



OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Ramey Beavers
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	Mike Burriss
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Del Burns	
Beverley Clark	Luther Cherry	
Rosa Gill	Cindi Jolly	
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Jonibel Willis	
Bill Fletcher	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	Board Attorney Present
	Donna Hargens	<i>Ann Majestic</i>
	Elwanda Farrow	
	Maurice Boswell	

Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- *Susan Parry thanked Patti Head for serving in as chair at the September 21 board meeting while she was in China with group educators.*
- *The chair recognized the WCPTA for the most well attended "Great Expectation" conference to date. Ms. Parry announced that superintendent Bill McNeal received the "Lifetime Achievement Award for the WCPTA council.*
- *She reminded the board of the Wake Education Partnership's Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 7, at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Former Governor Jim Hunt is the keynote speaker. The partnership will be presenting its plan of work for the 2005 school year.*
- *The Magnet Fair will be held on Saturday, November 6, at Southeast Raleigh High School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Superintendent McNeal announced the WCPSS assistant principals and principals of the year finalists. The principals are Freda Cole, Green Hope Elementary; Stephen Mares, Joyner Elementary; Darryl Fisher, Wilburn Elementary School; John Wall, Zebulon Middle School; and John Modest, Southeast Raleigh High School. The assistant principal finalists are Susan Spivey, Cary Elementary School; Mary Swann, Forestville Road Elementary; James Argent, Timber Drive Elementary; Karen Summers, West Lake Middle School; and Martha Ramsey, Middle Creek High School.*
- *Mr. McNeal announced that Rod Paige, US Secretary of Education, came to Raleigh to visit North Ridge Elementary and to present Wake with \$1.3 million the federal grant for Innovative Obesity Prevention Program. This 3-year grant will provided four more fitness centers at the high schools, provide a range of PE activities for middle schoolers, and create new partnerships between elementary PE teachers and classroom teachers to interest students in fitness and nutrition.*
- *All Wake County schools will open on a two-hour delay on Election Day, November 2, 2004.*

- *The first round of the Community Engagement meetings are: October 12-Sanderson High School; October 13-Wakefield High School; October 14, Green Hope High School; October 19, Garner High School; October 20, Holly Ridge Middle School; and October 21, Knightdale High School. All meeting begin at 7:00 p.m.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlotte Turpin, NCAE President. *She addressed the increased challenges teachers face. Over the last 20 years the number of special education, ESL, and AG students have increased. She asked that teachers not be over burdened with increased teacher/student ratio because of overcrowding.*

Louise Lee, President Save our Schools -Year-Round Option. *Thank the board for not mandating yea-round schools for families. Ms. Lee asked the district for an operational cost breakdown on year-round schools vs. traditional schools.*

Lib McGowan, Member of the Mayor's Task Force. *Questioned "why the board was not informed of the "shortfall" of seats for students prior to September?" Ms. McGowan asked the board to implement the Mayors' Task Force recommendations on long- and short-term comprehensive planning.*

Dr. Kari Lenox, parent. *Asked the board not to convert schools to mandated year-round schools.*

Sheree Hedrick, PTA parent. *Asked the board to keep its commitment to renovate eastern wake county schools. Parents feel they are not being treated equitably with the rest of the county.*

Charles Canno, parent. *Opposes the new eastern Wake elementary school to be located at the Highway 97 site. He feels the site would be more appropriate for a middle school.*

Smith Raynor, vice president, PTA. *Opposes the new eastern Wake elementary school to be located at the Highway 97 site. Mr. Raynor feels the site would be appropriate for a middle school.*

Patricia Clark. 9th grade parent. *Opposes a 9th grade center for Wakefield High School campus but, does not oppose the modular units to address growth.*

Patricia Pilarinos, volunteer of the year. *Opposes the 9th grade center for Wakefield High School campus but does not oppose the modular units to ease crowding.*

Amy Leinfelder, parent. *Thanked the board for not approving mandated year-round schools.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to remove from the Consent Agenda- Board Advisory Council Nomination, District 8.

Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to request a closed session under N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (5) to establish, or instruct staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Board of Education in negotiating (1) the price and material terms of two contracts for the acquisition of real property. The property if acquired, will be used for new public school facilities located on Highway 97 approximately ¼ mile east of the intersection of Wendell Blvd. and Highway 97, Wendell, North Carolina, and on new Rogers-Young Bypass Road (Stratford Village development) Rolesville, North Carolina.

Amy White made a motion to move Item #2 Finance-Consent "Criminal Record Checks" to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was 7 to 1 with Kathryn Watson Quigg voting “no.”

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2004- Closed Session
 August 24, 2004 – Closed Session
 September 7, 2004- Closed Session
 September 14, 2004 – Finance Committee
 September 8, 2004-Instructional Program Committee

FACILITIES

1. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR PLAN 2004 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2004 School Building Program projects previously approved by the Board. This request will provide construction funds for projects already in design and provide funds to start design on other projects. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$140,578,870. Appropriations for PLAN 2004 to date total \$137,904,668. The total PLAN 2004 appropriations including this request, equals \$278,483,538.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. RESOLUTION: LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of startup funds from the PLAN 2000 project at East Millbrook Middle Startup to Mobile Classrooms. The East Millbrook Middle project for PLAN 2004 has been put on hold until funding can be identified. These funds will be used within the Mobile Classrooms project to help with capacity issues. Total reallocation amount is \$150,797. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. RESOLUTION: LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of project funds from the PLAN 2004 projects at East Wake High, Cary High, Harris Creek Elementary, Martin Middle, Daniels Middle, Millbrook High, E10, Brier Creek Elementary, and Commissioning to PLAN 2004 permit fees and Broughton High. Permit fees are paid directly from Wake County for the Permit Fees project. The Broughton High project requires a reallocation of commissioning funds to fund the commissioning process. Total reallocation amount is \$525,678. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. RESOLUTION: LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of project funds from the PLAN 2004 project at E17 Elementary to Harris Creek Elementary E11. On May 18, 2004, the Board approved the increase in size of Harris Creek and the reduction of E17. Total reallocation amount is \$1,082,937. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: ENLOE HIGH

Staff has reviewed the construction documents and requests Board approval, and authorization to advertise for the construction of Enloe High School Additions and Renovations.

Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$31,347,889, of which \$9,151,942 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and an additional \$22,195,947 is available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

6. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: WAKE FOREST ROLESVILLE HIGH VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUILDING

The PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes the renovation of vocational education wing and construction of new tennis courts at Wake Forest Rolesville High. Negotiations have been completed with Davis Kane Architects, PA for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications:

The total proposed project budget is \$2,540,445, which is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$137,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. CHANGE ORDER NO. 2: MILLBROOK HIGH

On October 8, 2003 the board approved the design consultant agreement for Millbrook High with Cherry Huffman Architects. The proposed compensation for the design consultant equaled \$1,553,799. Contracts were issued for the design phase only for \$1,009,969. With the approval of the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, Board approval is now requested for change order No. 2 to Cherry Huffman Architects in the amount of \$543,830 for the construction administration phase of the basic contract. Approval of this change order will fully fund the design consultant agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$27,581,846, of which \$1,321,955 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$26,259,891 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM *(Exhibit A)*

Sixty-seven gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$48,812.67. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

PROGRAM

1. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN)

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to the contract approved at the August 3, 2004 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract to increase funding to a total of \$92,655.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive additional funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

2. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SPEECH/LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCREENING)

This amendment increases funding to Project Enlightenment to the contract approved at the August 3, 2004 Board meeting. This is a revenue contract to increase funding to a total of \$107,360.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive the additional funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

3. AGREEMENT BETWEEN EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE CENTER AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Project Enlightenment is a model demonstration and training center for the national Parents As Teachers (PAT) program that promotes school readiness and parent involvement. Since 1995, the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center has contracted with Project Enlightenment to provide PAT services for families, develop and distribute quarterly newsletters, plan and host PAT Advisory meetings, and provide training and technical assistance for PAT educators. This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$60,842.00. No Wake County Public School funds are required. Staff recommends that the Board approves the contract to receive the additional funding from Exceptional Children's Assistance Center.

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

There has been a long-standing Memorandum of Understanding between these two agencies. The contract is updated and renewed annually to reflect current collaborative initiatives. It defines the responsibilities of the 59 school nurses. WCPSS funds 4 of the 59 school nurses and an RN who serves as the system's health officer. Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT *(Exhibit B)*

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The following was nominations were approved by the Board of Education as members of the Board Advisory Councils as listed below.

Alan Slay, Wakefield High School

Lisa Brown, Millbrook High School

Jeff Kulp, Hilburn Drive Elementary School

L. Michelle Rashid, Green Hope Elementary School

Sophie Jones, York Elementary School

Cristine Allison, Leesville Road Elementary School

Carol Grossi, Leesville Road Middle School

April Morton, Hodge Road Elementary School

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

- *Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, September 2, to begin the discussion on "how to address the concerns of our continuing growth in Wake County." Facilities staff provided the board with several options (i.e., modular units, mobile units mandatory year-round.) Recommendations will be coming to the board for their approval.*
- *Carol Parker announced that the Policy Committee would not meet on October 12, 2004.*
- *The Human Resources Committee will meet on October 12 at 11:00 a.m.*
- *The Community Relations Committee will be meeting on October 13 at 3:30 p.m.*
- *The Instructional Programs Committee will meet on October 12 at 12:30 to continue the discussion on "No Child Left Behind."*

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. SCHOOL CAPACITIES AND SPACE STANDARDS

Staff will present recommended 2004-05 school capacity models as well as the 2004-05 capacities for each school. Fiscal Implications: The use of standardized building and campus capacities promotes the most effective utilization of school facilities. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested. *Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.*

2. PROVISION OF CLASSROOMS TO ACCOMMODATE FALL 05 ENROLLMENT

Staff will present the deficit of classroom space for fall 2005 and recommend actions to provide additional space. Fiscal Implications: Costs of various options will be presented. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill.

The following are the recommendations from staff to the board.

- 1. Approve the concept for additional classroom space.*
- 2. Authorize staff to negotiate contracts for site design.*
- 3. Authorize staff to prepare design and bid documents to procure the mobile and modular units.*

Kathryn Watson Quigg stated that she has concerns because of the impact on Eastern Wake County. She would not vote to support these recommendations because of the funding implications.

Ron Margiotta asked that staff consider the student to teacher ratio at the third grade level and to expand it to include K-3.

Carol Parker's concerns addressed the financial impact as well as the location of the modular sites.

Bill Fletcher suggested postponing the two modular elementary schools and ask the county commissioners to change the timing of the next bond referendum.

Beverley Clark stated that the school board does not operate by referendum but are an elected body. She stated her reluctance to support this item; however, the growth that is accruing in Wake County does not come with extra funding. Therefore, Ms. Clark stated that she would support this request.

Amy White expressed the importance of knowing where the funding comes from before proceeding. She is concerned on how we are using our dollars. She agrees that we need the modular and mobile units but, she could not support of the way we will be funding the modular and mobile units. She requested we at our budget to see if any dollars are available for the funding of the modular and mobile units.

Bill Fletcher asked staff how much money is needed to keep the East Wahe High School project on scheduled. \$20 million is needed.

Ms. Quigg supported going back to the county commissioners.

After a lengthy discussion, Rosa Gill called for the question. The motion on the floor was to approve the recommendation 1-3. The vote was 5 to 4 with Bill Fletcher, Beverley Clark, Patti Head, Rosa Gill voting "yes" and Amy White, Kathryn Watson Quigg, Carol Parker and Ron Margiotta voting "no." Susan Parry broke the tie with a "yes" vote.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO PLAN 2004

Staff will present the impact of recent construction cost escalation on PLAN 2004 building program projects. Staff will also present options for dealing with the funding shortfall created by the unexpected escalation in prices. Fiscal Implications: None Recommendation for Action: A future reallocation will be necessary to fund the Board's decision. Recommendation for Action: A future reallocation will be necessary to fund the Board's decision.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve the staff's recommendations, seconded by Bill Fletcher. Ms. Parker stated she was not ready to vote this evening. The vote was 6 to 2 with Amy White, Rosa Gill, Patti Head, Beverley Clark, Ron Margiotta, Bill Fletcher voting "yes" and Kathryn Watson Quigg and Carol Parker voting "no."

PROGRAMS

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the following subdivisions: Alexander Place Town homes, Ethan's Glen (Phases 6 and 7), Devon shire, Falls Pointe, Dustan, Oak croft (Phase 1), Margot's Pond (Phase 2), Battle Ridge North at Chastain (Phase 4), Avondale Town homes (Phase 1), and River Brooke II, Fieldstone Crossing (Phase 1), and Merton (Phases 3,4,5, and 6). Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facilities-related costs will be avoided. This item is presented for Board approval.

Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta.

Amy White stated that in the past, the board looked at crowding issues based on residence. The south is a very crowded area. The Battle Ridge subdivision is split; some students attend Yates Mill Pond Elementary School and others attend Aversboro Elementary School.

Amy White asked for a friendly amendment to remove Battle Ridge North at Chastain (Phase 4) and River Brooke II from the recommendations, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

Patti Head made a motion to approve the original motion, including the friendly amendment, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parry stated that the board sent a letter to the county commissioners on the issues related to growth in Wake County. We are unable to build schools in different parts of the county because of zoning issues and watershed issues. She asked Dr. Beavers to inform county staff how and when the district must assign new subdivisions.

Break 6:25 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Seventeen Wake County students were recognized as their schools' recipients of the Spotlight on Students. They are as follows.

<i>Gavin Wilson, Aversboro Elementary School</i>	<i>David Gonzalez, Joyner Elementary School</i>
<i>Graham Rattrap, Brassfield Elementary School</i>	<i>Donny R. Barnes, Jr., Olds Elementary School</i>
<i>Italia Molina, Briarcliff Elementary School</i>	<i>Rosette Harley, Washington Elementary School</i>
<i>Mica Griffin, Bugg Elementary School</i>	<i>Megan Gress, Daniel Middle School</i>
<i>Ariana Chenlo, Conn Elementary School</i>	<i>China Breanne Walker, Dillard Drive Middle</i>
<i>Jamal Avery, Creech Road Elementary School</i>	<i>Sharon Cordova, Lufkin Road Middle School</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Katie Brown, Durant Road Elementary</i>	<i>Lauren Holland, Durant Road Middle School</i>
<i>Oscar Matinez, Heritage Elementary School</i>	<i>Julia Kaitlin Morrison, Cary High School</i>

FINANCE

1. CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Currently Human Resources-Employee Relations contracts with Carolina Information, Inc. to run criminal record checks on all applicants recommended for employment. Employee Relations began using Carolina Information during the 2000-2001 school year. Last year's cost to run criminal record checks amounted to \$99,540. As part of the 2004-2005 budget reductions, contracted service funds were reduced in this area to \$80,000. The cost has remained the same at \$4.00 for each criminal record run for North Carolina. The cost of out of state varies by state. However, due to a large number of new hires and an increase in substitute applicants, we anticipate spending an additional \$20,000. Due to recent changes in school system practices to now run criminal record checks on volunteers, the school system needs to increase its contract amount for the 2004-2005 school year with Carolina Information to \$150,000. This amount will be funded by Human Resources – Employee Relations and Instructional Services as outlined below. Fiscal Implications:

Funding is available in the 2004-2005 budget.

Funds budgeted from Human Resources – Employee Relations - \$100,000.00

Funds budgeted from Instructional Services - \$50,000.00

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

PROGRAMS

1. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS

The staff of the Office of Growth Management will present recommendations for the following subdivisions: Brook Forest Townhomes (Phase 2), Farmington Woods Cluster Units (Phases 11-A and 12-A), Galloway (Phases 2 and 3), Hunters Mark (Phase 3A), Stonemoor (Phase 2). Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facilities-related costs will be avoided. This item is presented for information.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. to establish or instruct the Board's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Board in negotiation of (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. G.S. 143-318 (a)(5), seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

Reconvened 8:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Fletcher, seconded by Rosa Gill to approve the offer to purchase and contract for 16 acres of land on new Roger-Young Bypass Road, Rolesville. The vote was unanimous.

Bill Fletcher made a motion, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg to approve the funding and acquisition resolution for the new Roleville area elementary, made a motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Susan Parry. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board Of Education