



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2010**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Ron Margiotta, Chair	Interim Superintendent Donna Hargens	Ann Hooker
Debra Goldman, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Julye Mizelle
Kevin L. Hill	Danny Barnes	Cathy Moore
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	David Neter
Chris Malone	Joe Desormeaux	Andre Smith
Carolyn Morrison	Michael Evans	Mark Winters
Deborah Prickett	Stephen Gainey	
John Tedesco	Lloyd Gardner	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
Keith Sutton	Don Haydon	Ann Majestic

Chairman, Ron Margiotta, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman’s Comments

- Chairman Margiotta shared that, *“At the end of the last school year, this Board strongly believed that the district should use EVAAS guidelines in placing students in advanced classes. We believed that students may have been denied opportunities because we were not using this data.*

As a result of policy changes initiated by this Board, middle school principals and teachers did use this data for placement decisions in pre-algebra and algebra at the opening of this school year. We recently learned that there has been a 26% increase in the number of students enrolled in pre-algebra and a 35% increase in the number of students enrolled in Algebra I in our middle schools.

This is a very positive step and one in which, we as a Board, can take great pride. It is critical that we challenge all students and provide them with the opportunities they deserve. While I recognize the issues that an increase of this nature can cause, such as larger class sizes, I want to commend our principals and teachers for their willingness to make this possible for students.

This Board is very interested in the results and will follow, with great interest, the performance of these students throughout the year.

- Chairman Margiotta congratulated the staff at Wilburn Elementary School. The school was recently awarded a grant through the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching to continue TAP (The Teacher Advancement Program). TAP schools have steadily increased across the nation, Wilburn is the only school in the state currently implementing TAP. TAP trains educators as career, mentor, or master teachers, and includes pay-for-performance based on student achievement.

- Chairman Margiotta shared that the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals recently designated October as National Principals Month, this action was supported by Congress. Chairman Margiotta requested that the Board of Education add an item to its action agenda which includes a Resolution recognizing the hard work and appreciation of the principals in Wake County Public Schools.

Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Hargens shared sentiments that Wake County is very fortunate to have very dedicated and committed principals. Dr. Hargens reminded the Board and staff, that the Principal of the Year Banquet would be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at Marbles Kids' Museum.
- Dr. Hargens stated that Senate Bill 753 designated October as Disability History and Awareness Month. To assist with awareness, Special Education Services compiled an array of resources for teachers, media specialists, and administrators.
- Seven Wake County Public School System students have been named National Achievement Scholarship semi-finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The semi-finalists include:
 - Nicholas W. Purvis of Knightdale High School,
 - Jasre A. Ellis of Broughton High School,
 - Colton M. Wooten of Leesville Road High School,
 - Camden B. Freeman of Millbrook High School,
 - Erin Edmonds of Southeast Raleigh High School, and
 - Claude-Michael E. Ezie and Alecia N. Smith of Wakefield High School.

The students will now advance to the next level and compete for approximately 800 National Merit Achievement Scholarships.

- Wake County College and Post Secondary Opportunity Fair was held on Sunday, September 19th at the McKimmon Center at NC State University. Families with high school students were able to talk with representatives from over 100 colleges, universities, community colleges, and all military institutions. Sessions on financial aid and college planning were available.
- As an engineering magnet school, Brentwood Elementary focuses on the integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to solve real world problems. At the opening of the 2010-2011 year, the school sponsored an engineering kick-off in which the students participated in the Lego Car Challenge.
- Intervention teachers at Forestville Elementary are learning to apply research-based reading strategies to mathematics instruction. Twenty-two teachers are exploring math from a reading perspective. The series is being led by Beth Edmonds and Mary McNall, both Title I teachers from Forestville Elementary.
- A group of elementary science teacher leaders recently completed the Science Leadership Institute training, sponsored by a grant from Progress Energy through Wake Ed Partnership.
- Davis Drive Middle School teacher, Ryan Miller, earned a \$500 cash prize and a \$2,000 school supplies shopping spree through RBS Bank's "Tribute to a Teacher" program. Students nominated Mr. Miller for the honor.

- Dr. Hargens congratulated Marilyn Moody, Senior Director in Child Nutrition Services. Wake County Public School System's Child Nutrition Program earned a District of Excellence Distinction in Child Nutrition from the School Nutrition Association.
- The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its annual meeting during the week of September 27th. Broughton High Athletic Director, Jack Spain, was recognized as the Region 3 recipient of the Charlie Adams Award. In addition, Southeast Raleigh and Sanderson high schools were honored for Sportsmanship.
- Approximately 50 teachers and Instructional Services staff participated in a two-day workshop related to Deep Curriculum Alignment.
- During the weekend of October 1st, many Wake County teachers and students attended the National Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) National Convention.
- Dr. Hargens congratulated Amanda Nunn, a former teacher assistant, who is now a Special Education teacher at Wendell Middle School. Ms. Nunn was one of the guest speakers at the Instructional Institute for Lateral Entry Teachers in Chapel Hill September 15-16. Ms. Nunn participated in TEACH-UP.
- School System leaders from Minnesota recently spent three days in WCPSS magnet schools as they are planning for implementation of similar magnet programs. They visited Conn, Combs, Bugg, Wiley, Centennial, and Carnage.
- Dr. Hargens announced that the First Annual PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee is scheduled for the 2010-2011 school year and registration has opened. Wake PAGE (Partnership for the Advancement of Gifted Education) is sponsoring this program in partnership with The News and Observer and North Carolina State University, and supported by WCPSS and WCPTA Council. The final county event will be held in March, 2011.

Board Members' Comments

- Mrs. Goldman shared that she attended the Cary High School Athletic Hall of Fame, where three new members were inducted. The members were inducted in the Charlie Adams Gymnasium. Mrs. Goldman shared that she attended the band competition at Panther Creek High School during the week of September 27th. Great performances were given by Sanderson, Enloe, Green Hope, and others from Wake County and across North Carolina. Cary High School won as grand champions of the event. Mrs. Goldman shared that during the last few weeks, she had the opportunity to visit Nicole Russell's class at Briarcliff Elementary for Johnny Appleseed Day.

Mrs. Goldman announced that she along with staff, have been working with Papa Johns Pizza on a county-wide fundraising opportunity that will benefit every school in Wake County. Papa Johns will calculate a 3-week average of sales and on Wednesday, October 20th, Papa Johns will donate 20% of all pizza sales above their average to the Wake County Public School System. The funds will be divided among all schools in the county. The funds will be used for projects that will make the greatest impact for each school. Mrs. Goldman thanked the Wake County company operators and franchisees of Papa Johns Pizza for partnering with the Wake County Public School System on this exciting promotion.

- Mr. Hill congratulated the Principal of the Year finalists from District 3, Pam Kinsey Barker of Brassfield Elementary, Teresa Winstead of Durant Road Elementary, and Dana King of Millbrook High School. Mr. Hill also congratulated the Assistant Principal of the Year finalist from District 3, Syreeta Smith of North Forest Pines Elementary.

Mr. Hill recognized and commended Principal, Tripp Crayton, and Dean of Student Services, Laura Insko, and the entire Student Services Team at Wakefield High School. Mr. Hill had the opportunity to visit and review their application renewing their RAMP recognition.

Mr. Hill announced that the Community Relations Committee met September 14, 2010 at Crossroads. There were two items on the agenda, a review of the electronic information distribution system that Wake County has, different, better, and more ways to communicate with parents. The committee had a preview of the “new” Wake County Public School System website. Mr. Hill thanked webmaster, Paul Cory and his team for the demonstration and the hard work on the project. Mr. Hill thanked Michael Evans and the Communications Team for their assistance.

- Deborah Prickett shared that she had a Board Advisory Council Meeting on Monday, September 27th. Mrs. Prickett thanked Ruth Steidinger, Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction, spoke with parents regarding the upcoming math curriculum changes. Mrs. Prickett also thanked, Area Superintendent, Ann Hooker, who spoke to parents regarding the role of area superintendents, and the process that should be followed at the school level by parents if their child/student has a concern that needs to be addressed.
- Dr. Morrison shared that she had the pleasure and privilege of serving on the council to select the Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year. On September 15th, Dr. Morrison attended the 125th Anniversary of the Forming of the School of Education at UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Morrison attended sessions on Desegregation and Special Needs Children. Judge Howard Manning was congratulated at the anniversary for his judicial work in education.

Dr. Morrison shared that the District 6 Board Advisory Council Meeting held on September 30th was excellent. Dr. Morrison thanked both Mrs. Hooker and Mrs. Moore for attending and their leadership.

- Mr. Sutton shared that he recently visited Phillips High School and was a keynote speaker for the school’s Open House. Mr. Sutton thanked the students, parents, and staff for the invitation.
- Dr. McLaurin thanked Laura Evans for presenting at the District 5 Board Advisory Council Meeting on September 16th. Dr. McLaurin shared that District 5 had a forum to discuss the assignment plan. The forum was very informative. Dr. McLaurin thanked the Community Relations Committee for the work it has done, public feedback is needed on the new process for signing up to speak at Public Comment for Board Meetings. Dr. McLaurin acknowledged Broughton High School, who will be playing in the Rose Bowl Parade.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Margiotta added a resolution, Recognizing October as Principals Appreciation Month to the Action Agenda. Chairman Margiotta moved the following items, #12, Construction Manager at Risk Selection and Agreement: Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32), #13, Design Consultant Selection and Agreement: Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32), #14, Construction Manager at Risk Selection and Agreement: E-20 Elementary, and #15, Design Consultant Selection and Agreement: E-20 Elementary to the Action Agenda. Item #18, Schematic Design: H-6 High was also moved to the Action Agenda. Additional Board Advisory Council Nominations were placed at the table for recommendation of approval.

Debra Goldman added an item to the Action Agenda regarding a Board Directive for student assignment. Kevin L. Hill stated he supported adding the item to the Action Agenda along with Keith Sutton.

Deborah Prickett added an item to the Action Agenda regarding a discussion of the Effectiveness Index and calling a halt to it in Wake County and moving forward with the EVAAS Program as legislated by the State. Debra Goldman stated her support of adding the item to the Action Agenda.

Keith Sutton made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION

FACILITIES

6. FEED THE BIN RECYCLING ANNUAL AWARDS

FEED THE BIN is a school recycling program sponsored by Wake County Environmental Services in partnership with the Wake County Public School System. Currently all WCPSS schools and two charter schools participate in the FEED THE BIN program. More than 7 million pounds of paper have been recycled through the program since 2004. Staff will provide a summary of the program and announce the winners for the 2009-2010 Outstanding Recycling Club/Group and the Outstanding Recycling Coordinator. Award winners will be recognized at the annual January Feed the Bin meeting with a recycled-content plaque award and will be publicized in an article with the WCPSS e-news editions of School-Community News and The Classroom Connection. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for action: None.

Sneha Atwal, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, shared that the FEED THE BIN Program is primarily focused on helping students understand the importance of preserving and conserving our natural resources. The program works because students learn about recycling and they physically engage in the activity of recycling paper at their school. All schools participate and have implemented the program.

Christina Larkins was recognized as being the lone staff member who is tasked with promoting the programs in the environmental stewardship effort. Mrs. Larkins is the Conservation Coordinator for the school system, who is responsible for the following programs, FEED THE BIN, Tools for Schools, Student Water Action Team, and Energy Savers. Members from Wake County Government who work with the Feed the Bin Program were also recognized.

WCPSS students and staff recycled 1.3 million pounds of paper last year, which saved approximately 2,000 cubic yards of landfill space. Out of 161 schools last year, the following schools were the 2010 top five high achievers in recycling;

- Highest total pounds of paper recycled – Millbrook High School 17,634 lbs.
- Highest total pounds of paper recycled per student – Partnership Elementary 23.6 lbs.
- Largest increase in recycling efforts – West Cary Middle 79% increase 7, 384 lbs. of paper to 13, 244 lbs. of paper
- Outstanding Recycling Coordinator – Jeff Teasley from Swift Creek Elementary

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 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 two 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.

- **Tama Bouncer** – Ms. Bouncer thanked the Calendar Committee for their work on the 2011-2012 calendar. Ms. Bouncer requested that the Year-round committee consider reducing the number of times early release days coincide with days that teachers have to track in or track out.
- **Christopher Aycock** – Mr. Aycock spoke to the Board regarding grants and grant funding. Mr. Aycock shared that he is concerned about the \$10.3 million in grant funding that Wake County did not receive this year and the serious issues that are facing the school system.
- **William Benfield** – Mr. Benfield shared his scouting experience with the Board and thanked the Board for revising Board Policy to allow non-profit organizations access through literature distribution to the students in the school system.
- **Vickie Adamson** - Ms. Adamson shared her concerns regarding the 2011-2012 budget shortfall and how it will affect her children's education. Ms. Adamson respectfully requested that during the assignment community engagement meetings, the Board unveils what cuts are planned for next school year and the long-range plan for dealing with needed school construction and life-cycle replacements so that stakeholders will have a complete understanding.
- **Patty Williams** – Ms. Williams shared that Board Policy 1000 School Board Authority and Duties states that one of the ways in which the board fulfills its mission is by providing for *“the dissemination of information relating to the schools, necessary for creating a well-informed public.”* Ms. Williams shared her thoughts regarding repeated lack of transparency, the failure to reach out to all citizens, and the obvious acrimony among board members only serves to divide the community.
- **Mary Phillips** – Ms. Phillips shared her concern and frustration regarding the reassignment of node 468 from Fuquay High school to Middle Creek. She also shared her thoughts regarding board member behavior.
- **Pete Farquhar** – Mr. Farquhar thanked the Board members for their service. Mr. Farquhar requested that the Board release public comments regarding student assignment over the internet immediately. Mr. Farquhar shared that the reassignment plan is the wrong solution to address the problem at hand for economically disadvantaged students.

- **John Healy** – Mr. Healy shared the desires of nodes 456.1 and 456.2 to remain at Green Hope High School and not switch to Cary High School as proposed in the High School Zone attendance model.
- **Neal Riemann** – Mr. Riemann shared his thoughts regarding achievement and reassignment. Mr. Riemann urged the board to head in a different direction as setting up a system of neighborhood schools or choice zones that concentrates poverty and isolates African-American and Hispanic students becomes a bad idea.
- **Aparnas Proelich** – Ms. Proelich , who represented the residents of 656.1 and 656.2 respectfully requested that the Board of Education preserve their current assignment to Green Hope High School rather than reassigning them to Cary High School. The parents strongly oppose the move.
- **Amy Lee** – Ms. Lee shared her concerns of how the last Student Assignment Committee meeting was conducted and how fast the assignment plan is moving forward.
- **Jocelyn Wilson** – Ms. Wilson spoke regarding her concerns of her high school possibly losing their accreditation.
- **Diana Bader** – Ms. Bader spoke to the Board regarding her concerns with the student assignment plan and there not being any public discussion or disclosure regarding the plan.
- **Nancy Bell** – Ms. Bell spoke to the Board regarding diversification, trust, respect, and compromise to continue and modify as needed the excellent diversification programs already in place.
- **Lois Childs** – Ms. Childs spoke to the Board regarding her concern of the large number of high poverty schools being created in the Central Wake County Zone. Ms. Childs asked the Board what they intended to do to start building toward the success for all children.
- **Robert Siegel** – Mr. Siegel spoke to the Board regarding his concern of the confusion of the assignment maps posted for public review. Mr. Siegel shared that the Board has an obligation to clearly make parents aware of what will happen to the magnet programs and what the makeup of schools will be.
- **Diane Annab** – Ms. Annab spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of not being provided a bus stop for her children as she lives one street off her bus district.
- **Adrienne Lumpkin** – Ms. Lumpkin spoke to the Board regarding her concerns and concerns of the county as a whole, with the student assignment process, the way that Board members conduct themselves, and the way that the process is being handled.
- **Lynette Aytch** – Ms. Aytch spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on the Board recklessly advancing an assignment policy with no data to support the premise that student assignment will improve student achievement.
- **Henry Graden** – Mr. Graden shared with the Board that he and other organizations are encouraging the entire Wake County community to be more involved and informed with what is going on with the Board and its committees on what changes will be forthcoming.
- **Iilina Ewen** – Ms. Ewen spoke shared her thoughts with the Board regarding poverty and student achievement.
- **Erica Kirchner-Den** – Mrs. Kirchner-Den spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on eliminating the diversity policy.

- **Betsy Lovejoy** – Ms. Lovejoy spoke to the Board regarding her thoughts on the accreditation probe, the board not listening to the community, and the abrupt policy changes that have occurred in the school system under the new Board majority.
- **Monserrat Alvarez** – Ms. Alvarez spoke to the Board regarding her support of socio-economic diversity and shared her personal experiences of diversity with the Board.
- **Cynthia Lucania** – Ms. Lucania spoke to the Board regarding concerns for nodes 440.2 and 438.1 not having a traditional elementary or middle school option once the current proposed assignment plan goes into effect.
- **Barbara Garlock** – Ms. Garlock spoke to the Board regarding her concerns for the way Board meetings have been conducted and the spirit of the Open Meetings Law as it pertains to conducting Board business.
- **Jim Martin** – Mr. Martin spoke to the Board regarding racial issues still mattering, the old assignment policy and how to fix a problem if there is one with assignment, and then proposing a solution.
- **Lettice Rhodes** – Mrs. Rhodes thanked the Board for helping 30% more middle school students move toward higher math classes this year in the Board’s insistence on using EVAAS data. Ms. Rhodes also spoke to the Board regarding concerns of staff fearing retaliation from the Board if they seek information from forums regarding the consequences of the proposed student assignment plan.
- **David Biesack** – Mr. Biesack shared his concerns regarding school assignment as it relates to Charlotte schools and what may happen in Wake County. Mr. Biesack also shared his deep concerns with special education and its funding.

The Board recessed at 7:22 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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| June 1, 2010 | - | Closed Session Meeting Minutes |
| August 26, 2010 | - | Closed Session Meeting Minutes |
| September 7, 2010 | - | Committee of the Whole/Work Session Minutes |

FINANCE

8. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS

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 2010. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

9. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

One hundred and twenty one gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$100,486. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action is Required.

10. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2010-2011

To report changes in the budget resolutions resulting from transactions processed during August, 2010. Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+ \$	3,414,670
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+ \$	39,741
Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State	+ \$	21,274,186
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+ \$	1,040,646
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+ \$	2,469,310
Adjust Direct Grants Fund	- \$	406,085
Adjust Other Restricted Fund	+ \$	1,167,207
Net Changes	+ \$	28,999,675

Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with the Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2009-2010

To report changes in the budget resolution resulting from transactions processed during 2009-2010. These are the final adjusting entries included in the Annual Financial Report. Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	- \$	66,738
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+ \$	0
Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State	- \$	64,739
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+ \$	21,516
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+ \$	53,229
Adjust Direct Grants Fund	- \$	25
Adjust Other Restricted Fund	+ \$	0
Net Changes	- \$	56,757

Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with the Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

FACILITIES

16. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1: LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 1 to Baines Landscaping Inc., for their service agreement for landscape maintenance. The contractor is currently unable to fulfill workload demands. This change order, a reduction in the amount of \$101,000, will reduce the coverage area to a more manageable size. Fiscal implications: Funds will be reallocated to the 2010-2011 operating budget. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

17. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT – TOWN OF CARY: PUBLIC RECLAIMED WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION (ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY)

As a part of the *Jordan Lake Water Reclamation and Reuse Project, Phase I*, the Town of Cary (“Town”), per terms of an Interlocal Agreement with Wake County (Wake) and Durham

County, is planning and installing a reclaimed water line along Green Level Church Road adjacent to Alston Ridge Elementary. The Town needs an 847 square foot temporary construction easement (TCE) for a bore pit at the southeastern corner of Board property to facilitate a water pipe installation under Green Level Church Road. Staff has negotiated with Wake and Town, and terms and conditions have been reached regarding the compensation for the TCE and landscape materials affected by the project. The Town will compensate the Board in the amount of \$1422 and will also provide and install at no cost to Board the fixtures and equipment necessary to expedite future connections to the line for use on Board property. The project will bid this winter and construction is scheduled to begin in early 2011 with a completion date of fall 2011. The Town will notify and coordinate with WCPSS administration to schedule segments of the construction to minimize disturbances to the school, including scheduling work at night, on weekends and at non-peak traffic hours. The requested easement will not substantially interfere with the present or future use of the property. Copies of the Easement Exhibit and Offer are attached. Staff requests Board approval and conveyance of the requested easement. Fiscal implications: Board will receive \$1422, together with installation of fixtures and equipment necessary to expedite future connections to the line, at no cost to Board. Funds will be budgeted in "Municipal Collaborations". Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

18. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: H-6 HIGH

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes a new high school (H-6) to be built southeast of Rolesville. Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA, for the construction of H-6. Fiscal Implications: The current project budget is \$72,692,517 (for a 2010 opening), of which \$1,000,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, \$71,007,898 from CIP 2006, and \$684,619 from Offsite (Public) Improvements. Approximately \$5,600,000 of additional funding will be needed to pay for offsite improvements, site adaption to the new site, and a delayed opening to 2013. The additional funds will be requested in the spring of 2011 after the design of the site adaption is completed. Pursuant to Board of Commissioner approval on October 4, 2010, the budget above reflects a reduction of \$1,247,658 representing costs expended at the Forestville Road site. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

19. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#004911): NCSU Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority, Ag in the Classroom Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005011): John Rex Endowment, Capacity Building Initiative and Positive Youth Development Grants / Central Services.
- Competitive (#005111): National Gardening Association, Youth Garden Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005211): American Academy of Dermatology, Shade Structure Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005311): got breakfast?®, The Silent Hero Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005411): AgCarolina Financial, AgCarolina Financial Fund for Rural North Carolina Grant Program / Individual Schools.

- Competitive (#005511): Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, School Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005611): The Laura Bush Foundation, For America's Libraries Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005711): UnitedHealth HEROES, Service-Learning Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#005811): Extron Electronics, Classroom Technology Grant Program / Individual Schools.
- Contract (#005911): PRC 501 - The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center, Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Program / Central Services.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

20. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Professional
- b. Support

BOARD

21. 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.

ACTION ITEMS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

22. 2011-2012 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDARS (TRADITIONAL, YEAR ROUND, MODIFIED)

The traditional, year-round, and modified instructional calendars contain 180 students days and meets all requirements of the calendar law. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for action.

James Overman presented the 2011-2012 calendars to the Board. With no questions from the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

23. ACCELERATED LEARNING POLICY

First Reading

This is the first reading of Board Policy Draft 5532 that establishes the policy for grade acceleration. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Requesting Board approval.

Darryl Fisher presented information to the Board. With no questions from the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously

approved.

24. CONTRACT WITH CIS WAKE FOR GRADUATION COACHES

For the 2010-2011 academic school-year, CIS Wake will work with approximately fifty ninth and sixth grade students at Knightdale High School, East Wake Middle School, and Millbrook High School, targeting those students with attendance and/or behavioral issues. Fiscal Implications: Last year's contract was for one coach at Knightdale High School and the cost was \$50,000.00. This year's contract is for three coaches at a cost of \$180,000.00. Recommendation for Action: Requesting Board approval.

Marvin Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services presented information to the Board. Mr. Connelly clarified what services the CIS personnel will provide and how the program will operate.

After clarifying questions from the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to approve the contract with CIS Wake for Graduation Coaches for the 2010-2011 academic school year and upon approval for the next year, the Board will review and receive data to determine next steps. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

25. AMENDMENT ONE TO THE CHESHIRE CENTER

The state has made some program changes in its Development Day Programs serving preschool children. The state is now requiring these programs to provide inclusive instructional services. This means classrooms with non-disabled peers.

Some Developmental Day Programs have not been able to meet this requirement therefore, cannot continue participation as a Developmental Day for these purposes. This change has affected one (1) program within Wake County, which has resulted in the assumption of Special Education and Related Services for twenty-one (21) preschool students this year. Fiscal Implications: Special Education ARRA Funds in the amount of \$250,000 will be used to provide the required instruction and related services this year. Recommendation for Action: Requesting Board approval.

Janet Godbold, Director of Preschool Services, presented information to the Board. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the services being provided. Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Keith Sutton. The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD

26. MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY RESOLUTION—OCTOBER 23, 2010

Wake County Public School System will participate in the 20th anniversary of National "Make A Difference Day", a day of nationwide volunteerism. This resolution invites all Wake County citizens to help increase early childhood literacy by creating and dropping off "Early Literacy Kits" on October 23rd. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Requesting Board approval of the resolution.

Michael Evans presented information to the Board regarding a resolution for "Make a Difference Day." The resolution read as follows,

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 23, 2010, is the twentieth anniversary of the national “Make a Difference Day”, which was founded by USA WEEKEND Magazine and has become the nation’s largest day of volunteering; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s Local Education Agencies have been invited to participate by welcoming community volunteers in support of our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Education is committed to strengthening partnerships between our schools and communities, and recognizes that our schools’ greatest need is to advance academic achievement for ALL students; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Public School System has identified early literacy as a crucial point of influence in assuring future academic success, including graduating on-time, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Principals and Assistant Principals, the Wake County PTA Council, and Wake County Public School System administrators have collaborated to design a program that encourages volunteer participation in promoting early literacy; and

WHEREAS, Wake County Public School System’s Literacy and Media Services teams have developed a list of items that can support early literacy in the home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Education assembled this fifth day of October, 2010, invites all citizens, families, and students in Wake County to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism by contributing “Early Literacy Kits” during the month of October that will be distributed to students who are in need of additional literacy materials in their homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that citizens and civic groups are invited to bring their collected “Early Literacy Kits” to the Wake County Public Schools System’s offices at 3600 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, and 110 Corning Road, Cary, on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Adopted this fifth day of October, 2010.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve, seconded by Debra Goldman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Anne McLaurin made a motion to approve the Board Advisory Council Nominations that were placed at the Board Table for approval. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

Carolyn Morrison made a motion to approve the following resolution recognizing October as Principals Appreciation Month;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Elementary School Administrators, the National

Association of Secondary School Administrators, and Congress have declared October as National Principals Month;

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives;

WHEREAS, assistant principals also play a crucial role in providing leadership and charting a successful course at a school;

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a school leader provides the mobilizing force behind school improvement efforts;

WHEREAS, school leaders are entrusted with our community's most valuable resource, our young people.

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Principals Month would honor elementary, middle, and high school principals and assistant principals and acknowledge the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Education recognizes the contributions of principals and assistant principals, supports the designation of October as Principals Appreciation Month, and thanks all principals and assistant principals for their work every day to support learning and teaching.

Approved and adopted this 5th day of October 2010.

The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The motion was unanimously approved.

FACILITIES

12. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: SCOTT'S RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-32)

On August 10, 2010, the Board approved design of Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32), located in Apex. If constructed in this building program, it will be scheduled to open in 2013. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional construction manager selection process and to select Clancy & Theys Construction Co. (Clancy & Theys), as the Construction Manager at Risk for this school. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this school is are-use of the Small Kane Webster & Conley elementary prototype and Clancy & Theys has constructed its latest use at Herbert Akins. Due to this prior experience, it is anticipated that this exemption will reduce cost and help expedite the project. Staff recommends selection of Clancy & Theys. Negotiations have been completed with Clancy & Theys for the construction manager's pre-construction services only. The current proposed project budget is \$21,416,218, of which \$700,000 is currently available from CIP 2006 and \$73,200 from CIP 2006 Offsite (public) Improvements. The total project budget includes pre-construction compensation for the CM of \$100,000. However, since the CM is only authorized to provide services through the

construction documents phase, this agreement is for \$70,000. A future reallocation from Reserve will be needed at the completion of design to fund construction. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

13. DESIGN CONSULTANT SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: SCOTTS RIDGE ELEMENTARY (E-32)

On August 10, 2010, the Board approved design of Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32), located in Apex. If constructed in this building program, it will be scheduled to open in 2013. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Small Kane Webster & Conley Architects, PA, for the design of this school. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143 64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this school is the third use of their 800 student capacity prototype. It is anticipated that this exemption will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project. Staff recommends selection of Small Kane Webster & Conley Architects, PA. Negotiations have been completed with Small Kane Webster & Conley Architects, PA, for the design of this project. The two-story arrangement will be reconfigured to a three-story arrangement, in order to reduce the overall building footprint and enable the school to fit on the limited size site. The current proposed project budget is \$21,416,218, of which \$700,000 is currently available from CIP 2006 and \$73,200 from CIP 2006 Offsite (public) Improvements. The total project budget includes total proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$927,239. However, since the design consultant is only authorized to provide services through the construction documents phase, this agreement is for \$556,343. A future reallocation from Reserve will be needed at the completion of design to fund construction. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

14. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: E-20 ELEMENTARY

On August 10, 2010, the Board approved design of a new elementary school designated E-20, located in north Raleigh. If constructed in this building program, it will be scheduled to open in 2013. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional construction manager selection process and to select Barnhill Contracting Company (Barnhill), as the Construction Manager at Risk for this school. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this school is a re-use of the Pearce, Brinkley, Cease & Lee, P.A., elementary prototype and Barnhill has constructed the three prior uses at Alston Ridge, Banks Road, and River Bend. Due to this prior experience, it is anticipated that this exemption will reduce cost and help expedite the project. Staff recommends selection of Barnhill. Negotiations have been completed with Barnhill for the construction manager's pre-construction services only. The current proposed project budget is \$21,379,418, of which \$700,000 is currently available from CIP 2006 and \$36,400 from CIP 2006 Offsite (public) Improvements. The total project budget includes pre-construction compensation for the CM of \$100,000. However, since the CM is only authorized to provide services through the construction documents phase, this agreement is for \$70,000. A future reallocation from Reserve will be needed at the completion of design to fund construction. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

15. DESIGN CONSULTANT SELECTION AND AGREEMENT: E-20 ELEMENTARY

On August 10, 2010, the Board approved design for a new elementary school designated E-20, located in north Raleigh. If constructed in this building program, it will be scheduled to open in 2013. This resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Pearce, Brinkley, Cease, & Lee, PA, (PBC&L) for the design of this school. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows exemptions to the statutory selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this school is the fourth use of their 800 student capacity prototype. It is anticipated that this exemption will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project. Staff recommends selection of PBC&L. Negotiations have been completed with PBC&L for the design of this project. The two-story arrangement will be reconfigured to a three-story arrangement, in order to reduce the overall building footprint and enable the school to fit on the limited size site. The current proposed project budget is \$21,379,418, of which \$700,000 is currently available from CIP 2006 and \$36,400 from CIP 2006 Offsite (public) Improvements. The total project budget includes total proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$984,180 with \$166,590 being paid under a prior contract. Therefore this contract amount is \$817,590. However, since the design consultant is only authorized to provide services through the construction documents phase, this agreement is for \$495,626. A future reallocation from Reserve will be needed at the completion of design to fund construction. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, shared that back in August, the Board approved the start for design of two elementary schools and a middle school. Mr. Desormeaux is requesting waivers to the selection process and approval for contracts for the designers and Construction Managers for the two elementary schools. The middle school still requires a selection process and will be brought to the Board at a later date. Staff recommended that the traditional Construction Manager At-Risk selection and agreement process for Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32) be waived and select Clancy and Theys Construction. Staff also requested to waive the traditional design process for Scotts Ridge Elementary (E-32) and select Small, Kane, Webster, and Conley Architects.

Staff recommended Barnhill Contracting Company for the construction management of E-20 and Pearce, Brinkley, Cease and Lee for the design of E-20.

After several comments from Board members regarding their concerns, Chris Malone made a motion to approve, seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board Voted 7 to 1 with Debra Goldman casting the dissenting the vote. The motion was approved.

18. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: H-6 HIGH

The CIP 2006 School Building Program includes a new high school (H-6) to be built southeast of Rolesville. Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Cherry Huffman Architects, PA, for the construction of H-6. Fiscal Implications: The current project budget is \$72,692,517 (for a 2010 opening), of which \$1,000,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start-Up, \$71,007,898 from CIP 2006, and \$684,619 from Offsite (Public) Improvements. Approximately \$5,600,000 of additional funding will be needed to pay for offsite improvements, site adaption to the new site, and a delayed opening to 2013. The additional funds will be requested in the

spring of 2011 after the design of the site adaption is completed. Pursuant to Board of Commissioner approval on October 4, 2010, the budget above reflects a reduction of \$1,247,658 representing costs expended at the Forestville Road site. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities presented information to the Board. Chris Malone made a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. With questions and concerns from Board members regarding the 4-story stairwells and the Town of Rolesville's concern regarding them, Board Member, Keith Sutton, read the letter from the Town of Rolesville regarding their safety concerns. The letter read as follows, *"On Wednesday, September 29, 2010, the Wake County Public School System held a neighborhood meeting in reference to the H-6 site proposed for Rolesville Road. I feel that the meeting went well and the area residents are mostly pleased with the campus' design. Your staff project architects and project engineers did a wonderful job of representing the WCPSS well in presenting the project while answering the public's tough questions.*

At the meeting, the architect had a scale 3-D model of the school. This was interesting and gave everyone a good visual example of what the school will look like. I have passed on pictures of this to our elected officials and there was one feature of the building which concerned the Mayor, Town Board of Commissioners, and staff. The design appears to have large steps on the exterior of the building located on the east and west for sides. What is the purpose of these steps? If the purpose of these stairwells is for an architectural element, then we would like to notify you in advance that the design will probably not be acceptable.

Rolesville has concerns of students going up and down these steps on a frequent basis. The possibility of this occurring during inclement weather is also a concern. The Town of Rolesville hopes that this concept is not final and that the Wake County Public School System or your project architects can clarify the purpose of these stairwells.

If these steps are incorporated into the design because fire ingress/egress, then we ask that the Wake County Public School System clarify that this is the case. Thank you in advance for your timely response. If you should have any questions, feel free to call me. Bryan Hicks, Town Manager of the Town of Rolesville."

Representatives from Cherry Huffman Architects addressed the safety issues that concerned the Town of Rolesville with Board members by recommending enclosing two of the stairwells.

The motion was amended to have two stairwells enclosed as would be recommended by the architects, Cherry Huffman. Debra Goldman offered a friendly amendment to the motion, that the 4 four-story stairwells be enclosed at an approximate cost of \$400,000. Chris Malone accepted the friendly amendment.

Staff stated that the approximate estimate did not include the additional operating costs. The Board voted 7 to 1, with Anne McLaurin casting the dissenting vote. The motion was approved.

Debra Goldman made the following comments and statement. Mrs. Goldman referred to the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, item B2 where it states that “Each member of the Board commits to the following:

- B 2. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- B3. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff and all elements of the community;
- B7. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using the Board member's position of the Board for personal or partisan gain.”

‘I stand by community-based schools. I am doing what’s in my heart and in my conscience. This process is not working and we will only get one chance to get this right for Wake County. The zone model isn’t working. Part of my statement from our last meeting is included in what I’m about to read. Part of our previous directive is included in this.

The goal of this directive that is being brought forward, is to encourage this board to work together towards the goal of community-based schools; that is already established with Policy 6200. I hope that this will be supported by our board members. These are not partisan issues, these are our children and families. Again, we will only get one chance to this right. We must come together as the community of Wake County to address this. So in an effort to work together, to create a community-based school system, I present the following directive:

Whereas, the Wake County Board of Education holds a strong commitment to the highest educational results for ALL children in an effort to allow them to reach their full potential and better our community.

WHEREAS, ALL children regardless of race, creed, economic status, or nationality are capable of high academic achievement when provided instruction of rigor and relevance. The utilization of objective, data-driven decisions better supports these efforts than subjective classification and profiling of students.

WHEREAS, ALL children, families, schools, teachers, and neighborhoods are stakeholders that benefit from a strong sense of community and a high quality education, and proximity to a child’s school affects opportunities for engagement of all stakeholders.

WHEREAS, stability and continuity play a critical role in the positive development and support of our children, families, and communities. Within a framework of stability providing logical feeder patterns with limited disruptions in child placement, families should be provided with reasonable application options for their assignments, taking into account capacity and utilization of local facilities.

WHEREAS, extensive growth over the past two decades has resulted in numerous adjustments to our existing assignment model. This has resulted in challenges to meet demand and efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Wake County School Board supports an equity-based approach to school assignments. The goal of this approach is to ensure that its student assignment process does not advantage any group of families in the district, while actively promoting school equity to make all schools attractive options for families.

Be it hereby resolved:

1. *The Wake County Board of Education abandons its effort to establish Community Assignment Zones. Any and all efforts to create a zone based assignment model will cease effective immediately.*
2. ***In the interim***, *the Wake County Public Schools will remain engaged in the Board approved three year assignment plan. When considered appropriate, approved adjustments to the existing plan will occur in accordance with Policy 6200 on an individual basis, including node adjustments, calendar conversions, and school designations. Decisions regarding these adjustments should take into account stability, proximity, growth, and other factors that may be relevant.*
3. ***Be it further resolved that effective immediately:*** *Board level committees, WCPSS departments, and other administrative committees with relevant responsibilities, assignments or authority are directed to provide recommendations for consideration and/or approval of each school the following factors to the extent practicable: parental choice, proximity of students to schools, stability, school capacity, equity and equal opportunity for a sound, basic education, for all students, as provided by in our Constitution.”*

Kevin L. Hill seconded the motion. Board Attorney, Ann Majestic, clarified information for the Board regarding the directive read. After several comments from Board members, the Board voted 5 to 3 in support of the Board Directive. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote, with Anne McLaurin voting “yes”, John Tedesco voting “no”, Kevin L. Hill voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “no”, Deborah Prickett voting “no”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”. The motion for the Directive passed.

Deborah Prickett made a motion to terminate the use of the Effectiveness Index in Wake County Public Schools as of October 31, 2010 and that EVAAS be used exclusively in the Wake County Public School System. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco.

After several comments from Board members, the Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Anne McLaurin voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, Debra Goldman voting “no”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “no”, and Carolyn Morrison voting “no”. The vote was 3 to 5, the motion failed to pass.

CLOSED SESSION

Anne McLaurin made a motion to go into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and 115C-319, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:00 p.m. on a motion by Keith Sutton, seconded by Kevin L. Hill.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

HUMAN RESOURCES

27. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1). Burton Batten, Assistant Principal at Laurel Park Elementary School to Principal at Laurel Park Elementary School effective November 1, 2010.
- (2). Ritchie (Malik) Bazzell, Applicant to Principal at East Wake School of Integrated Technology effective October 6, 2010.
- (3). Dell Edwards, Assistant Principal at Lufkin Road Middle School to Principal at West Lake Middle School effective November 1, 2010.
- (4). Robert Soutter, Assistant Principal at Martin Middle School to Principal at North Ridge Elementary School effective TBD.
- (5). Carmen Graf, Teacher at Creech Road Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Timber Drive Elementary School effective October 6, 2010.
- (6). Chanin Lacy, Teacher at Hunter Elementary School to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Daniels Middle School effective October 11, 2010. (Converted position)
- (7). Craig T. Matthews, Retiree to part-time Assistant Principal at Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle School effective October 6, 2010.
- (8). Emily Mountford, Teacher at Fuquay-varina High School to 2010-2011 Converted Assistant Principal at Holly Springs High School effective November 1, 2010. (Converted position)
- (9). Eric Rosen, Teacher at East Garner Middle School to Assistant Principal 50% Instructional Resource Teacher at 50% at Apex Middle effective October 15, 2010.

Keith Sutton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

28. RECOMMENDATION FOR CAREER STATUS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Tedesco. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Margiotta, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Donna M. Hargens, Interim Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary