN**

Bids for the new water main at East Wake Middle were received on July 10, 2007. Staff and Dewberry & Davis, Inc., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Construction Supervision Services Inc. in the amount of \$842,606. This project will provide city water to the school and enable the well to be abandoned. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$1,033,908, of which \$783,908 is from PLAN 2004 System wide Improvement and \$250,000 is from Plan 2004 Environmental Compliance. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**5. CHANGE ORDER CM-CO-05 LAUREL PARK ELEMENTARY (E-26)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order CM-CO-05 to D.H. Griffin Construction Co., LLC, for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Laurel Park Elementary School. This change order, in the amount of \$1,369,011, establishes the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the remaining construction work packages for this project. A list of the bid packages is attached. The total GMP for the project is \$16,071,081. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$21,113,069 of which \$895,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-UP, \$20,078,513 from CIP 2006, and \$139,556 from CIP 2006 Offsite Infrastructure Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**6. CHANGE ORDER CM-08: EAST GARNER ELEMENTARY**

Board approval is requested for Change Order CM-08 to Barnhill Contracting Company for East Garner Elementary. This change order, a reduction of \$168,456, is primarily for unused earthwork allowances. Fiscal Implications: The current project budget consists of \$19,221,892, of which \$19,211,892 is from PLAN 2004 and \$10,000 from funds contributed by Wake County Parks & Recreation. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**7. MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES: EAST WAKE HIGH**



Negotiations have been completed with S&ME, Inc. to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for East Wake High additions and renovations, in an amount not to exceed \$143,000, in accordance with the Master Service Agreement for Geotechnical/Materials Testing Services and the Individual Project Proposal Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$22,856,566 of which \$125,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, \$22,428,769 is from CIP 2006, and \$302,797 from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**8. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: E-27 ELEMENTARY**

Staff presented the schematic design documents to the Facilities Committee on July 24, 2007, for the construction of E-27 Elementary School located on Herbert Akins Road, Fuquay-Varina. The Facilities Committee reviewed and approved the project and directed that it be placed on the consent agenda for Board approval. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,991,311, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**9. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: E-30 ELEMENTARY**

Staff presented the schematic design documents to the Facilities Committee on July 24, 2007, for the construction of E-30 Elementary School located approximately 1200 feet south of the intersection of Wake Road and Alston Avenue in Cary's jurisdictional limits. The Facilities Committee reviewed and approved the project and directed that it be placed on the consent agenda for Board approval. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,822,608, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**10. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: E-34 ELEMENTARY**

Staff presented the schematic design documents to the Facilities Committee on July 24, 2007, for the construction of E-34 Elementary School located north of Poole Road, on the east side of Lake Myra, in Wendell. The Facilities Committee reviewed and approved the project and directed that it be placed on the consent agenda for Board approval. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,826,072, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**11. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: CHILD NUTRITION WAREHOUSE**

Staff presented the schematic design documents to the Facilities Committee on July 24, 2007, for the construction of the Child Nutrition Warehouse Additions and Renovations located at the Central Services complex on Rock Quarry Road. The Facilities Committee reviewed and approved the project and directed that it be placed on the consent agenda for Board approval. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,778,383, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

**1. GRANT PROPOSALS**

- Collaborative (#1112): Tennessee State University, Evaluation and Research Department / WCPSS Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary School Education.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT**

- a. Professional
- b. Support

### **2. REQUEST FOR LEAVE(S)**

## **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.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Clark reported that the Instructional Program Committee would meet on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. The committee's agenda included follow-up conversation on CTE Programs, and an update on the Title I TAP Program.

Mr. Margiotta stated that he received notice from the Community Relations Committee and the Finance Committee with a listing of citizen members. The members listed were members last year. Is the suggestion that these members serve another year or is there a recommendation of change? Ms. Millberg clarified that the document sent was an acknowledgement of citizen members that assisted in the newspaper insert that is being distributed.

Mr. Margiotta complimented the Board of Commissioners on their action of removing the Garner High School site from their agenda.

Mr. Margiotta stated that he would like to receive a report on the status of the sales tax reimbursement. Superintendent Burns shared that at the Commissioners meeting on August 7, 2007, the Board's staff, county staff, the Board's attorneys, and the county's attorneys have been working on the process to determine the method for recouping the sales tax for a number of months. A letter was delivered to the County Manager a week ago; there has been dialogue between the County Manager's office and the Superintendent's office. The County Attorney has worked with the Board's Attorney within the last week. The last conversation that Superintendent Burns had with the County Manager was that the information that was shared was accepted and we are moving forward with the list of schools that were accompanying the letter that was shared with the Board. Mr. Margiotta questioned the amount of money that has been lost and why.

Mrs. Gill stated that Mr. Gurley quoted \$400,000 in the newspaper; however there was no proof of that being the amount. David Cooke said that he would be able to determine based on the transfers, prior to August 31, 2007, how much money the Board would be able to recoup from July 31, 2007 through August 30, 2007.

Ms. Millberg reported that on July 20, 2007, the Facilities Committee met. At that meeting, a great deal of time was spent on the possibility of renovations at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School and the many complexities that involves. The committee discussed a revised schematic design for Smith Elementary School, and the committee was presented with a proposed contract with Kilpatrick Stockton for services for public-private partnerships, and all of the Facilities agenda items.

Mr. Tart reported that on July 24, 2007 the Facilities Committee met. Bev White, Chief Technology Officer, updated the Committee on the status of the PC Refresh Plan. Approximately 10,300 new computers have been provided by the 2006 CPI Program. Eddy Adams reported to the committee how WCPSS can retain and hire mechanics, and information was given to the committee on how to recruit mechanics. Mr. Burriss presented schematic designs for E-27, E-30, E-34, the Child Nutrition Warehouse, and Facility offices at Rock Quarry Road.

Mr. Tart reported that the Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee met on July 24, 2007, at the Wake County Office Building. Subcommittee reports were given, which included a draft of the recommendations that will be provided to the Board of Education. The Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee will meet on August 28 at 4:00 p.m. with the location to be determined.

Ms. Millberg stated that the minutes should reflect that the Facilities Committee met on July 10, 2007, not July 20, 2007.

Ms. Parker reported that the Independent Audit Committee met on August 1, 2007. Mark Winters presented information regarding changes in the Chart of Accounts, which became effective July 1, and Terri Kimzey reviewed the interim budget for July 1, 2007, through August 17, 2007. Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland presented information on the single audit, which is in progress. The single audit includes state and federal major expenditures, which includes Title I, etc. Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland reported some changes in accounting rules which will include increased requirements on reporting. This information was given in detail via Power Point presentation, which will be given to Ms. Millberg to address inquiries.

Ms. Parry reported that the Policy Committee is in the process of building agendas. The August 14, 2007, meeting has been postponed until August 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **FACILITIES**

#### **1. AMENDMENT TO OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT: NORTHWESTERN CARY AREA (E-30 NORTHERN PARCEL)**

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Alston/55, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company; Cabernet 1 Realty, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; and Harold G. Bagwell and spouse, Anna H. Bagwell, to acquire approximately 9.00 acres on and located on the western side of Alston Avenue, Cary, County of Wake, North Carolina, as one parcel of a two parcel assemblage for a new elementary school site. The subject property is a portion of Wake

County PIN # 0736088344. Due to an unforeseen delay in approval of the acquisition, an Amendment to the Contract is required to extend the time for closing from July 31, 2007 to August 31, 2007, to allow additional time for review and approval of the acquisition by the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Fiscal Implications: No additional costs. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Don Haydon presented information to the Board. Mr. Haydon requested that he speak of Action Items one and two at the same time because they were directly related to each other. The items were slated for action by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting in July; action was not taken at that time. It was then necessary to speak with the owners of the two properties to see if they would be willing to extend the date for the closing beyond the July 31 deadline because the County Commissioners would not meet again until August 6. The Board of Commissioners did approve both parcels at their meeting on August 6. Staff requested that the Board now approve the amendment to offer to purchase and contract the parcel of land. There were no additional costs to the land purchase.

The southern parcel of land owners were not willing to extend at no cost, therefore the recommendation of this extension for approval is not to exceed \$10,540. The amount was based on a per day basis, with a closing occurring prior to August 31.

Mr. Margiotta strongly objected spending an additional \$10,000 and suggested that staff go back to the owners and report that we are unwilling to pay any additional funding and to not take any action on either item since they are linked to one another.

Ms. Parker stated that she did not recall seeing an appraisal, however an appraisal was done. Mr. Haydon replied that *"the total price for the two parcels was \$2,613,000"*. Mr. Haydon further stated that the appraisal the school system commissioned was an estimated price of \$2,750,000, which is approximately \$137,000 above that. There was an appraisal done by the owner on the northern site which was approximately \$1,300,000, which is almost half of the purchase price for less than half of the acreage. Mr. Haydon stated that negotiations were attempted to have both owners agree to no additional costs, however, one owner did not agree.

Mr. Margiotta suggested that the Board not accept the negotiated procedure, the Board re-negotiate, and that the Board be unwilling to pay any additional money.

Ms. Millberg inquired about the current estimate of closing on the property. Mr. Haydon replied, *"this extends it until August 31, 2007, no new date has been given on the closing."*

After comments from the Board, the Board voted 7 to 1 with Beverley Clark, Lori Millberg, Carol Parker, Horace Tart, Susan Parry, and Eleanor Goettee "yes" and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

**2. AMENDMENT TO OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT:  
NORTHWESTERN CARY AREA (E-30 SOUTHERN PARCEL)**

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Betty Lou Ferrell 2006 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, by David Stuart Ferrell, Trustee, and Luanne Ferrell Adams, Trustee, to acquire approximately 10.63 acres on and located on the western side of Alston Avenue, Cary, County of Wake, North Carolina, as one parcel of a two parcel assemblage for a new elementary school. The subject property is a portion of Wake County PIN # 0726976362. Due to an unforeseen delay in approval of the acquisition, an Amendment to the Contract is required to extend the time for closing from July 31, 2007 to August 31, 2007, to allow additional time for review and approval of the acquisition by the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Fiscal Implications: Additional cost is estimated not to exceed \$10,540, which estimate is calculated as interest on the purchase price at the prime rate of 8.25% per annum prorated for each day that the closing is delayed beyond July 1, 2007, to and including August 31, 2007, and would come from the Land Purchase component of CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The Board voted 7 to 1, with Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Beverley Clark, Lori Millberg, Carol Parker, Horace Tart, and Patti Head voting "yes" and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

**3. CHANGE ORDER GC-06: MILLS PARK ELEMENTARY (E-22)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order GC-06 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of Mills Park Elementary. This change order, in the amount of \$821,875, is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the "Release 3" package. A list of bid packages is attached. The total GMP for this project is \$21,280,053. This is \$1,694,998 over the project budget of \$19,585,055, primarily due to site conditions and an accelerated work schedule. Efforts to reduce the cost include replacing the second and third floor brick with EFIS, changing the roofing from a combination roofing system to a pitched metal roof, and lowering the multi-purpose room height. The savings from these changes is approximately \$450,000. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$25,647,787, of which \$745,000 is from PLAN 2004, \$330,823 is available from funds passed through Wake County from the developer in fiscal year 2004-2005, \$15,897,874 from CIP 2006, \$904,958 is from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements, \$904,957 is to be provided by the Town of Cary, and \$5,169,177 is to be provided by the developer. A reallocation from CIP 2006 Program Contingency will be presented at the August 21, 2007 Board meeting to provide the additional funds. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested

Patti Head made a motion to approve. Jyoti Sharma presented information to the Board. Approval is requested for the change order to Clancy and Theys Construction for their Construction Management at Risk contract for the construction of Mills Park Elementary. The change order in the amount of \$821,875.00 is to establish a guaranteed maximum price for the package. The GMP is \$1,694,998 over the project budget. The efforts to reduce costs include replacing the second and third floor brick with EFIS, changing the roofing from a combination roofing system to a pitched metal roof, and

lowering the multi-purpose room height. The savings from these changes is approximately \$450,000.

Ms. Parry asked if staff selected the piece of land or was it donated. Ms. Sharma stated that the piece of property was donated, which is not exactly this piece. The Town of Cary received this piece of property and swapped it with the donor, which is what the school system is building on.

Ms. Parry asked if this was a less advantageous piece of property. Mr. Burriss explained that the original parcel for the piece of land was at the road frontage of the site. The initial design of the site showed an extraordinary amount of retaining walls and other structures necessary to place an elementary school at the front location. In working with the Town of Cary, staff was able to swap the locations to the back side of the site, which was a more level area, and allowed a larger footprint for both the elementary and middle schools. It reduced the site construction costs for the Town of Cary and WCPSS.

Ms. Head inquired about off-site improvements and fiscal implications. Ms. Sharma explained in detail the off-site improvements and explained that the CIP had a line item for off-site improvements and indicated that was where the deduction would come from.

Mr. Tart inquired if the off-site improvements included existing roads, or building new roads. Ms. Sharma explained that it included building new roads. The vote was unanimous.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

### **1. REVIEW OF MAGNET SCHOOLS**

All magnet schools were reviewed during the 2006-07 school year at the request of the Board of Education to determine how well each magnet school is aligned with the objectives set forth for Magnet Programs: 1. Reduce high concentrations of poverty; 2. Maximize use of school facilities; and 3. Provide expanded educational opportunities. A review of the data was conducted to determine how well each school currently aligns with the magnet objectives, and to determine if action steps could be taken to improve a school's alignment with the objectives. The results of the review and staff recommendations were presented to the Board of Education. Magnet program phase-out plans were developed and presented to the Board of Education Committee of the Whole. Fiscal Implications: To be determined. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for Board approval.

Beverly Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Dr. Branch shared that during the 2006-2007 school year, staff conducted a comprehensive review of all magnet schools. The review was conducted to have each school aligned with the objectives which include reducing high concentrations of poverty, maximizing the use of school facilities, and providing expanded educational opportunities. A review of the data was conducted to determine how well each magnet school aligned with the three objectives. As a result of the review, the Magnet Programs staff determined that magnet programs in several schools were not necessary to achieve the objectives. The schools included Lincoln Heights Elementary, Olds Elementary, Root Elementary, and Wake Forest Elementary. It is recommended that the magnet programs are discontinued at the

four schools. It is also recommended that staff discontinue plans to implement a new magnet program at Forestville Elementary. In summary, the recommendation is to discontinue the magnet programs at Lincoln Heights, Olds, Root, Wake Forest, and Forestville elementary schools.

Lori Millberg made a substitute motion to make a decision on each school individually instead of as a group, seconded by Horace Tart. Ms. Clark commented that the Board did hear from several individuals from Lincoln Heights, Olds, and Wake Forest. The Board did not hear from Root. Root did not enthusiastically endorse the recommendation, but they understood the point of view of the Board. Ms. Millberg stated that all of the schools are different with different situations and that the Board should cast their vote on each one individually. Mr. Tart supported voting on each school individually.

The Board voted 4 to 5 with Lori Millberg, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, and Ron Margiotta voting “yes” to vote on the schools individually. Patti Head, Susan Parry, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Rosa Gill, opposed. The motion failed.

Ms. Millberg commented that she has opposed the demagnetization of the schools from the start and had problems with the matrix, that it did not adequately capture all of the things magnet schools provide, and that it unfairly made some things more important than others. The matrix did not provide a magnet option to children who live in outlying areas. Ms. Millberg further states that the Board did not follow the tool. The two magnet schools that scored the lowest under the matrix, Brooks and Douglas remain magnet schools, which gives her concern.

Mr. Margiotta’s understanding was that equity magnets were created to give individuals in the outlying areas access to magnet programs. To take away the magnet theme at this time seems difficult. Mr. Margiotta inquired if the community model program can continue without the magnet status. Parents with special needs children were recruited, as currently as this year to this school, because of the community model theme and were recruited in that manner.

Ms. Parker questioned if the block-scheduling and extension centers structure can be maintained at Lincoln Heights. Would flexibility be given to Lincoln Heights to serve the special needs population with some unique ways to be successful.

Dr. Burns explained that Lincoln Heights is utilizing existing resources in a scheduling area. It’s not additional resources, it’s not a change of program, it is a matter of scheduling specials, which is a scheduling decision that the school is making.

Ms. Head addressed the matrix, which the Board chose, to initiate conversation regarding magnet programs. The Instructional Program Committee worked hard to give the Board a quantitative measurement to initiate the conversation instead of randomly discussing each school.

Dr. Branch stated that staff will conduct an annual review of magnet programs to ensure that schools are aligned with the magnet objectives.

Mr. Tart asked if a school is demagnetized and finds down the road that the demagnetization jeopardized the school, would the staff then look into magnetization of the school.

Mr. Tart made an amendment to the motion, that the Board table the decision to demagnetize the four schools until school reconvenes, seconded by Ron Margiotta. After several comments from Board members supporting the motion, and Ann Majestic, Board Attorney, clarifying if the motion was being tabled indefinitely, the Board voted 4 to 5 with Lori Millberg, Carol Parker, Horace Tart, and Ron Margiotta voting “yes” and Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Rosa Gill, Beverley Clark, and Patti Head voting “no”. The motion failed.

Mr. Tart stated that Lincoln Heights is the only magnet school in southern Wake County. Lincoln Heights serves District 2 and District 8. The demagnetization of this school will remove all opportunities for the program in the southern part of the county. Over 26% of the student population at Lincoln Heights is special needs, which is higher than any school in the county.

Ms. Parry reiterated that every student in the county has access to magnet options, and that the Board has a huge obligation to serve special education students at each of the 147 schools.

Ms. Clark stated that state and federal law mandates that all special needs students, according to their disability take the End-of-Course tests.

Ms. Millberg stated that it is true that you can type in any address in Wake County and receive magnet options; however, it is not true that every person has a viable magnet option in Wake County. The School Board districts are divided by geographic areas. If this motion passes, Mr. Margiotta’s district, Mr. Tart’s district, Ms. Head’s district, will not have a magnet school. Ms. Parker’s district will have one magnet school, and District 1 will have two magnet schools. The decision today will dramatically reduce the geographic area in the county where magnet options are truly a viable option.

After several comments from Board members, the board voted 5 to 4 with Patti Head, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Beverley Clark, and Rosa Gill voting “yes”, and Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Lori Millberg, and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed to discontinue magnet programs at Lincoln Heights, Olds, Root, and Wake Forest Elementary, and to not implement the magnet program at Forestville Elementary.



Staff recommended that Lincoln Heights, Olds, Root, and Wake Forest Elementary Schools have their program and resource allotments phased- out over a three year period. The program phase-out is as follows:

2007-2008	Each school will function with 100% of its magnet months of employment and annual allotments for magnet instructional materials and staff training.
2008-2009	Lincoln Heights, Olds, and Wake Forest function with 75% of their magnet months of employment, but with no additional resource allotment. Root will function with 100% of its months of employment, but with no additional resources. Root will be relocating to the modular campus on Spring Forest Road for the 2008-2009 school year.
2009-2010	All four schools will function with 50% of their magnet months of employment, but no additional resource allotment.
2010-2011	All four schools will function with no resource allotment from from Magnet Programs.

#### **Student Status**

- There will be no recruitment for students to apply for any of the magnet programs after the 2007-2008 school year.
- Students who have been accepted through the magnet selection process may choose to remain at the school and maintain their magnet status. By maintaining their magnet status, they will receive some priority when applying to the next level of magnet school.
- Siblings of existing magnet students listed on an intent form will be allowed to enter the school with magnet status.
- Magnet students will continue to receive transportation (if it is currently provided) until the end of phase-out.
- Parents of current magnet students at Lincoln Heights, Olds, and Root Elementary Schools will have the option to apply to a different magnet elementary school for the 2008-2009 school year. Parents would be required to choose from the list of magnet programs available based on their home address. The magnet application for the student would be given a priority in the selection process.

#### **Recommendations for Phase-Out Plan at Forestville Elementary School**

The initial implementation of the magnet program was scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year. Students were permitted to apply to Forestville as magnet students for the 2007-2008 school year. Staff will contact each of the families of the students who were accepted for the 2007-08 school year as magnet students, and explain that the program will not be implemented. If parents choose to stay, they will have the option to apply to a different magnet elementary school for the 2008-09 school year. The magnet application for the student would be given a priority in the selection process. Transportation is not provided for magnet students attending Forestville. The professional development originally planned for the staff will continue in August 2007.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Mr. Margiotta made a non-friendly amendment to the motion, which would extend the phase-out plan for Lincoln Heights Elementary until 2013; it was seconded by Horace Tart.

Mr. Margiotta stated that the commitment needs to be fulfilled so that students at Lincoln Heights that have signed up for this school year can remain with the current program through their six years at Lincoln Heights.

Ms. Parker felt that an effort should be made to provide substitute programs, resources, or options to the four schools.

The Board voted 4 to 5 with Horace Tart and Ron Margiotta voting “yes”, Carol Parker and Lori Millberg not voting, which casts a “yes” vote, and Patti Head, Susan Parry, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Rosa Gill voting “no”. The motion failed.

Ms. Millberg made an amendment to the motion to allow the re-allotment of months of employment for Wake Forest Elementary to include 42 months of employment for 2007-2008, 42 months of employment for 2008-2009, and 11 months of employment for 2009-2010. The motion was seconded by Carol Parker.

The Board voted 7 to 1 with Patti Head, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Lori Millberg, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, and Susan Parry voting “yes” and Beverley Clark voting “no”. The motion passed.

Ms. Parker questioned the Superintendent in terms of distributing resources to enhance programs at the four schools that will be discontinuing their magnet program.

Superintendent Burns shared that staff finely tuned processes in place for looking at the health of the schools and for allotting resources. Recognizing that the bulk of the resources that go to schools are in employees. 82% of the total budget goes towards salary and benefits, and 95% of that goes to schools and is primarily allotted through the processes that are in place. Each year, the health of all schools is analyzed. It would be hard to determine where these schools would fall out for the 2007-2008 school year. For the coming year, a total of 154 schools are in the district. For the board to allot resources or funds specifically to these four schools this year, they would have to be reviewed in the context of the processes that are in place.

After several comments, the Board voted 4 to 3, with Patti Head, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Beverley Clark, and Lori Millberg voting “yes”, and Horace Tart, Carol Parker, and Ron Margiotta voting “no”. The motion passed.

Staff recommended that the magnet programs remain in place at East Millbrook Middle, Daniels Middle, Zebulon Middle, and Broughton High School.

Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

Staff recommended that Zebulon Magnet Elementary and Wendell Magnet Elementary be converted from equity magnet schools to application magnet schools with draw areas established for each beginning in the 2008-2009 school year.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve.

Mr. Margiotta asked why staff was making the recommendation. Dr. Branch stated that the matrix reflected high concentrations of poverty at the two schools. If the programs are removed, it may lead to an exodus.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Haydon clarified renovations that occurred at Wake Forest Elementary. Ms. Clark requested that written information regarding the renovations be given to parents. Ms. Millberg clarified that Wake Forest Elementary had an old projection of 14% FRL when actually they will have 23%.

Ms. Parker requested to have a summary of the process for the review of magnet programs displayed on the internet.

Ms. Goettee nominated Sheila Ogle to the appointment of the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, seconded by Horace Tart. The vote was unanimous.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

## **ACTION ITEMS CONT'D**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **1). RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)**

- 1). Cecilia Chapman, Assistant Principal at Adams Elementary School, to Principal at Leesville Road Elementary School, effective October 1, 2007. (permanent position)
- 2). Patti D. Hamler, applicant, to Principal at Leesville Road Middle School, effective date September 7, 2007. (permanent position)
- 3). Margie Fowler, Grant Coordinator and Instructional Resource Teacher at East Garner Middle School, to Assistant Principal at West Lake Middle School, effective date August 8, 2007. (converted position)
- 4). Sam Gharbo, Lead Consultant at Longview School, 50% Assistant Principal and 50% Instructional Resource Teacher, at West Millbrook Middle School, effective August 8, 2007. (converted position)
- 5). Ellen May, Assistant principal Intern at North Ridge Elementary School, to Assistant Principal at North Ridge Elementary School, effective date August 17, 2007. (converted position)
- 6). Wallace Sellars, applicant, to Assistant Principal at Wakefield Middle School, effective August 8, 2007. (converted position)

- 7). Tam Smith, Teacher at Cary High School, to Assistant Principal at Lufkin Road Middle School, effective date August 8, 2007. (converted position)

**2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)**

- 1). Steven Rhodes, Assistant Principal at Wake Forest Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Salem Middle School, effective August 8, 2007.
- 2). Kevin Rowsey, Assistant Principal at Wildwood Forest Elementary School, to Assistant Principal at Martin Middle School, effective August 8, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosa U. Gill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary