



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2006

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Michael Evans
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Bev White	Lloyd Gardner
Ron Margiotta	Maurice Boswell	David Neter
Beverley Clark	David Holdzkom	Danny Barnes
Carol Parker	Mike Burriss	Kathy Chontos
Eleanor Goettee	Don Haydon	
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 asked Eleanor Goettee to introduce John Taylor, a student at Southeast Raleigh High School, who had attended the Committee of the Whole meeting and was now in attendance at the Board meeting as part of a civics and economics class. Ms. Goettee and Ms. Head warmly welcomed him to the meeting.
- Patti Head introduced and warmly welcomed another guest in the audience, Elizabeth Taylor, who is a student at Meredith College. Ms. Taylor was attending the meeting as part of her course studies.
- Patti Head reported on the Board's very busy schedule during the past two weeks, and thanked Board members for all of their hard work.
- A public hearing regarding year-round conversion of middle schools was held on September 14. Ms. Head expressed the Board's thanks to everyone who attended and shared their heartfelt thoughts and concerns. There were a total of 38 speakers who signed up. Thirty-two of those speakers actually spoke to the Board. Ms. Head offered a special thanks to the Central Services staff – Terri Cobb, Chuck Dulaney, Russ Smith, and their staffs – who are responsible for making the last two public hearings run so smoothly. Ms. Head also expressed sincere thanks to Cathy Moore, principal of Sanderson High School, for hosting this public hearing and for being so gracious and accommodating to the Board.
- On September 7, there was a meeting of the Board Advisory Council Chairs. Many of the Board members attended as well. Patti Head felt the meeting was very informative and productive. Ms. Head expressed thanks to the Board Advisory Council Chairs for attending.
- On Tuesday, September 12, some of the Board members attended the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting. Ms. Head shared that Roy Firestone, a host on *ESPN*, was very entertaining. Ms. Head also reported that Jim Talton was given the very prestigious A.E. Finley Distinguished Service Award that evening. Patti Head expressed her deep gratitude to Mr. Talton for

including his support of WCPSS as a substantial part of his acceptance speech and for encouraging his fellow businessmen to support the bond.

- On September 16, the Miracle League held its first game at Adams Elementary School. Vice-Chair Rosa Gill attended this event and gave a report to the Board. The playing field is designed so that when the children fall, they do not get hurt. Ms. Gill described the excitement of watching the children play while the crowd cheered them on. Ms. Gill was asked by the Miracle League to mention that it would be nice to have three more playing fields. Patti Head commented on the wonderful partnership between WCPSS and the Miracle League that gives these children a time and a space to play baseball.
- *Great Expectations '06*, the parent leadership conference sponsored by the Wake County PTA Council, will be held on September 26 at 7:15 p.m. at Knightdale High School. Ms. Head encouraged Board members to attend.
- Wake Education Partnership will have its annual meeting on October 12 from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at McKimmon Center. Board members were asked to RSVP to Melanie Upton as soon as possible.
- Patti Head encouraged the public to view *Blueprint for Excellence* on the WCPSS website. There is a wealth of information available on topics such as: year-round schools, long-range planning, major renovations, etc. Ms. Head thanked Michael Evans and his staff for “another job well done.”

Superintendent's Report

- WCPSS had 127,767 students in membership on the tenth day, which is 7,388 more students than the tenth day last year. The 20th day is Friday, September 22, and Superintendent Burns will be giving an update on those enrollment numbers. Last week was Custodian Appreciation Week. Dr. Burns publicly acknowledged and expressed appreciation to custodians, housekeepers, and facility coordinators for the hard work they do every day to support teaching and learning in WCPSS. Dr. Burns asked the public to please share their appreciation as well when they see these hardworking folks.
- During the week of September 18-22, schools will be commemorating the signing of the Constitution. The Instructional Services Division will be providing schools with sample announcements and activities throughout the week. Dr. Burns commented that he is sure the schools will use this event to provide outstanding learning opportunities for all students.
- The WCPSS Institute for Teacher Leaders was started in 2005-06. This is a 2-year program that represents all levels: elementary, middle, and high schools. It also represents all regions within our district. The first cohort met on September 7. They are beginning their 2nd year in the program. It is hoped that this group will attend Committee of the Whole and Board meetings. Staff is preparing to start the 2nd cohort group, and Dr. Burns expressed thanks to the Instructional Services Division and the Office for Continuous Improvement and Professional Development for making this happen. This is a way to continue the focus of retaining outstanding employees, but is also beneficial for succession planning for the future.
- WCPSS is working closely with High Five, the consortium of five school districts and five businesses. High school teachers will be surveyed to determine the level of implementation of Professional Learning Communities in the schools. Dr. Burns reported that this is important for WCPSS as we assess where we are and where we need to go with that initiative.
- Bev White and Technology Services have reported that 985 teachers have registered to have access to NCWise from home. Dr. Burns thanked Bev White and her division for their hard work in making this happen. Dr. Burns was glad to see so many teachers taking advantage of this opportunity. It is expected that more teachers will register as the year progresses, and Dr. Burns reported that this is yet another way to retain great employees.
- On September 7, Superintendent Burns had the opportunity to attend a meeting at Peace College. WCPSS is partnering with Peace on a very innovative teacher education program. The first cohort has begun. Dr. Burns, along with Terri Cobb, met with Laura Bingham, president of Peace College, and Don Stedman, one of the trustees. It is hoped that there will be 40 participants in the program

next year, and Dr. Burns commented they will come to us dually certified in elementary education as well as in special education.

- Caroline Massengill, Special Assistant for Year-Round Education, is working very hard in preparation for the transition to the year-round calendar for the 19 elementary schools. Ms. Massengill has provided information and help to those principals and staffs as they begin this process. Dr. Burns also reported that Michael Evans has been working with Ms. Massengill to develop a Year-round Resource Center which is now on the WCPSS website.
- On September 13, Superintendent Burns had the opportunity to speak at the NCAE Representative Assembly. Dr. Burns publicly thanked Jennifer Lanane, NCAE President, for that opportunity. There were approximately 125 schools represented, and Dr. Burns shared information about WCPSS. There was a question and answer session, and Dr. Burns felt it was a very productive session. He looks forward to returning.
- The Hispanic/Latino Coalition met on Friday. They are focusing on strategies to be used with all students, but are particularly focusing on kindergarten. Dr. Burns thanked this hardworking group, and he is looking for best practices emerging from their work that can be used in all schools.
- WCPSS will be involved in the United Way Annual Campaign from September 25 – October 2. There are representatives at all school sites and all Central Services sites. Dr. Burns encouraged employees to contact their representative if they need more information.
- The Communications Department is completing the first *Parent Matters* for this year. Copies should be available this week. It will contain articles that parents/PTAs will find beneficial including a fact sheet related to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Patti Head reminded the Board of the teacher task force meetings on September 21 and 28 at the NCAE headquarters on Salisbury Street at 5:30 p.m.
- Patti Head reported that the joint meeting of the Board of Education and County Commissioners will take place on September 20 at 9 a.m. at the Salisbury Street location. Both staffs will be making presentations and giving updates on the activities of the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Susan Parry, Beverley Clark, Rosa Gill, and Eleanor Goettee attended the Open House at River Oaks Middle School. Ms. Parry described this event as “a wonderful eye-opening experience.” River Oaks is a new alternative middle school that opened last year for students who are having trouble adjusting well to middle school. These students are given the opportunity to go to River Oaks for a limited period of time in order to get the needed skills and then go back to their middle schools. The staff at River Oaks follows the students closely to make sure they make the transition well. Ms. Parry was inspired by the success stories that were shared by staff members and the wonderful programs that are in place.
- Carol Parker attended Durant Road Middle School’s Constitution Day Ceremony. Ms. Parker was very impressed with the way the principal began the ceremony by making a correlation between the creation of the Constitution and the changing of modern day rules. Ms. Parker shared that the ceremony was very heartwarming.
- Beverley Clark gave a public apology to Lynn Road Elementary for missing a scheduled visit to the school on September 12 due to numerous meetings that were taking place that day. Ms. Clark has promised to reschedule her visit.
- Beverley Clark shared an article from today’s edition of the *News and Observer* regarding a study being done by a consortium of civil engineers on the infrastructure needs of North Carolina. There was a photograph of work being done at East Millbrook Middle School. Ms. Clark emphasized the importance of the need to “speed up public investment to renovate and replace old schools and build new ones to meet enrollment growth” as quoted in the article. She reported that more than 46% of North Carolina schools will need renovation and 190 schools will be considered obsolete in five years.

- Eleanor Goettee spoke to the student teachers and their cooperating teachers at Meredith College on September 18. She shared that these 30-35 prospective teachers are very excited and will all be stationed in Wake County.
- At the request of the teachers at Sanderson High School, Eleanor Goettee expressed their appreciation to the Board for approving the revised bell schedule that has allowed these teachers to meet once a week in their Professional Learning Communities.
- Ron Margiotta reported that he attended a meeting on Sunday, September 17 in the Town of Apex. The meeting was attended by more than 600 residents and parents. A number of presentations were made regarding the year-round programs coming into effect next year. Three county commissioners were present and a number of county commissioner candidates. Mr. Margiotta reported that he enjoyed the presentations and felt they were done in a very professional manner.
- Patti Head reminded the public that the Board is piloting a new meeting schedule for this year. Board meetings begin at 2 p.m. with Public Comment beginning at 3 p.m. and lasting for 30 minutes. The public may sign up to speak until 2:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Rosa Gill made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move the September 5, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add “The Resolution For Charter Schools” to the Action Agenda. Board members have received the Précis and resolution at the Board table.

Horace Tart made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to pull item #2 under Facilities on the Consent Agenda (Joint Development and Use Agreement: Cary High Parking) at the request of staff.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. NAME SELECTION FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL NEAR WENDELL (M-5)

In 2004, staff located and acquired a site for a school building in the area of the target ring known as M-5 that is scheduled to be completed in 2009. The school is slated to begin operation in the 2007-2008 school year in the existing modular facility on the site, until the permanent school is completed. The site fronts on NC 97 Highway in the Wendell area, just north of Wendell Boulevard, in Mark’s Creek Township. It is adjacent to a neighborhood known as Rothgeb Subdivision and across the street from a mobile home community known as Bridgeway Estates. Naming of the school is now required. After discussions with the Town of Wendell, a review of the file documentation associated with the acquisition of the site, and reviewing the Town’s early input and involvement in the planning process, staff recommends that the new school currently designated as M-5 be named Wendell Middle. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None; for information only. Staff will recommend approval at the Board meeting on October 3, 2006.

Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board. Staff is recommending that the new middle school (M-5) be named Wendell Middle School, and Ms. Parker shared the reasoning behind the recommendation of this name. Staff would like to bring this item back for approval at the Board meeting on October 3.

Beverly Clark raised the question of whether other possible names for this middle school had been considered since the school will draw students not only from Wendell, but from other surrounding townships as well. She would like to have several choices from which to make a comparison. Ms. Clark brought up the point that often times when a school is named for a town or a subdivision, there is a

proprietary feeling. She feels the Board needs to be as inclusive as possible. Betty Parker shared that since this is the only middle school in Wendell, it is a source of town pride. Ms. Parker will provide the Board with additional name choices prior to bringing this item before the Board for a vote on October 3.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present recommendations for the following 17 subdivisions:

Anderson Pointe Park (Phase 2)	Johnsons Landing (Phase 3A)
Austin Creek (Phase 1A)	Maybrook Forest (Phase 1)
Baybridge Park	Old Mill Village (Phases 1 and 2)
Bella Casa (Phases 1 and 2)	Scotts Mill, Bungalow (Phases 4B-5)
Bloomfield (Phases 3B and 4B)	Sumerlyn (Phase 1)
Branch Crossing	Thornrose (Phase 2, Section 3)
Falls River (Phases 30, 32-33, 35-36)	Westhaven (Phase 2)
Fieldstone Crossing (Phase 2)	Wyndcroft
Hampton Pointe (Phases 2-5)	

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.

Ramey Beavers, Senior Director for Growth and Planning, came forward for his presentation. Before beginning his presentation, Patti Head announced that this was Dr. Beavers' last official Board meeting, as he will be retiring at the end of September. On behalf of the Board, Ms. Head delivered a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Beavers for his years of dedicated service to the Wake County Public School System. She spoke of his love of children and how he has served from the heart, letting what is in the best interest of children be his guide. Ms. Head closed by saying, "As a Board we wish you well in your retirement, and we will miss you." The Board and the audience gave Dr. Beavers a standing ovation.

Dr. Beavers offered words of thanks to the Board and expressed his pleasure in being a part of the Wake County Public School System since 1985. He described it as a great experience for him and his family.

Dr. Beavers began his presentation by reporting that there are 17 subdivisions being brought to the Board for its consideration. He predicted that due to the enormous growth, the Board will continue to see large numbers of subdivisions being presented. Dr. Beavers reviewed each of the subdivisions and their recommended assignments. He clarified that several of the subdivisions are located where the elementary school is being converted to a year-round elementary. Where it was possible, these subdivisions were assigned to a year-round middle school for continuity. Dr. Beavers shared that some of the recommendations will have to be changed based on Board decisions made at today's Committee of the Whole. These changes will be included when this is brought back as an action item on October 3. Dr. Beavers answered clarifying questions from the Board.

Beverly Clark felt that it was time for the Board to call upon the County Commissioners, the leaders of all the municipalities, and our General Assembly Delegation to take action on holding the home building industry accountable for the unbridled growth in this area. She stated that it was imperative as schools are converted and students are assigned through this methodology, that the Board address this growth issue and turn to its colleagues to take the necessary steps. Ms. Clark voiced her strong hope that the Board would approve a resolution at the next board meeting to address this issue. Ron Margiotta supported Beverly Clark's request for this resolution to come before the Board at the next meeting.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. **CONVERSION OF FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO FORESTVILLE MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Forestville Elementary School will be converted to a magnet school. A timeline for development of the school's magnet theme, informing the community about the changes at the school, training the school's staff, and implementation of the theme must be developed and approved. Fiscal Implications: Conversion of Forestville Elementary School to a magnet school will require funding for training, materials, and personnel. Recommendation for Action: None

Ken Branch made a presentation to the Board. He shared the timeline recommended by staff for the conversion of Forestville Elementary to a magnet school with full implementation in August, 2008. He clarified that the recommendation is not to open it up for application until the 2008-09 school year under the assumption of proceeding with a Leadership Magnet theme at Forestville. There was clarifying discussion from the Board that the Leadership theme had been suggested as a possibility, but that no decision had been made on a theme. The Board requested that Dr. Branch bring back a recommendation as to the theme that would best suit Forestville at the Board meeting on October 3. Dr. Branch will consult with the Forestville staff prior to the Board meeting.

Prior to proceeding with the Public Comment, Ms. Head shared the following decisions that had been made at the Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Wakefield Middle School will be taken off the list of potential year-round conversions for 2007-08.
- Leesville Road Middle School will be taken off the list of potential year-round conversions for 2007-08.
- Salem Middle School will remain on the list of potential year-round conversions for 2007-08.
- North Garner Middle School will remain on the list of potential year-round conversions for 2007-08.
- East Wake Middle School will remain on the list of potential year-round conversions for 2007-08.
- For middle school conversions, grandfathering is the same as moves from an existing school to an existing school. This means that 7th and 8th graders can stay at their current year-round school without transportation, but that does not mean younger siblings.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 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.

- **Paul Palonsky, parent.** He is opposed to mandatory year-round middle schools. It will hurt family continuity because of high schools staying on a traditional calendar, and it puts a further burden on families. He applauded the Board's decision to remove two of the middle schools from the list and encouraged the Board to vote against converting the middle schools remaining on the list. There are other alternatives.
- **Sherry Hayes, parent.** Ms. Hayes thanked Board members for their willingness to serve the people of Wake County. She asked if the Board must proceed with mandatory year-round, please ensure that there are as many choices as possible available for families. Ms. Hayes would like to see an optional traditional school that has enough space for those who want or need the traditional calendar. She supports getting the law changed so that building homes is not permitted if there is no room at the schools for the children.
- **Noelle Kharas, parent.** Ms. Kharas is grateful for WCPSS. She is opposed to mandatory year-round; it is not beneficial to all families. There needs to be a traditional school option that is not magnet and is local for the families in southwest Wake County. Most of the schools are going year-round in this area. Please provide an option so that families can stay together. She thanked the Board members for all they do for Wake County.
- **Cindy Sinkez, parent.** Ms. Sinkez is opposed to mandatory year-round middle schools. It decreases family time and increases family stress. It does not help with continuity at the high

school level. She appreciates the work of the Board, but does not support the Board on the issue of mandatory year-round schools.

RECOGNITION

1. STUDENT RECOGNITION, CAROLINE RICHARDS

To recognize the following WCPSS student, Caroline Richards, Zebulon Middle School, for receiving the Scholastic Art & Writing Award in New York City this summer. Her award-winning artwork was chosen for the cover of the May 8, 2006 Junior Scholastic Magazine. She will be accompanied by her art teacher, Lisa Pesko and her principal Dalphine Perry. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Elizabeth Grimes-Droessler introduced and recognized Caroline Richards for being the recipient of the Scholastic Art & Writing Award. Her artwork is exhibited at the United States Department of Education, and Caroline is 1 of 50 students nationwide to receive this award. Ms. Grimes-Droessler congratulated Caroline on this prestigious honor, and Patti Head added the Board's congratulations Ms. Head expressed to Caroline that she has brought great credit to her family, her school family, and to WCPSS as a whole. Lori Millberg pointed out that Caroline's art work was chosen for the cover of *Junior Scholastic* for May, and Board members were provided with copies. Ms. Millberg and Ms. Head expressed to Caroline how proud they were of her outstanding achievement.

2. 2006 NORTH CAROLINA WINNER OF GILDER LEHRMAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY "PRESERVE AMERICAN HISTORY" AWARD

To recognize Lindy Poling, social studies teacher and department chair at Millbrook High School. She has been named the North Carolina winner of the outstanding teacher of History for 2006 as recognized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History promotes the study of American history, creating history-centered schools and academic research centers. The Institute also funds awards including the Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and George Washington Book Prizes and offers fellowships for scholars to work in history archives, including the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Inaugurated in 2004 by Preserve America, the History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote and honor the teaching of U.S. history in America's classrooms. The Gilder Lehrman Institute was selected by Preserve America and the White House to coordinate and present this annual award, which honors one outstanding K-12 teacher of American history from each state and U.S. territory. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction promotes participation in this program. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Melinda Stephani began by reminding Board members that it is Constitution Week, and she provided Board members with a pocket copy of the Constitution. Ms. Stephani introduced Lindy Poling, the North Carolina winner of the outstanding teacher of History for 2006 as recognized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. She was accompanied by her husband and Dana King, principal of Millbrook High School. Ms. Stephani then introduced the secondary social studies consultants from the Department of Public Instruction who presented Ms. Poling with her award along with a check for \$1,000. Ms. Poling expressed her sincere thanks for the award and recognized her husband, Eleanor Goettee, Melinda Stephani, and Dana King. Patti Head expressed to Ms. Poling the Board's pride for what she does each and every day in the classroom and for being an inspiration to students. Carol Parker, Superintendent Burns, and Eleanor Goettee all shared their congratulations to Ms. Poling for being the recipient of this outstanding honor and echoed Ms. Head's praise of her work. She was described by all as one who exemplifies the best in teaching.

INFORMATION (cont'd.)

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. INTEGRATED APPROACH TO 9TH GRADE ENGLISH

- a. This course was created in response to the English I EOC data
- b. The course is driven by instructional assessment, aligning student need with specific strategies
- c. Two year pilot at Enloe showed significant gains in academic achievement of the students enrolled in this course
- d. The course has expanded to six additional high schools and is being piloted in one middle school this year

Fiscal Implications: Central Services provides instructional and assessment materials as well as training.
 Recommendation for Action: None

Ruth Steidinger made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the Integrated Approach to 9th Grade English, and she provided a hard copy of the presentation to Board members. In her presentation, Ms. Steidinger outlined the key points and supporting data. She emphasized that the participating schools have committed to this with no additional ADM allocation; they see the need, and they make it happen. Ms. Steidinger answered clarifying questions from the Board. Board members were very impressed and excited to hear about this initiative, and they thanked Ms. Steidinger for presenting this information.

CONSENT ITEMS

Carol Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes
 August 22, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes
 August 28, 2006 – Year-Round Conversion Public Hearing Minutes
 September 5, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

FINANCE

1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

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

2. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACT (Exhibit A)

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all change orders, and contracts having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000, and purchase orders in excess of \$250,000 for August 2006. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

3. RENEWAL OF COVERAGE: GENERAL LIABILITY, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, VEHICLE, AND UMBRELLA INSURANCE COVERAGES

The Wake County Public School System maintains General Liability, School District & Educators Legal Liability, Law Enforcement Professional Liability, Vehicle Insurance, and Umbrella Excess Insurance with the Surry Insurance Agency/Utica National Insurance Group. This is the fourth renewal of the coverage and 10% overall reduction in the 2006 renewal premiums in recognition of the WCPSS commitment with Utica National Insurance and our improving loss experience in our ongoing effort to improve facilities and the quality of our risk management services. The recommended action for the 2006-2007 school year is to renew existing policies. The cost will be \$986,889 (which excludes Drivers' Education Automobiles) for school liability insurance. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available in the

Risk Management budget for 2006-2007. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval to renew primary liability coverage with Surry Insurance Company is requested.

4. CHANGE ORDER 4: NETCOMLOGIC, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT

As a result of a Request For Proposal (RFP) released in March 2005, Netcomlogic was chosen to provide database administrator (DBA) services. Last June, a one-year contract with the option of renewal for a second and third year was approved by the Board to begin July 1, 2005. Services are being renewed for a second year. Two change orders have been processed to allow services to continue uninterrupted until Change Order 4 could be taken before the Board for approval. Change order 4 will increase funding \$470,000, extend contract term for the remainder of the fiscal year through June 30, 2007 and add a Service Level Agreement which defines expected levels of service from Netcomlogic. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of change order is \$470,000. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2006-07 operating budget request. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

FACILITIES

1. EAST GARNER ELEMENTARY: RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION AND EASEMENT (SMITH PROPERTY)

As a part of the construction approval process, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Town of Garner are requiring improvements to Jones Sausage Road. To complete the improvements, it is necessary that the WCPSS acquire a right-of-way dedication and a temporary construction easement totaling 5,969.96 square feet as shown on the survey plat. Proposed compensation to acquire the land needed for the right-of-way and easement totals \$6,175. Fiscal Implications: WCPSS pays total compensation of \$6,175 to Mr. Robert Smith and Ms. Janice Smith for the right-of-way acquisition and temporary construction easement. Funding is available from the Phase II Property Acquisition project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. BARWELL ROAD ELEMENTARY: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Wake County Government, the City of Raleigh, and the Board of Education worked together for the development of a school and adjacent park on Barwell Road. The County, City and Board jointly planned the development of the recreational facilities. The Board prepared the master plan for the project to include a Community Center, gymnasiums, additional parking, access roads, and associated infrastructure approved and funded by the City and County. The Board provided supervision for the construction of the school and the additional recreational improvements funded by the County and City. The County and City are responsible for the construction costs of the recreational improvements as well as the design costs associated with those improvements. The County will contribute up to \$250,000 to the City towards the design and construction costs of the recreational improvements and the City is contributing \$7,755,173 towards the design and construction costs of the recreational improvements in accordance with the approved Master Plan. The City is also responsible for change orders associated with their portion of the project. The County's execution of an Interlocal Agreement was pending the successful drafting of a Joint Use Agreement. The Joint Use Agreement was approved by the Board of Education on August 22, 2006. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: WAKEFIELD HIGH 9TH GRADE CENTER

Staff has reviewed the construction documents, and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise for the conversion of an existing grocery store into the Wakefield High 9th Grade Center. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the overall 2007 Crowding Solution project budget of \$7,896,677, of which the budget for this conversion in PLAN 2004 funding is \$6,486,327. The funding for the outfitting of the school is provided in the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DRIVER EDUCATION VEHICLES

Insurance proceeds retained in designated fund balance from driver education vehicles damaged or totaled in June 2006 are needed to repair and replace the damaged vehicles.

Fiscal Implications: Funds are currently available in the Reserve Fund Balance. Recommendation for Action: This is presented to Wake County Public School System's Board of Education to approve the appropriation of designated fund balance for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

2. GRANT PROPOSALS

- a. Competitive (#1111): NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquent Prevention, Wake County Human Services, Support Our Students / Individual Middle Schools.
- b. Collaborative (#1112): Tennessee State University, Evaluation and Research Department, Scaffolded Inquiry Research Project / Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary School Education.
- c. Collaborative (#1113): Shaw University, Partnerships for Community Outreach / Curriculum and Instruction, Secondary Science Education.

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

3. ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH TLC OPERATIONS, INC. (DEVELOPMENTAL DAY CENTER)

The contract with Tammy Lynn Center (TLC) was approved on June 20, 2006 and is being amended to include nursing services. TLC will contract for nursing services for two currently identified students.

The required nursing services will be provided during transportation and the entirety of the school day. WCPSS will reimburse TLC, a total not to exceed \$143,500, for these services. This will bring the total cost of the contract with TLC to \$561,624. Fiscal Implications: Special Education funds (PRC 32) will be used to pay this additional cost. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

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:

- Kim Smith, Cary Elementary School, District 9
- Melinda Crouse, Farmington Woods, District 9

Patti Head called for a 7-minute break at 3:43 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Patti Head thanked Horace Tart for allowing the Facilities Committee meeting on September 12 to serve as a Committee of the Whole to look at current issues. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for October 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on September 12 at 2:30 p.m. Carol Parker reported that there were nine citizen advisors at the meeting, and she thanked all Board members for supplying a nominee. Mark Winters gave a presentation on financial information, and Terri Kimzey gave a presentation on the budget cycle. Michael Evans reviewed the most recent handouts that the Communication Department has prepared for

explanation of budget and financial information. The advisors will be coming back to the next meeting with ideas on roundtable discussions.

Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee met on September 13 at 10:30 a.m. Lori Millberg reported that this was the first meeting of the year. Ms. Millberg has asked all Board members to appoint two members. The topic of discussion for the first two meetings this year will be the question of year-round and how it relates to communication and community relations. There was a presentation on what is currently being done by the Communications Department, and community members provided lists of questions that exist in the community. There will be continued discussion of the year-round issue at the next meeting with a focus on identifying how to answer questions to the public in the most effective way. Ms. Millberg thanked the community members for their attendance.

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resource Committee met on September 13 at 12:30 p.m. Eleanor Goettee reported that the meeting focused on discussing questions generated by the Wake NCAE and teachers presently in year-round schools. Caroline Massengill and Mike Chappell were present to provide information. This discussion will continue at the next meeting, and all Board members are welcome to attend.

Instructional Program Committee

The Instructional Program Committee met on September 13 at 2 p.m. Beverley Clark reported that there was a presentation and discussion on academically gifted services - how academically gifted students are identified and the way the instruction is differentiated. Ms. Clark commended Joyce Gardner, Director of AG Services, on the expert job she did in answering questions. There was also a very interesting presentation on the number of academically gifted students in every school. Ms. Clark reported that studies show that WCPSS is doing a very good job of servicing students at all different kinds of school environments.

NCSBA District 3 Regional Meeting

Rosa Gill, Susan Parry, and Carol Parker attended the NCSBA District 3 Regional Meeting on September 13. Carol Parker reported that the meeting took place in Roanoke Rapids, NC at William R. Davie Middle School. There were a number of breakout sessions that Board members could attend. Carol Parker attended the PaySchools and Sex Education sessions, and she gave updates from each of these sessions. Rosa Gill reported that she attended the E Instruction session, which focused on how to use the Internet, and she also attended a session on Communities in Schools. Susan Parry attended sessions on legal updates and the review of the legislative session. Ms. Parry shared that the NCSBA staff performed a very instructive skit that was a parody of a dysfunctional school board. It demonstrated "what school boards and school board members should not do."

North Carolina School Boards Association Meeting

Carol Parker attended the NCSBA meeting on Friday. She reported that staff gave updates on many different topics. Ann Majestic gave updates on the eye exam and the Leandro case. Three purchasing programs were reviewed. Lou Fabrizio, Director of Accountability Services with DPI gave updates on testing and NCLB. He reviewed the state policy for corrective action on LEAs that do not meet adequate yearly progress. Ms. Parker offered Board members a copy of his presentation.

Mrs. Parker provided Board members with a handout that included the 2007-2008 NCSBA Legislative Agenda. She referenced the three guiding principles used to evaluate legislation: Unfunded Mandates, Local Control, and Funding Formulas. Ms. Parker brought up the issue of the overwhelming need for school construction in North Carolina, and she pointed out that NCSBA's position is to encourage the General Assembly to come up with a school bond for the state and to encourage the General Assembly to provide more tools to local governments to satisfy the construction needs. Ms. Parker reviewed the remaining information contained in the handout, and she outlined the agenda for the NCSBA Annual Conference in

November. At the conclusion of her report, Ms. Parker encouraged Board members to read the revised mission statement for the North Carolina State Board of Education, which was included in the handout.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Beverly Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Rosa Gill pointed out a correction that needed to be made to the vote on the amendment to include a magnet program at Forestville Elementary with the original motion to approve the 3,000 seat elementary capacity through the adoption of multi-track year-round calendar for 19 schools. The minutes incorrectly reflected a 5 to 2 vote, which should be corrected to reflect a 5 to 3 vote with Ms. Gill voting “no.” Rosa Gill made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Beverly Clark. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: AVERSBORO ELEMENTARY

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Ramsay GMK for the construction of a replacement school on the existing site at Aversboro Elementary. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$21,136,772, of which \$978,228 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program and \$20,158,544 is from the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Horace Tart made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board of the schematic design for Aversboro Elementary School. Ms. Sharma clarified that this is a replacement school. Instead of replacing a portion of the building, the whole building will be replaced. Ms. Sharma answered clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

2. DESIGN PHASE CHANGE ORDER NO. 02: E-22 ELEMENTARY (CARY PARK)

Board approval is requested for Design Phase Change Order No. 01 to Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A. This change order, in the amount of \$182,900, is for additional design services required to reconfigure the two-story arrangement to a three-story arrangement, in order to reduce the overall building footprint and enable the school to be fit on the limited size site. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$22,217,786, of which \$745,000 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, \$330,823 is available from funds passed through Wake County from the developer in fiscal year 2004-2005, and \$5,169,177 is from the developer. The remaining \$15,972,786 will come from the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Horace Tart. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board. The property is very restrictive and could not accommodate the 2-story prototype. Therefore, staff is recommending reconfiguring to a 3-story arrangement. There was lengthy discussion, and Ms. Sharma, Mike Burriss, and Betty Parker answered numerous clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

3. AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: E-22/M10 (CARY PARK AREA ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE)

Terms and conditions of an Agreement have been reached with Town of Cary and Panther Creek-Raleigh Limited Partnership to: (1) acquire approximately 20 acres on Green Level to Durham Road, Cary, for a new elementary school; (2) agree to the timing of development of the site and disbursement of \$5,500,000 towards same; and (3) contract for an option to later acquire a middle school site of approximately 30 acres in the same vicinity. This contract is supplemental to the original agreement entered by the Board of Education on February 7, 2006, with the primary change being the location of the land identified for school use within the larger tract currently owned by Town of Cary. Fiscal

Implications: Estimated land cost for the elementary school site is zero, as the land for the elementary school site is being donated by the Town of Cary pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding previously entered into by the parties. There is no current fiscal implication associated therewith. Panther Creek-Raleigh Limited Partnership will provide to the Wake County Board of Education the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000) towards the construction of an elementary school upon the site. There is no current fiscal implication associated therewith.

As to future implications, when the option for the middle school site option is exercised at any time prior to the end of 2011, the cost of 30 acres at \$21,225 per acre will be approximately \$636,750 at the time of acquisition of the property. There is no current fiscal implication associated with the acquisition of the option. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of the Agreement for conveyance of property and development agreement with Town of Cary and Panther Creek-Raleigh Limited Partnership.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board and answered clarifying questions from the Board. She reviewed the discussions that had taken place with the Town of Cary regarding the need for additional acreage or relocation. Ms. Parker also updated the Board on the terms and conditions of the agreement. Ms. Parker and the Town of Cary staff are continuing to work out minor semantic issues. The vote was unanimous.

4. CONVERSION OF THREE (3) MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO A MULTI-TRACK YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR

On May 16, 2006, the Board of Education adopted a Capital Improvement Program that included a provision to “accommodate crowding at middle schools either through the purchase of additional mobiles or through conversion of middle schools or a combination of both.” In subsequent discussions regarding a change to a multi-track year-round calendar for 19 elementary schools, the Board indicated a desire to help families have the same calendar for elementary and middle school children whenever possible. After considering community feedback, and Board of Education discussion, staff recommends changing three (3) middle schools to a multi-track year-round calendar: East Wake Middle, North Garner Middle, and Salem Middle. Fiscal Implications: Annual operating budgets will increase because of more students and 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.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Horace Tart made a motion to amend the original motion to vote on each of these schools separately, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was 3 to 5 with Carol Parker, Ron Margiotta, and Horace Tart voting “yes,” and Rosa Gill, Susan Parry, Eleanor Goettee, Lori Millberg, and Beverley Clark voting “no.” The motion failed.

Before taking a vote, Beverley Clark felt it was important that she state how difficult and agonizing this decision has been for the Board. She also reviewed the many hours the Board has spent discussing all of the components of this issue.

Patti Head echoed Ms. Clark’s comments, and Ms. Head reiterated that this is a painful time for everyone as the Board is trying to deal with the tremendous growth in Wake County.

Ron Margiotta prefaced his “no” vote by stating that he is remaining consistent in his opposition to any forced conversions and mandatory reassignments to a year-round calendar. He is thankful that two schools were removed from the list and is disappointed that the remaining three schools were not removed.

Susan Parry reiterated the difficulty of this decision and the many hours the Board has spent in discussion. She also stated that since there is no expected slowdown in the tremendous growth facing Wake County in the future, this kind of decision falls into the category of something that the Board has

been asked to do frequently by the community, which is to plan long term for solutions to the growth situation that will allow WCPSS to continue to offer a high quality education to all students. She feels that it is important to note that the decision not to convert schools would bring its own set of problems and level of increased instability and difficulty in seating students.

Horace Tart stated that his reason for wanting to vote on these schools separately was due to the fact that although some of the schools and their communities are in favor of the year-round conversion, this is not the case with all of the schools. He wants to provide as much choice as possible for the families in Wake County.

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

LEGISLATIVE

1. RESOLUTION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

- The Wake County Public School System is the second largest school system in the state of North Carolina currently serving 127,767 students in more than 147 schools.
- The State Board of Education has approved sixteen Wake County charter schools in the past eight years housing approximately 4,150 students of the 125,000 plus students attending public school in Wake County during the 2005-2006 school year.
- In 2006 the State Board of Education approved six-year charter schools in keeping with the statewide maximum number of 100 charter schools.
- Charter schools may provide an alternative option for housing and educating students in a public school setting other than the traditional public schools.
- North Carolina state law sets no limit on the number of charter schools that can be approved in any county.
- The Wake County Board of Education encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to study the programs in the state’s charter schools and to determine if their financial and academic performance should warrant incrementally increasing the charter school cap in North Carolina state law.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Request Board approval.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Eleanor Goettee reported that this resolution was being brought to the Board to clarify for the public the Board’s position on this issue. This resolution will be directed to the General Assembly, which is the proper body to consider lifting the cap on charter schools. Ron Margiotta asked for clarification as to where the resolution originated and the intent of the resolution. Ms. Head responded, and read the resolution for clarification. Beverley Clark also offered clarifying information as to the origin of this resolution. Mr. Margiotta stated although this might be a good first step, it is meaningless. It does not ask the state legislature to increase the cap on charter schools, and if that is the intent it should be so stated. Ms. Head clarified that the intent is to ask the North Carolina General Assembly to study the issue of the charter school cap. Carol Parker emphasized that she has been advocating for a resolution to clarify that the Board does want the General Assembly to study the charter school cap. Ms. Parker feels this is as far as this Board can take it, and she expressed her resentment of the attacks on the school board by legislators when the responsibility resides in the General Assembly. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Lori Millberg made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319 and to consult with an attorney employed by 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). The motion was seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

Open Session reconvened at 6:14 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:

- Marvin Connelly, Jr., Principal at Knightdale High School to Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, October 1, 2006
- Robert Q. Soutter, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Martin Gifted and Talented Magnet Middle School, effective date September 20, 2006.

The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Rosa Gill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Parry. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education