



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2006

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

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

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- On September 20, there was a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners. At that meeting, the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) gave a quarterly report to update both boards on the activities of the committee. The CFAC is made up of individuals from a variety of professional backgrounds who meet regularly to look at the facilities needs in Wake County. The committee's focus at this time is on schools. John Mabe and Billie Redmond are the co-chairs of the committee, and Horace Tart is the liaison for the Board of Education. The Board shared information with the CFAC regarding projected growth, and WCPSS staff explained the reporting process of 20th day student enrollment numbers to the State.
- On September 21, Patti Head and Carol Parker attended the NCAE Task Force meeting. Ms. Head thanked Jennifer Lanane, NCAE President, for both her hospitality and the dinner that evening. Ms. Head reported that it was very interesting to listen to the teachers' concerns and questions regarding the year-round conversions. Another NCAE Task Force meeting was held on September 28.
- On September 21, Patti Head attended a discussion of the bond with the Lacy Elementary PTA. She was part of a very distinguished panel that included Board member, Beverley Clark; Facilities staff member, Alex Fuller; Hope Carmichael of Wake Families for School Choice; and Phil Zachary, CEO of Curtis Media. There was lively discussion, and Ms. Head expressed her enjoyment of the opportunity to be with the Lacy PTA.
- Patti Head, Lori Millberg, and Carol Parker attended the Triangle Community Coalition Partnership in Politics Golf Classic. Even though they did not play golf, Ms. Head, Ms. Millberg, and Ms. Parker did have lunch and conversation with some of the elected officials and members of the TCC who were present. Ms. Head expressed the Board's appreciation for the invitation.

- Ms. Head reported that on the morning of Tuesday, September 26, several Board members attended the Career and Technical Education celebration. It was a wonderful celebration of the partnership between WCPSS and the business community. Representative Grier Martin spoke and shared interesting insight regarding the legislature. Superintendent Burns gave an inspirational speech on the different learning styles within his own family, and Ms. Head thanked him for sharing his personal experiences.
- On Tuesday, September 26, Patti Head and Horace Tart attended the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee meeting at Panther Creek High School. The next meeting will be held at Lacy Elementary to get a firsthand look at the renovations.
- The Wake County PTA Council's *Great Expectations* was held on Tuesday, September 28, at Knightdale High School.
- Several Board members attend the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce's Elected Officials event on Tuesday, September 28. Board members had the opportunity to talk with the business leaders and elected officials in that area. Ms. Head expressed the Board's appreciation for the invitation.
- On September 29, the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce held its Board of Directors and Advisors meeting, where the leadership was passed from Lee Youngblood to Ron Wainwright. Ann Goodnight spoke for the *Friends of Wake County*. Mr. Wainwright also spoke and relayed the Chamber's support of the bond.
- On the evening of September 29, Patti Head attended an event honoring Robert and Hattie Bridges. The Honored Educator Scholarship is being formed in their names through the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Bob Bridges is a much revered former WCPSS superintendent and his wife, Hattie Bridges, was a dedicated educator and chair of the P.E. Dept. at Enloe for many years. Dr. Burns displayed a plaque that had been presented to the Board of Education establishing this scholarship. Through this scholarship, a teacher from WCPSS will be able to attend the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching each year. The first winner of the scholarship is Vickie Peoples, a P.E. teacher at Enloe High School. Ms. Head is hoping to have Ms. Peoples share her experience with the Board after she spends her week at the center. Ms. Head thoroughly enjoyed attending this event honoring Dr. Bridges and his wife, Hattie, and described it as "one of the highlights of my week."
- On Friday, September 29, Patti Head participated on a panel with Lloyd Gardner, Area Superintendent, and Joe Bryan, County Commissioner, at the Garner Chamber of Commerce. Each panelist shared their perspective about the pending Capital Improvement Plan and the bond. Marty Clayton from Progress Energy was the moderator. Horace Tart was also in attendance and gave a presentation. Ms. Head expressed her enjoyment of being among the business community and elected officials from the Garner area.
- Patti Head thanked Michael Evans and his staff for *Fact or Fiction: the Straight Story* on the WCPSS website that answers frequently asked questions for the public. It is a great help to the community and will help reduce the number of questions that Board members receive via email.
- Ms. Head gave the following calendar updates:
 - The Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee will tour West View Elementary School in Johnston County on Thursday, October 5. Board members have been invited to attend.
 - Wake Education Partnership's Annual Meeting will be held on October 12 from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
 - The *Friends of Wake County* rally will be held on October 17 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the RBC Center.

Superintendent's Report

- The preliminary number for the 20th day is 128,070 students for the 2006-07 school year. This is 7,566 more students than the number of students on the 20th day last year. This represents a 6.28% increase in WCPSS student population. In 2005-06, there was 5.6% increase; in 2004-05, there was a 4.7% increase; in 2003-04, there was a 4.3% increase; and in 2002-03, there was a 2.9% increase. The percentage is increasing every year and confirms the tremendous growth of WCPSS. This

information will be submitted to the State after it is certified, and this is the basis for funding in terms of state formulas.

- The Raising the Achievement/Closing the Gap Committee met last week. The committee is composed of representatives from the district and the community. The Instructional Services Division presented information related to current programs, diversity training, and parent involvement programs. The meeting was well attended, and Dr. Burns is looking to this committee to continue to help WCPSS to not only raise achievement, but also close the gaps.
- Superintendent Burns recognized and congratulated Eric Sparks who will become the President of the American School Counselor Association this month. Dr. Burns thanked Mr. Sparks for representing WCPSS nationally.
- Superintendent Burns recognized and congratulated Portia Lambright who has been named President of the North Carolina School Counselor Association.
- Superintendent Burns recognized and congratulated Marilyn Moody, Senior Director of Child Nutrition Services, who serves as the President of the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina.
- Last Tuesday, the Evaluation and Research Department had a training workshop for new principals. Information related to data and data management was shared. WCPSS relies very heavily on data and data management in looking at instructional programs for students. One of the tools used is called QuickPlace, and training was provided for principals. This is just one more tool used to support “teaching and learning” for all children.
- The Communications Department has established a new publication called *Classroom Connection*. The very first edition will be out soon and will highlight the finalists for Teacher of the Year and the ways they see the district supporting “teaching and learning.”
- Dr. Burns had a wonderful opportunity to share remarks at the School-to-Career Volunteer Celebration on September 26. The celebration recognized approximately 300 business community volunteers who are working in WCPSS throughout the year. They received awards for their outstanding leadership and volunteerism. One of the publications distributed was the *2006 North Carolina Career Outlook Handbook*, which was written by Chris Droessler. Board members will receive copies of this publication soon.
- AB Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School has been selected for the Title I Distinguished Schools Program for Closing the Achievement Gap. There were four schools that were identified as potential recipients, and AB Combs received the honor. A team from the Department of Public Instruction made a site visit to the school on September 28. Later in the year, the school will be honored at a ceremony along with other schools in the region. Dr. Burns congratulated Muriel Summers and her staff for their hard work.
- During the first six days in which the College Board’s SAT Readiness Program was available on the website, there were over 1800 downloads and views. This is a resource for students who are wishing to improve their SAT scores. This is made available free of charge to all WCPSS students. Dr. Burns thanked the Instructional Services Division for their work on this.
- On September 16, a School/Community Helping Hands Parent Workshop was held at Southeast Raleigh High School. It was very well attended with several speakers from the school system as well as the community.
- Last Friday, the Human Resources Department held its 75th orientation session for new employees since June 5, and over 2,000 employees have gone through this process. Dr. Burns commended Maurice Boswell and his staff for their hard work in providing this very important opportunity to new employees.
- Julye Mizelle and the other area superintendents are working on an Assistant Principal Institute with the Triangle Leadership Academy. At this time, there are approximately 30 applicants. This is an exciting program and will play an important role in succession planning and growing future principals through this opportunity. Dr. Burns thanked the area superintendents and Joe Peel for their hard work with this.

- On September 20 & 21, the K-12 Open Technology Summit was held in Wake County at the Friday Center. It is a national summit, and Bev White represented WCPSS as a participant on a panel. This summit was for leaders in the field of technology from across the nation.
- On September 26, the Wake County PTA Council had its *Great Expectations* celebration which recognized their 30 year anniversary. There was a great turn out of staff, members of the community, and PTA members. Dr. Burns was very pleased to have been a part of this celebration.
- Superintendent Burns recognized and welcomed Marvin Connelly, the new Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Eleanor Goettee shared that on Friday, September 22, she had the pleasure of attending Cary High School's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony where three new members were inducted. It was a day-long celebration that ended at the football game that night. Ms. Goettee publicly thanked the Mayor of Cary, Ernie McAlister for his remarks and public endorsement of the bond.
- On September 28, Eleanor Goettee and Carol Parker attended the Wake NCAE Year-Round Task Force meeting. Ms. Goettee reported that two social workers from WCPSS presented a paradigm of how they might address the issue of conversion to year-round, and Caroline Massengill and Maurice Boswell addressed issues and questions generated by the group.
- Carol Parker attended an elected officials event in Cary. Ms. Parker talked to Gloria Lopez, a former reporter at WRAL who is now working for Rex Hospital. Rex Hospital is interested in looking at creative ways to partner with WCPSS in several different areas. Donna Hargens orchestrated a meeting with several folks from Rex Hospital that Ms. Parker attended. Richard Murphy and David Rockefeller were also in attendance. Ms. Parker expressed her appreciation to staff for their willingness to take the ideas from the meeting and "run with them."
- Carol Parker reported briefly on a debate she attended at the Republican Headquarters regarding the bond. Speaking against the bond were leaders from the *Americans for Prosperity* and the *John Locke Foundation*. Ms. Parker and Ed Bonner from the *Friends of Wake County* spoke in support of the bond.
- Susan Parry reported that she attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Wake County Smart Start. This celebration was held in honor of Smart Start as well as all the partners countywide who work to provide services for young children. The celebration was well attended, and Ms. Parry was reminded of the importance of these services. She gave an overview of many of the programs that are being provided to help support and identify very young children who are at risk of school failure and what is being done to help these children transition successfully into school.
- Susan Parry reported that she visited Swift Creek Elementary School. The principal gave Ms. Parry an impressive tour of his current efforts to develop a Professional Learning Community at the school. Ms. Parry was also very impressed with a DVD that had been done entirely by the students that was sent to the children that were assigned to Swift Creek from other schools last year. The DVD was done in the form of a tour and a quiz show. It was very welcoming for the incoming students and left no doubt that they were entering a great school.
- Susan Parry reported that she and Rosa Gill attended the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee meeting at Panther Creek High School on September 26.
- Susan Parry reported that she and Rosa Gill attended a program on Saturday morning sponsored and organized by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African American Children. It was part of an ongoing series of presentations done at the request of these citizens in conjunction with WCPSS staff. Chuck Dulaney gave a very informative presentation about growth. Donna Hargens and three counselors did a role playing session to demonstrate the best way for parents to approach a parent/teacher/student conference. Ms. Parry commended staff for the great job they did.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to Closed Session to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move the Committee of the Whole Minutes of September 19, 2006, from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present recommendations for the following subdivisions: Augusta Landings, Providence (Phase 1), and Wynbrooke. 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 made a presentation to the Board. The staff of the Growth and Planning Department is continuing to review the school assignments of these three subdivisions based upon the recent decisions regarding additional year-round schools for next year. This will be brought back to Board as an action item at the next Board meeting. Patti Head questioned the assignment of Wynbrooke to Leesville Elementary and asked Mr. Dulaney to take a look at the possibility of spot nodding this subdivision to another elementary school. Carol Parker requested that he look at the middle school assignment as well. Mr. Dulaney will come back with a recommendation when this item is brought before the Board as an action item. Susan Parry asked for clarification from Mr. Dulaney of how assignment of subdivisions has changed in the past year, and Mr. Dulaney responded that the tremendous growth has escalated the number of subdivisions being brought before the Board regarding the need for spot nodding. Ms. Parry referenced the dramatic increase in numbers, and Mr. Dulaney offered further information in this regard.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. TEACHING AND LEARNING – ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Middle schools have been using formative assessments to inform instruction and determine “what students have learned” as they seek to intervene before students fail. Middle school staff will share the intent and the purpose of this important practice. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Information only.

Holly Budzinski gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, *Data Driven Instruction in Middle Schools – A Quick Look at Formative Assessments*. Ms. Budzinski described the formative assessments and gave an overview of Blue Diamond, the tool used to house the assessments. Ms. Budzinski introduced Tina Gallucci, a 6th grade math teacher at Salem Middle School, who explained how Blue Diamond is used in the 6th grade Math/Science PLC. Mrs. Budzinski explained how Blue Diamond was developed and answered clarifying questions from the Board. David Holdzkom also answered questions from the Board and gave further information on formative assessments. Superintendent Burns commended and expressed appreciation to Tina Gallucci. Patti Head thanked Holly Budzinski for her very informative and interesting presentation. The Board looks forward to receiving more positive data from the assessments. Ms. Head shared that the use of this tool is just one of the ways that Wake County is a leader in public education.

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.

- **Mike Stanton, parent.** Mr. Stanton expressed thanks to the Board for the opportunity to speak. He is a concerned parent of five children who is opposed to mandatory year-round schools. This is not the right solution. He feels his concerns are falling on deaf ears. This decision affects thousands of families in Wake County as well as the teachers. There are other solutions that are not being considered. He asked that the Board stop mandatory year-round schools and give back a choice to families.
- **Dave Duncan, parent.** Mr. Duncan is part of a grassroots effort called *Stop Mandatory Year-Round*. There is a rapidly growing group of concerned citizens. National statistics show that mandatory year-round is a failure. Mandatory year-round will be disruptive to the families, the communities, and to our success as a large county system. He is a fan of school funding, but the bond is laced with mandatory year-round. This bond is wrong for Wake County.
- **Cathy Bishop, parent.** Ms. Bishop is opposed to mandatory year-round schools. It is not too late for the Board to change its decision. So many families are upset in Wake County. Statistics have proven that mandatory year-round does not work. She will vote against the bond because of the wording of the bond in regards to the year-round conversions. It is not too late to change her mind because it is not too late for the Board to change its mind.
- **Lisa Nesbitt, parent.** Ms. Nesbitt is opposed to mandatory year-round schools, and she directed her remarks to the high school situation. She has read why it is not possible to have high schoolers on the same track as elementary and middle school siblings, but has never seen an explanation for why it is not important to have high schoolers on the same track. She is deeply disturbed by this. High school students are the most at-risk group. Families are being forced to have elementary and middle school students on year-round calendars while high school students are remaining on traditional calendars. This is a great disruption to her family and others.
- **Jennifer Lanane, Wake NCAE President.** Ms. Lanane thanked the task force members, as well as Caroline Massengill, Maurice Boswell, and Board members who have come to the meetings. Ms. Lanane stated that they have chosen to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. She would like to make sure there is employee involvement in year-round discussions. Ms. Lanane stated the five issues that she would like the Board to address.
- **Phil Zachary, member of *Friends of Wake County*.** Mr. Zachary spoke in support of the upcoming bond. He is perplexed as to why a matter as simple as choosing the least expensive way to finance school construction, renovation, land acquisition, and critical technology upgrades has become “fodder” for everything wrong with public education. He stated that the bond is not an option with more than 7,000 students coming to Wake County every year. The public education infrastructure is bursting at the seams. He and other members of the *Friends of Wake County* will be speaking to as many PTAs and other organizations as possible to harvest “yes” votes to support the schools and educators.
- **Ed Bonner, member of *Friends of Wake County*.** Mr. Bonner spoke in support of the pending school bond issue. He spoke of the courage of the Board members in making very difficult decisions. Children must be prepared and have the resources and education to compete for the same jobs and same quality of life that citizens enjoy today in Wake County. He hopes that the school bond issue will not be held hostage by any special interest group. He understands and respects the challenges voiced by parents, but he hopes the community can rise above a partisan point of view and look at the welfare of the children and the ability to continue to provide them with a world class public education system. Mr. Bonner applauded the Board and the decisions it has made.

2. TEACHING AND LEARNING – WAKE EARLY COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES

The Secondary Team in the Instructional Services Division highlights a video clip done by a local television station as it captures the intent of the Wake Early College of Health and Sciences. In its first year, this innovative high school is supported in part by Governor Easley's Learn and Earn initiative and partners with Wake Technical Community College and WakeMed Health and Hospitals to provide a unique educational experience for students. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Information only.

Jim Palermo made a presentation to the Board. A video clip from NBC-17 News was shown to the Board that featured a tour of the campus and interviews with Dr. Palermo and some of the students. These students were present at the meeting to share their career aspirations for the future and their experiences at Wake Early College of Health and Sciences. The school opened on August 10 with 97 students. It has a rigorous academic program. Students go to high school for five years on a college schedule. The focus is solely on academics; there are no extracurricular activities. Some of the students along with Dr. Palermo answered questions from the Board. The students clarified the reasons they had chosen to apply to the Wake Early College of Health and Sciences. Patti Head and Susan Parry praised the students for doing a fabulous job. Ms. Head expressed thanks to the students and Dr. Palermo for coming and sharing with the Board, and she suggested that the Board take a road trip to the school.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2006 – Committee of the Whole for Facilities Minutes

August 29 & 30, 2006 – Board Work Session Minutes

September 14, 2006 – Year-Round Conversion Public Hearing Minutes

September 19, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM (Exhibit A)

Fifty-five gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$18,971. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action is required.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

- a. Competitive (#1114): North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Healthy Schools, Abstinence Education/Central Services, Curriculum and Instruction.
- b. Competitive (#1115): Ben and Jerry's Foundation/Reedy Creek Elementary School.
- c. Competitive (#1116): Ezra Jack Keats/Reedy Creek Elementary School.
- d. Competitive (#1117): State Library of North Carolina, LSTA School Collection Development/Ligon Middle and Individual Schools.

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

2. FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY BLENDED PRESCHOOL

- The Forestville Elementary Blended Preschool seeks to duplicate the model for preschoolers with hearing impairments which is currently being implemented at Lacy Elementary. The program offers

hearing-impaired preschoolers the opportunity to learn in an environment that includes non-hearing impaired children.

- Based on early childhood research, Federal and State guidelines encourage blended programs for preschoolers. Students with hearing impairments benefit greatly from being exposed to the language models of typically developing children.
- The program can serve up to 12 children with half being assigned by Special Education Services on the basis of the hearing impairment and the other 6 children are tuition students. Tuition students will be half-day morning students. The students with hearing impairments will be half-day or full-day depending on their IEP. Currently the program is operating with the 6 tuition students and 1 student with a hearing impairment. Three additional students who will turn 3-years old in the next few months or are in the evaluation process may be in need of this program depending on the recommendation of the IEP Team.
- Tuition for non-hearing impaired students is \$150.00 per month for 5 half-days of preschool per week following the WCPSS school calendar. This is consistent with the cost structure in place at Lacy Elementary.

Fiscal Implications: There is no increase in staff or facility costs. Tuition for non-hearing impaired students will be utilized at the school level to offset the increase in materials and to enhance the program.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested to implement the program at Forestville as outlined.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Exhibit B)

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- 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. Recommendations for Action: Board approval is requested.

The Board approved the following nominations:

- Diana Oxendine, Wake Early College of Health and Sciences, District 4
- Dr. William P Shipp, At Large, District 9

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

There were no committee chairs' reports to be given.

Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee

Horace Tart reported the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) met on September 26 at Panther Creek High School. A presentation was made by Don Haydon, and Mike Burriss lead a tour of the school. A handout was provided that gave a breakdown of the costs of the school. Mr. Tart found it surprising to see the difference in the amount of money that was actually spent for the building compared to the funds spent on site prep, furniture, teacher materials, student materials, surveying, engineering, etc. Quite a different picture emerged when it was broken down this way. On October 5, the CFAC will be touring a school in Johnston County. The next CFAC meeting will be at Lacy Elementary School on October 24. Mr. Tart offered an invitation to anyone who would like to attend the visit to Johnston County or Lacy. Ms. Head added that the CFAC is sending out a list of questions as a group to benchmark schools across the county to ask about their construction costs and their design phase in order become educated on what is happening in other parts of the country. The CFAC will use this information as a resource to assess what is happening here. Ms. Head is excited that they are looking at that level of detail. The CFAC will be reporting back to the Board, the County Commissioners, and the whole community. Ms. Head thanked Horace Tart for agreeing to serve as the Board liaison for the CFAC.

Board members gave the following calendar updates on upcoming committee meetings:

- Beverley Clark reported that the Instructional Program Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 2:30 p.m.
- Horace Tart reported that the Committee of the Whole for Facilities will be meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- Carol Parker reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 2:30 p.m. The Finance Committee members will be getting a packet of information to study in advance.
- Lori Millberg reported that the Community Relations Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- Eleanor Goettee reported that the Human Resources Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:30 p.m.
- Susan Parry reported that the Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 12:30 p.m. The committee will be focusing on policies regarding foreign language proficiency, naming of schools, and if time permits, voting procedures for the Board.

Committee of the Whole

Patti Head shared for the public that the Committee of the Whole is designed as a work session for the Board. She then gave a detailed review of the discussions that took place at today's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Patti Head called for a 10-minutes recess at 4 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 19, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Eleanor Goettee pointed out a correction that needed to be made to the vote regarding the motion to remove Salem Middle School from the list of middle schools to be converted to year-round. Eleanor Goettee's name should be added to those voting in opposition of the motion. Beverley Clark abstained, so her name should be added to those voting in favor of the motion. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

FACILITIES

1. BIDS: MODULARS AT EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE

Staff requests pre-approval of bids and authorization to award, not to exceed \$700,000, for the site set-up of three multi-purpose rooms and three eight-classroom size units for swing space at East Millbrook Middle. Bids are scheduled to be received on September 26, 2006. Staff will provide actual contract amounts and bid tabulations at a future Board meeting. Pre-approval will expedite the contracts to complete the swing space by December 31, 2006, in order to accommodate the schedule of this planned renovation project in the next building program. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget is \$30,824,735, of which \$3,470,802 is currently available from PLAN 2004 and \$109,089 from PLAN 2000 Start-Up. The remainder of the funds for the total project will come from the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Ken Fuller made a presentation to the Board. This project is expected to begin around March. Ken Fuller answered clarifying questions from the Board. Patti Head emphasized that this project and others are dependent on further funding from the bond. The vote was unanimous.

2. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SELECTION: LAUREL PARK ELEMENTARY (E-26)

In accordance with the professional services selection procedures adopted by the Wake County Board of Education, the selection committee recommends the construction management at risk firm of D. H. Griffin Construction Co., LLC for construction of the Laurel Park Elementary project. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2007. Fiscal Implications: Construction management fees will be negotiated in accordance with professional services procedures using the Board approved construction manager at risk contract. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Mike Burriss made a presentation to the Board. Nine firms responded and requested consideration. Three firms were selected and interviewed by the selection committee, and D.H. Griffin Construction Co. was recommended. Mike Burriss answered clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

3. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT: LAUREL PARK ELEMENTARY (E-26)

The next building program includes the construction of Laurel Park Elementary. Negotiations have been completed with D. H. Griffin Construction Co., LLC for the construction manager's pre-construction services only. The form of agreement for Construction Management at Risk has been previously reviewed and approved by the Board. Pearce, Brinkley, Cease + Lee, PA was previously selected as the designer for this project. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$20,853,980, of which, \$895,000 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program and \$19,958,980 is from the next building program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the Construction Manager of \$150,000 for pre-construction basic services and 3.5% of the construction cost for the construction management fee. Funds for this present contract are encumbered from PLAN 2004 Program Contingency. Another précis at this Board meeting will reallocate this \$150,000 from Program Contingency to this PLAN 2004 Laurel Park Elementary Start-Up Project. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ken Fuller made a presentation to the Board. Beverley Clark emphasized that this project requires the passage of the bond in order to proceed. The vote was unanimous.

4. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: LAUREL PARK ELEMENTARY (E-26)

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Pearce, Brinkley, Cease + Lee for conversion of Bepak Manufacturing Building to Laurel Park Elementary School. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$20,853,980, of which, \$895,000 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program and \$19,958,980 is from the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Jyoti Sharma made a presentation to the Board. She provided a handout and gave an overview of the site plan, the floor plan, and the elevations. Ms. Sharma answered clarifying questions from the Board. Patti Head reiterated that this project calls for \$19.9 million from future funding. The vote was unanimous.

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

Resolution requests reallocation of project funds from the PLAN 2004 Start-Up Projects at Elementary E24 and E27, to nine Start-Up Projects. Total reallocation amount is \$1,475,000. Funding is not currently needed for design at E24 and E27, but funding is required for other projects in order to begin design in accordance with the proposed master schedule. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Mike Burriss made a presentation to the Board. A corrected Precis was emailed to Board members which shows the total reallocation amount as \$1,475,000. Mr. Burriss answered clarifying questions from Board members. The vote was unanimous.

6. 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 Bridgegate Estates. Water from the site eventually drains into Buffalo Creek, and a historic deed reference indicates that the southern border of the track was at one time identified as Sandy Branch. Naming of the school is now required.

Staff considered names for the school including Buffalo Creek Middle, Marks Creek Middle, Sandy Branch Middle and Wendell Middle. Buffalo Creek Middle, Marks Creek Middle and Sandy Branch Middle are not recommended, as the area of the site is not generally known and associated with these geographic or natural features. 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: Board approval is requested.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board. Staff brought the following names to the Board for consideration: Buffalo Creek Middle, Marks Creek Middle, Sandy Branch Middle, and Wendell Middle. Staff is recommending the name Wendell Middle. Lori Millberg voiced her support for the naming the school Wendell Middle. The vote was unanimous.

Patti Head called for a recess at 4:50 p.m. to prepare for Spotlight on Students. The meeting reconvened at 5 p.m.

RECOGNITION

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS (Exhibit C)

Seventeen students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Patti Head introduced Eric Sparks and congratulated him on becoming the President of the American School Counselor Association. Mr. Sparks then presented each of the 17 students for recognition. Patti Head referenced a meeting Board members attended where the theme was "The Heart of a Champion." Ms. Head was reminded of what is at the heart of a champion by the traits found in tonight's award winners; such as, being kind, reaching out to others, showing courage and perseverance, and the respect they show for themselves and others. Each student award winner is a champion. Ms. Head asked the Board and the audience to join her in giving a standing ovation to these outstanding students.

Patti Head called for a brief recess at 5:14 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:18 p.m.

ACTION (cont.'d)

FACILITIES

7. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department presented recommendations for the following 17 subdivisions at the Board meeting on September 19, 2006, and subsequently revised the recommendation to reflect the Board's decision on conversion of three middle schools to year-round calendar:

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 recommends Board approval.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Chuck Dulaney made a presentation to the Board. With the Board's approval, he asked to pull the following four subdivisions from the list in order to gather additional information:

Baybridge Park
Fieldstone Crossing (Phase 2)
Maybrook Forest (Phase 1)
Wyndcroft

There were no questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE

1. EYE EXAM RESOLUTION

This Resolution was developed in response to a recent enactment by the General Assembly and the Governor.

- The Wake County Board of Education joined the North Carolina School Boards Association and local school boards across North Carolina to challenge the constitutionality of eye exam legislation.
- In July 2006 the General Assembly enacted and the Governor approved H.B. 2699, "An Act to Make Changes to the Vision Care Program."
- H.B. 2699 removes the requirement that every incoming kindergarten child obtain a comprehensive eye exam and limits the requirement to children who receive and fail to pass a prescribed eye screening.
- H.B. 2699 provides that "No child shall be excluded from attending a school for a parent's failure to obtain a comprehensive eye examination" required under state law.
- H.B. 2699 provides that any required comprehensive eye examination be conducted by a duly licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist, but does not limit the providers to professionals licensed in North Carolina.
- Due to the changes in the Vision Care Program resulting from enactment of H.B. 2699, the constitutional issues raised in *North Carolina School Boards Association, et al. v. State of North Carolina, et al.* have been resolved.
- The Wake County Board of Education hereby agrees to join in filing a Notice of Dismissal of *North Carolina School Boards Association, et al. v. State of North Carolina, et al.*, 06 CVS 002544.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Ann Majestic made a presentation to the Board. The Board is being asked to agree to join other boards in withdrawing the litigation. There were no questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319; 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); and to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402. The motion was seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:47 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

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

- Chase Ferrell, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Carnage Middle School, effective date October 4, 2006.

The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR CAREER STATUS (Exhibit D)

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve career status for the teachers on the attached list, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Lori Millberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Beverley Clark. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education