



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2006

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

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- Patti Head welcomed everyone back from the Labor Day holiday weekend. She expressed her thanks to all those who “labor in the vineyards of our schools” each and every day and for their “labor of love” for the children.
- On August 23, Rosa Gill, Carol Parker, Susan Parry, Patti Head, and Superintendent Burns attended the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Planning Conference in Greensboro. The Board members had an opportunity to talk with many business and civic leaders who are committed to WCPSS, and they came away from the conference uplifted, as well as challenged by some of the questions posed to them.
- August 25 was the first day of traditional calendar schools.
- On August 28, a public hearing on year-round conversion was held at Southeast Raleigh High School. Ms. Head expressed the Board’s appreciation to the approximately 52 speakers for taking the time to come and share their thoughts and feelings about the elementary schools that were on the list for year-round conversion.
- On August 29, most of the Board members attended the *Friends of Wake County Kick-off Campaign* at Exploris. Ms. Head shared that the *Friends of Wake County* is a group of business and civic leaders who are working to insure the passage of the bond in November. Governor Hunt spoke at the kick-off and gave an uplifting challenge to everyone to “keep up the good work in Wake County.” Ms. Head shared that in his speaking engagements in North Carolina and around the world, Governor Hunt uses WCPSS as an example of what public education should be.
- On August 29 and 30, the Board held work sessions. Ms. Head thanked Board members for their long hours of hard work in dealing with the very difficult questions and issues they face. She further stated that the Board is committed to finding answers as it goes forward with making some very hard

decisions. The Board is compelled to make these decisions because of the extraordinary growth that Wake County is experiencing.

- Ms. Head thanked Billie Redmond and John Mabe for the very nice Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee social that was held on August 31. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Board to interact with the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee as well as the County Commissioners.
- Ms. Head gave a reminder that the Board Advisory Council Chairs' Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 7, at 7 p.m. There will be light refreshments at 6:45 p.m., and packets of information will be available.

Superintendent's Report

- The first day for traditional schools was August 25. Superintendent Burns joined Ms. Head in thanking everyone who worked so hard to make that day so exciting and wonderful for every child.
- Thursday, August 31, was the 5th day for traditional calendar schools. On that day, student enrollment was at 126,454, which is 6.2% above the 5th day last year, and Dr. Burns gave a reminder that the projection for this year is 127,500 students. Enrollment is anticipated to continue to increase as we reach the 10th day for traditional schools.
- With the opening of school, the Area Superintendents and all of the Superintendent's Leadership Team have been visiting schools. They will finish their visits in the next few weeks. Dr. Burns thanked principals, teachers, support staff, parents, and the community for all that was done to open school so smoothly.
- Superintendent Burns had the privilege of meeting with more new teachers. The final Teacher Induction Session sponsored by the Instructional Services Division was held Saturday, August 26. These new teachers bring a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge to WCPSS. Dr. Burns thanked Donna Hargens, Chief Academic Officer, and her team for their hard work in making this happen.
- The Human Resources Department has done an outstanding job of recruiting this year. School opened with fewer than 40 vacancies. This is exceptional, given the number of teachers in WCPSS. Dr. Burns commended Maurice Boswell and the Human Resources Department for their recruiting efforts.
- The first *Education Matters* employee newsletter has been distributed. Dr. Burns thanked Michael Evans and the Communications Department for their hard work.
- Donna Hargens met with the principals of the new high schools. They discussed the efforts to focus on "Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships" at the high schools. The Instructional Services Division has provided the necessary information for this work.
- The Instructional Services Division is in the process of developing a strategy to align interventions by pulling together the AG Department, English as a Second Language, Positive Behavior Support, Reading, Title I, Special Education, Student Support Teams, and School Psychologists to focus on the needs of children who are not learning at the rate they should. This will also help more children make Adequate Yearly Progress.
- There is a one-day training program being provided by Maria Rosa Rangel, Senior Administrator of Hispanic/Latino Outreach, focusing on Latino families and how to work successfully with them.
- Superintendent Burns commented that August has been a very busy month. Schools have opened, and the Board of Education and staff have worked hard to wrestle with some very difficult issues while keeping this large, complex school system running quite well. Dr. Burns ended his comments by giving a "huge" thanks to everyone for the hard work that is done every day both in schools and in Central Services to support teaching and learning.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Susan Parry reported that she, Rosa Gill, and Beverley Clark attended a meeting of the NCAE Task Force on Year-Round Education. This was the first in a series of sessions being held to articulate from the teachers' perspective the kinds of issues they feel the Board needs to consider as it makes

decisions about year-round schools. Ms. Parry described the session as “extremely helpful” and she looks forward to receiving the formal feedback from the discussion. The dates for the upcoming meetings are September 21 and September 28 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

- **Lib McGowan, Chair of the Advocacy Committee of the Apex Middle School PTA.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. Ms. McGowan provided a handout entitled, *Survey on Year Round Middle Schools*. She gave an overview of the data contained in the handout. Results showed an overwhelming response that parents would prefer their middle school to remain on a traditional calendar.
- **Glenn Astolfi, parent.** He is opposed to mandatory year-round schools. Mr. Astolfi reiterated points made previously by Ms. McGowan regarding the parent survey. Parental feedback he has received indicates there needs to be clear direction as to what is happening, and he reiterated that 70% of respondents to the survey wanted a traditional option. Apex parents do not know if there is a traditional option and are living with a high degree of uncertainty. If there is data, parents do not know where to find it. Parents have many questions that need to be answered.
- **Louise Lee, parent.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round schools. This decision is different than others because the Board is making a decision for parents about how their lives might be forced to change. If 19 schools are converted to a mandatory year-round schedule, it will affect all of Wake County, not just the schools. The Board continues to ignore the citizens who have signed a petition, and she urged the Board to go back and read the more than 700 comments. Ms. Lee stated that it is wrong to ask parents to compromise their lifestyles.
- **Margaret Struble, realtor and parent.** She moved here from New York ten years ago because WCPSS was one of the top 100 school systems at that time. She is concerned and angry over the year-round conversion decision. Parents have no say or choice. Ms. Struble is in favor of raising taxes and building new schools. Families and children are bearing the brunt of the Board’s decision.
- **Lisa Coole, parent.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round schools. The Board is asking a few select schools to take the brunt of a whole county’s growth. She is in favor of higher taxes and a larger bond. This decision will disrupt family lives for only half of one year’s growth; it is a band-aid solution. Family time is extremely important.
- **Amy Leinfelder, parent.** She is opposed to the mandatory year round conversion of any school. This conversion will negatively impact her families’ close connections with one another. She feels the schools on the list for conversion are being forced to carry a disproportionate and unfair burden of the cost of the county’s growth. She wants to support the bond, but will not vote for a bond that forces her family into year-round and affects her property values. She asked the Board to reconsider this decision.
- **Dawn Graff, parent.** She is a former educator in the public school system. She is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. Ms. Graff asked the Board to put themselves in the parents’ place with children on different school calendars at the same time. She listed all of the negative impacts the year-round conversion will have on families and teachers. Forced year-round schools are not successful.
- **Jessica Newmark, parent.** She is opposed to year-round conversion. Parents find it difficult and frustrating. Children need normalcy. Green Hope and others on the conversion list have been excellent schools. Ms. Newmark asked the question, “Why take the risk of losing such great schools for a temporary fix?” She feels the fallout from this will be detrimental to all of Wake County, not just these 19 schools. If this passes, everybody loses.

- **Dave Duncan, parent.** He is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. Mr. Duncan stated that staff wants to move in the direction of a countywide multi-track year-round calendar. Mandatory year-round is almost always abandoned as a failure. He stated that staff should have done an authentic capacity analysis of each campus, comparing the maximizing of traditional enrollment vs. the year-round enrollment model that best suits that campus. Staff has not made a good faith effort to exhaust the alternatives to mandatory year-round conversion.
- **Jennifer Lanane, President of Wake NCAE.** She is speaking for teachers and school employees. She wants the Board to consider employees and the effect year-round conversion is having on them. Ms. Lanane stated that they are having a series of task force meetings, and eleven areas of concern have been identified. She gave an overview of these eleven concerns. They have also identified 35 burning questions, and Ms. Lanane requested an extensive educational information program for teachers to alleviate their fear. Anyone who is interested is invited to the next task force meeting.
- **Paul Palonsky, parent.** He feels the Board is on the verge of making a monumental mistake in converting the 19 elementary schools to a mandatory year-round calendar. The gains will be minimal. The numbers and reasons for the conversions don't add up. He will actively work in his community to defeat the upcoming bond because it funds the mandatory year-round conversion. He asked the Board to reconsider forced year-round conversion and instead work together to pass this bond and future bonds needed to build schools in Wake County.
- **Randy Tuttle, parent.** He stated that parents want a choice. He is opposed to mandatory year-round. Mr. Tuttle reiterated points he made at the public hearing. He asked several questions of the Board including how will local municipalities accommodate tracked-out students; is the infrastructure there to support it? The Board has dropped this problem in the parents' laps. He encouraged the Board to think strongly about this.
- **Mark Trexler, parent.** He is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. He spoke on three comments from the Board: 1) importance of the bond; 2) growth and more seats; and 3) this area being one of the best places to live. Mr. Trexler stated ways in which mandatory year-round conversion will negatively impact these items. Families should come first, and he doesn't want to see teachers leave.
- **Cindy Sinkez, parent.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. She feels there are more options, and that the public has been given misinformation. She doesn't think it will be possible to keep families on the same track. She feels it is unfair that District 8 is taking the brunt of this. She voiced that she cannot vote for the bond.
- **Caroline Huffman, Wake Families for School Choice.** Ms. Huffman stated that Wake Families for School Choice is against mandatory year-round, but disagrees with the sentiment that the appropriate response is to vote against the upcoming bond issue. They do believe that mandatory year-round conversion is not the answer for any school in Wake County due to the disruptions it causes to families, the redistricting, and the costs. Ms. Huffman questioned why schools were not polled to see where the most tolerance for year-round exists. She stated that choice has been the main reason for the success of WCPSS.
- **Karen McHugh, parent.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. She stated that it does not work and it disrupts families. Her children will be on two different calendars for the next six years. She disagrees that this is the only way to create seats for 2007-08. Year-round school will be very difficult for her autistic child and other autistic children. She also voiced concern about middle school conversions.

Ms. Head thanked the speakers for coming and sharing their comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Lori Millberg made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move item #5 under Facilities (Construction Documents: Knightdale Elementary Additions & Renovations Phase 2) from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2006 – Committee of the Whole (For Facilities) Minutes
 August 22, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes
 August 22, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

2006-2008 BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK PLAN

The Board of Education Work Plan and the Superintendent's Strategic Directives have been aligned. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested for the 2006-2008 Board of Education Work Plan.

FINANCE

1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

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

2. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM (Exhibit A)

Thirty-one gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$72,326.03. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action is required.

FACILITIES

1. BIDS: RECYCLING SERVICES FOR CHILD NUTRITION

Staff requests board approval to award the contract for Recycling Services to Orange Recycling in the amount of \$393,000. The contract is the result of bid 07-004 opened on July 18, 2006. Items to be recycled are polystyrene, aluminum cans, plastics and glass. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the 2006-2007 current expense budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. JOINT USE AGREEMENT: CARROLL MIDDLE

The City of Raleigh desires to renew their joint use agreement for the walking track at Carroll Middle. City installed low level lighting for the track surrounding the school's football field and continues to pay the associated utility costs. City desires community access outside of the school's normal hours and/or when the area is not needed by the school. Any and all third party use is scheduled according to WCPSS policy through the Community Schools' office. Fiscal Implications: The City will provide maintenance and pay the associated utility costs for the City installed lights surrounding the track. WCPSS will provide normal maintenance for the track surface. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. LEASE AGREEMENT: BUS PARKING LOT

Terms and conditions of a Lease Agreement have been reached with Peak Development, LLC to again lease a gravel parking lot that it owns at 3600 Apex Peakway, Apex, NC, under a one year lease beginning July 1, 2006, with the possibility for an annual renewal thereafter. This lease is for continued use of a regional bus parking lot. Fiscal Implications: Rental rate is \$20,200 for the one year term of the lease. Funding for this lease would come from the Operating Budget. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

4. BIDS: BROUGHTON HIGH CHILLER REPLACEMENTS

Bids for the replacement of two chillers at Broughton High were received on August 8, 2006. Staff and Dewberry and Davis Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to Jeff Hargett Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$142,705. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$283,961, as provided in the PLAN 2004 School Building Program Systemwide Improvement Project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

Collaborative (#1110): SAS Institute, Inc., SAS in Schools, Curriculum Pathways / Centennial Campus Middle School. Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

POLICY

1. POLICY 8810: AUDIT COMMITTEE

New: Second Reading

This policy establishes criteria for the membership, meetings, scope of activities and duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee. The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the policy. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

2. POLICY 1300: BOARD MEETING

Revised, First Reading

Waive Section 1300.1 B of Board Policy 1300 through June 30, 2007. The pilot program permits the Board to begin their regular meetings at 2:00 p.m. During this extension of the pilot program, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting will occur at 3:00 p.m. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR EMPLOYMENT (Exhibit B)

- (a) Professional
- (b) Support

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.

The Board approved the following nominations:

Ramona Gibson, Rolesville Elementary School, District 1
 Jennifer Olson, Briarcliff Elementary, District 9
 Christina Morris, Northwoods Elementary, District 9
 Laura Heintschel, Weatherstone Elementary, District 9
 Kim Zeugner, Kingswood Elementary, District 9
 Stephanie Mood, Adams Elementary, District 9

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

There were no committee reports to be given. Patti Head asked that committee chairs give calendar updates for upcoming committee meetings.

Finance Committee

Carol Parker reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting, Terri Kimzey will give an overview of the budget, and Mark Winters will give an overview of finance. This will serve as background information to aid committee members in coming up with ways to simplify the information contained in the budget and finance manuals.

Instructional Program Committee

Beverly Clark reported that the Instructional Program Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 2 p.m. This change in time was made by Ms. Clark in order to accommodate Board members who are attending the NCSBA meeting in Roanoke Rapids that afternoon. The topic of the Instructional Program Committee meeting will be AG services in WCPSS.

Facilities Committee

Horace Tart reported that the Facilities Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. as a Committee of the Whole. There will be continued discussion on year-round conversion. Mr. Tart also reported that the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee met on August 23 at Barwell Road Elementary School, and he gave a brief review of the meeting. Additionally, Mr. Tart shared that the committee enjoyed being given a tour of Barwell Road Elementary School by Mike Burriss.

Community Relations Committee

Lori Millberg reported that the Community Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Human Resources Committee

Eleanor Goettee reported that the Human Resources Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. Board members have received packets of information to review prior to the meeting. The focus of the meeting may shift to include discussion of the impact on teachers in the year-round model and answering some of the questions that are most pressing.

Policy Committee

Susan Parry reported that the Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. The agenda has not been finalized, but she will get the information out as soon as possible.

Committee of the Whole

Patti Head reported for the public that in today's Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board gave direction to staff to address the following areas of concern:

- 1) If a school's base attendance area is changed to a year-round, students currently opting to attend a year-round school who are currently in third and fourth grade will be allowed to grandfather into fourth and fifth grade at their current school, as is done in other situations when students are reassigned from an existing school to an existing school. Ms. Head reiterated that this is consistent with the present practice of allowing fourth and fifth graders to grandfather into a school when they are subject to reassignment from existing school to existing school.
- 2) If base students return from an existing optional year-round school, they will be given priority for placement on the same track they have been following.
- 3) Siblings will be given priority for placement on the same track in both elementary and middle school.
- 4) Children of teachers in all year-round schools will be guaranteed placement on the same track as their parent.
- 5) Children of staff other than teachers in year-round schools will be given a high priority for placement on the same track as the parent.

Ms. Head also reported that staff has been directed to bring the Board a strategy plan whereby the application process will be associated with year-round conversions, which addresses the needs of parents who can't make the year-round calendar work and the needs of parents requesting to have their child attend

year-round schools. This would be an extension of the present options that are available for the application process to magnet schools and to year-round or traditional calendars. The Board will be getting more information and a timeline from staff as to how this would work as the Board moves forward with decisions pertaining to year-round schools. Ms. Head further explained that the Board will be discussing more of the issues about potential conversions to year-round schools pending the Board's decision this afternoon. These issues will be addressed at the Facilities/Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. DESIGNER SELECTION WAIVER AND DESIGN AGREEMENT: SWIFT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Heery International, P.C. for the design of HVAC Replacement at Swift Creek Elementary. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows the exemption of the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that Heery was selected to begin design work under a master agreement limited to \$1,000,000, but project scope increased due to additional duct work replacement. The scope now exceeds \$1,000,000 thereby requiring this waiver for selection to be approved by the Board. Approving this exemption will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project. In addition, negotiations have been completed with Heery International, P.C. for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$1,546,602 of which \$1,232,468 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Budget Program. Another précis at this Board meeting will reallocate the remaining \$314,134 to this project from PLAN 2000 Program Contingency. The total project budget includes compensation for the design consultant in the amount of \$114,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested for: waiver of the selection process; selection of Heery International, P.C.; and the design consultant agreement.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ken Fuller made a presentation to the Board. Ken Fuller and Mike Burris answered clarifying questions from the Board. Staff is requesting a waiver of the selection process and to select Heery International, P.C. for the design of HVAC replacement at Swift Creek Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

2. RESOLUTION: PLAN 2000 LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution request reallocation of PLAN 2000 Program Contingency funds to Swift Creek Elementary project and Priority Needs category. Swift Creek Elementary project needs additional funds due to the scope of the project increasing. The Priority Needs category was under funded due to the rising cost of construction and the addition of a project at West Cary Middle. Ground settlement beneath a section of West Cary Middle, constructed 10 years ago, requires repairs to be made. Total reallocation amount is \$857,302. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Mike Burris made a presentation to the Board. There were no questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

3. RESOLUTION: PLAN 2004 QUARTERLY FUNDING FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2004 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request will provide Educational Equipment Replacement funds in accordance with the master schedule. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$500,000. Appropriations

for PLAN 2004 to date total \$535,165,099. The total PLAN 2004 appropriations including this request, equals \$535,665,099. This leaves a balance of \$4,430,901 to be appropriated. Total funding of \$539,596,000 for PLAN 2004 combined with prior building program savings of \$24,847,749 brings the program total to \$564,443,749. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Mike Burriss made a presentation to the Board. These funds will help replace nonconsumable resources and educational equipment in the schools that have worn out or become obsolete, such as: globes, world maps and map sets, math manipulative kits, calculators, pianos, xylophones, and kilns. Beverley Clark voiced how thrilled she was to see these funds being spent in the older schools where so much of the equipment needs to be replaced. Mike Burriss answered clarifying questions from Board members. The vote was unanimous.

4. RESOLUTION: PLAN 2004 LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of PLAN 2004 Program Contingency to Millbrook High, Holly Springs High, and Building Permit Fees. The Millbrook High funds are needed due to unanticipated change orders. Holly Springs High had very limited funds for change orders due to using one-half of the funds designated for change orders to fund the initial project being over budget. Also, the Building Permit Fee project needs additional funds due to higher than expected fees being paid for the building program. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Mike Burriss made a presentation to the Board. Eleanor Goettee felt that \$500,000 for building permitting fees was exorbitant. Beverley Clark asked what benefits WCPSS gets other than the inspection services and do any of these funds go to pay for schools? Mr. Burriss explained the arrangement that has been worked out with the municipalities. Ms. Clark felt that WCPSS is in a losing situation in this regard. Mike Burriss answered additional clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was 7 to 1 with Ron Margiotta, Carol Parker, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Rosa Gill, Lori Millberg, and Horace Tart voting "yes," and Beverley Clark voting "no." The motion passed.

5. 3,000 SEAT ELEMENTARY CAPACITY GAIN THROUGH ADOPTION OF MULTI-TRACK YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR FOR 19 SCHOOLS

The CIP for 2007-2009, adopted by the Board of Education on May 16, 2006, assumes the conversion of enough traditional calendar elementary schools to multi-track year-round calendar to accommodate 3,000 students with the understanding that every effort will be made to accommodate families that cannot make year-round work. After community feedback, and Board of Education discussion, staff recommends that 19 schools change from a traditional calendar to a multi-track year-round calendar for the 2007-2008 school year. Fiscal Implications: Annual operating budgets will increase because of more year-round schools. Capital spending for mobile or modular classrooms and new school construction is decreased as reflected in the adopted CIP. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for Board approval.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Chuck Dulaney made a presentation to the Board and listed the 19 elementary schools recommended for conversion to a multi-track year-round calendar as follows:

Ballentine Elementary	Lockhart Elementary
Baucom Elementary	Middle Creek Elementary
Brassfield Elementary	Olive Chapel Elementary
Green Hope Elementary	Pleasant Union Elementary
Highcroft Elementary	Rand Road Elementary
Hodge Road Elementary	Salem Elementary

Holly Springs Elementary	Vance Elementary
Harris Creek Elementary	Wakefield Elementary
Knightdale Elementary	Willow Springs Elementary
Leesville Road Elementary	

Lori Millberg made a motion to amend the original motion to include a magnet program at Forestville Elementary, seconded by Carol Parker. Discussion ensued, and Board members shared their rationale for either supporting or opposing the amendment. Ms. Head began a discussion, for clarification purposes, of what was specifically included in the consensus vote at the Board Work Session regarding a magnet program at Forestville Elementary. Ms. Millberg voiced her concern about providing an option to the families in Knightdale when the year-round conversions take place. Questions were raised regarding the procedure to be followed if this amendment did not remain a part of the current motion, and Ann Majestic gave clarification. Lori Millberg chose to leave the amendment as part of the original motion. The vote was 5 to 3 with Lori Millberg, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Ron Margiotta, and Eleanor Goettee voting “yes,” and Susan Parry, Rosa Gill, and Beverley Clark voting “no.” The amendment passed and was included in the original motion.

Ms. Head restated the amended motion to read: “3000 Seat Elementary Capacity Gain Through Adoption of a Multi-Track Year-round Calendar For 19 Schools to Include Forestville Elementary in Knightdale Becoming a Magnet School.”

Lengthy and detailed discussion ensued regarding the year-round conversion of the 19 elementary schools. Each board member voiced their thoughts, feelings, and concerns regarding this issue. Patti Head stated for the public: When you are considering a bond in 2006, it has been suggested that one of the reasons we are where we are is because of the failed bond in 1999. I would ask you to inform yourself of what the bond includes, not only the \$13 million for the conversion that we felt like we’ve had to do because of the enormous growth that is happening in Wake County. It includes technology that all of your children need to be successful in the 21st century. It includes 17 new schools and 13 major renovations. It also includes buying land that we are going to need in 2010-2013, so I am trusting that the community as a whole is going to look at the bond as a visionary goal for Wake County; not just look at any one part, but what this bond means for all of Wake County and the future of our children and those children yet to come.

The vote was 7 to 1 with Susan Parry, Horace Tart, Eleanor Goettee, Rosa Gill, Carol Parker, Lori Millberg, and Beverley Clark voting “yes,” and Ron Margiotta voting “no.” The motion passed.

6. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: KNIGHTDALE ELEMENTARY ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS PHASE 2

Staff has reviewed the construction documents, and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise for Phase 2 of the Knightdale Elementary Additions & Renovations project. Phase 2 consists of the construction of classrooms and a multi-purpose room. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$6,426,511, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Mike Burriss made a presentation to the Board. Lori Millberg would like to revisit the decision to add additional classrooms to Knightdale Elementary in light of new information. Mike Burriss clarified the terms under which the Town of Knightdale would grant an approval of the building permit without imposing the construction of the road improvements. Ms. Millberg reiterated her desire to pursue adding the additional classrooms as part of this renovation. Mike Burriss responded to numerous questions from the Board. The vote was 7 to 1 with Carol Parker, Ron Margiotta, Horace Tart, Eleanor Goettee, Susan Parry, Rosa Gill, and Beverley Clark voting “yes” and Lori Millberg voting “no.” The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Rosa Gill made a motion to go into Closed Session at 4:21 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319 and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) related to a parcel on Jones Sausage Road near the intersection of Denison Way. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

Before going into Closed Session, Patti Head stated for the public that part of today's Consent Agenda was approval of a waiver for the Board to continue holding Board meetings at 2 p.m. Ms. Head also wanted the public to be aware that the Public Comment section of the Board meetings will now be held at 3 p.m. This allows the public to know exactly when to arrive to share their comments. Ms. Head further shared that Spotlight on Students will be held at 5 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)**HUMAN RESOURCES****1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following administrative appointments:

- Desmond D. Caldwell, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Garner Magnet High School, effective date September 6, 2006
- Marchelle S. Horner, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Wakefield High School, effective date September 6, 2006
- Melanie K. Parrish, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Durant Road Elementary School, effective date September 6, 2006
- Susan P. Warren, Teacher, Hunter Gifted and Talented Elementary School, to Assistant Principal at Powell Gifted and Talented Magnet School, effective date September 6, 2006.

The motion was seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Susan Parry made a motion to approve the contract extensions for the Superintendent's Leadership Team, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rosa Gill. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education