



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Tuesday, October 17, 2006

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Michael Evans
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Ann Hooker	Lloyd Gardner
Ron Margiotta	Maurice Boswell	Julye Mizelle
Beverley Clark	David Holdzkom	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	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Bev White	Ann Majestic

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Head asked that the family and friends of Bernard Allen be remembered during the moment of silence. Mr. Allen, who passed away on Friday, October 13, had been a State Representative since 2002. Representative Allen was a retired teacher and a strong advocate for teaching and education in North Carolina.

### INFORMATION

#### Chair's Comments

- On October 5 and 6, the Apex community endured a very serious explosion crisis with a subsequent chemical contamination threat. On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Head publicly thanked Superintendent Del Burns for his prompt reaction to this critical situation and the prompt reaction of his staff.
- On Friday, October 6, Patti Head and Don Haydon spoke to the Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors. The topic of discussion at this breakfast meeting was real estate trends. This group has endorsed the bond, and Ms. Head commented on how enjoyable the morning had been.
- On Thursday, October 12, many Board members attended the Wake Education Partnership Annual Meeting, which was a celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of Raleigh City Schools and Wake County Schools. Many dignitaries attended who had been involved in the merger; such as, Wade Smith, Smedes York, and Vernon Malone. Bill McNeal, former superintendent of WCPSS, was also in attendance. Dr. John Murphy, the first superintendent of the Wake County Public School System, was honored. Ms. Head described this event as a wonderful celebration of where WCPSS has been and the core values that make this system what it is today. At the meeting, there was a great deal of student participation, including: *Enloe Eagle Productions*, the Enloe High School Orchestra, the Ligon Middle School Jazz Band, and the Joyner Elementary Chorus. Ms. Head expressed the Board's sincere thanks to all these WCPSS students for their part in making this such a marvelous celebration.

- Ms. Head gave a reminder of the *Friends of Wake County* rally taking place tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the RBC Center.
- On October 18, there will be a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting will take place in the Board Conference Room of the WCPSS Administration Building from 9 – 11 a.m.
- On October 24, the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) will be meeting at 4:00 p.m. at Lacy Elementary School. Ms. Head reported that the CFAC has launched a new website – [www.wakegov.cfac](http://www.wakegov.cfac). Visitors to the website can send in questions and comments to the committee. The website also includes facts about the individual committee members, notes from committee meetings, and other valuable information. Ms. Head thanked John Mabe and Billie Redmond for their leadership as well as the other members of the committee for their hard work.

### Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Burns reported on the *Fact or Fiction* quiz that has been on the WCPSS internet website. Approximately 7,100 individuals visited the quiz, answering over 60,000 questions. Sixty-five percent of the questions were answered correctly. Phase 2 of the quiz will be on the website beginning Wednesday, October 18. Dr. Burns thanked Michael Evans and the Communications Department for bringing this together.
- The Annual Report for WCPSS is complete and will go out in community papers and the *News and Observer* on November 1 and 2. Board members and members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team will receive personal copies in advance.
- WCPSS recently had six schools recognized by the American School Counselors' Association as 2005-06 Recognized ASCA Model Program Recipients (RAMP). The schools that have been recognized are: Holly Ridge Elementary, Olive Chapel Elementary, Green Hope High School, Middle Creek High School, and Southeast Raleigh High School. Dr. Burns further reported that Mount Vernon Middle School was recognized. This is very significant because Mount Vernon is the only middle school in the state to be recognized. Dr. Burns extended congratulations to all of these schools for a job well done.
- ABC results were recently released by the State for WCPSS high schools. Green Hope was one of only three schools in the state recognized as an Honor School of Excellence and the only one of the three to achieve high growth. Superintendent Burns expressed his pride in the Green Hope students, faculty, staff, and administration. Six WCPSS high schools were honored as Schools of Distinction, and another six were recognized as Schools of Progress. Dr. Burns commented that as standards continue to increase, it is very important to applaud these accomplishments and support all WCPSS schools.
- Mount Vernon Middle School was also recognized recently by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as an "Alternative Learning School of Promise." This recognition is a result of the school's hard work and commitment to student growth and proficiency in an alternative setting.
- The 2006 Textbook/Materials Selection Fair will be held October 16 -19 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. at the Webster Center at Crossroads. This is an opportunity for teachers, administrators, Board members, and the public to preview books and materials under consideration for this adoption cycle. Superintendent Burns encouraged all Board members to attend.
- The Annual Meeting for Support Staff will be held on Monday, October 30 at McKimmon Center. The meeting is scheduled from 1-3:30 p.m. Dr. Burns encouraged Board members to attend.
- The Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 26, at 6 p.m. Dr. Burns invited Board members to attend this annual event that celebrates all the hard work of the WCPSS school administrators. More information will be forthcoming.
- WCPSS will host its annual Magnet Schools Fair on Saturday, November 4, at Southeast Raleigh High School from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Families who are interested in educational choice should explore the innovative programs offered in the school system's 36 magnet schools.
- Superintendent Burns shared in-depth information regarding the Apex fire that involved hazardous materials and the evacuation of Apex residents. This event required the effort, time, and skill of

many WCPSS employees. Five schools were closed on Friday, October 6, as a result of the evacuation. Those schools were: Baucom Elementary, Apex Elementary, Apex Middle, Lufkin Road Middle, and Apex High. The following three schools were also closed on October 6 in order to serve as emergency shelters: Olive Chapel Elementary, Turner Creek Elementary, and Green Hope High. A large number of employees and volunteers did extraordinary work in response to this event. Superintendent Burns recognized the following employees for their efforts: Melissa Burns, principal of Olive Chapel Elementary; Jan Hargrove, principal of Turner Creek Elementary; Jim Hedrick, principal of Green Hope High School; and teachers, teacher assistants, CNS staff, volunteers, school nurses, and parents from all three of these schools who helped throughout the night. Dr. Burns reported that a large number of WCPSS administrators worked throughout the night, and he recognized the following individuals for their efforts: Mike Burriss, Greg Clark, Chip Sudderth, John Ballard, Russ Smith, Michael Evans, Paul Cory, Marilyn Moody, Joyce Powell, Ann Mercer, Brenda Gurley, Joseph Ray, Sneha Amin, Joe Desormeaux, Eddy Adams, and Don Haydon. Dr. Burns also expressed his appreciation to the many maintenance, custodial, and transportation staff members that were not named, and he recognized individually the efforts of staff members from Olive Chapel Elementary, Turner Creek Elementary, and Green Hope High School. Dr. Burns proudly reported that WCPSS employees stepped up in this time of need and did a great job. He expressed his pride in working with such outstanding employees. Patti Head joined Superintendent Burns in thanking all of these WCPSS employees for their efforts in assisting the Apex community.

Patti Head read a special “thank you” note that was sent to the Board of Education by a student who signed her name as, “Savannah G.” The note expressed Savannah’s thanks for all the Board had done to make her successful.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Susan Parry reported that she attended a ceremony on October 11 at NCSU where a new academic and economic initiative was announced. This initiative will attempt to prepare graduates to live and work in a new global economy where cultural understanding and skills will be critically important. NCSU has formed very in-depth long-term relationships with six Chinese universities that will involve exchanges of both teachers and students. Ms. Parry commented on the eloquent presentation by Chancellor Oblinger on behalf of this initiative. The ceremony was attended by a large number of educators and diplomats. Ms. Parry thoroughly enjoyed hearing about this “cutting edge” initiative.
- Beverley Clark re-emphasized the accomplishments of Mount Vernon Middle School in being the recipient of the RAMP award as well as being a School of Excellence. Ms. Clark reminded everyone of the *Turkey in the Hole* that will be taking place at Mount Vernon on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. She encouraged Board members to attend, and cited this event as one of the most exciting opportunities to interact with the students and their families. Ms. Clark commended Mount Vernon on their outstanding accomplishments.
- Ron Margiotta reported that he, Eleanor Goettee, Dr. Burns, and other administrators attended the ribbon cutting for Panther Creek High School on October 16, which included a tour of the school. Mr. Margiotta was extremely impressed with the performances of the orchestra and the chorus, being that the school has only been in existence for two months. Mr. Margiotta also shared that three student class presidents were present who had come from another school. Even though none of the three had initially wanted to be reassigned to Panther Creek, Mr. Margiotta was pleased to report that all three students expressed that they are now happy at their new school.
- Beverley Clark reported that she and Susan Harrison are working on the wording of a proposed resolution regarding the Board’s desire to share the challenges of growth with other elected officials in communicating, cooperating, and seeking the authority from the General Assembly to employ new tools. This resolution will come before the Board at the next Board meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Patti Head amended the meeting agenda to include the addition of an action item under Finance – Recommendations for Six (6) Voting Members to the Audit Committee as Described in Board Policy 8810. The précis had been provided to Board members at the Board table.

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

Before proceeding with the agenda items, Ms. Head reported that the technical difficulties that had prevented the meeting from being televised up until this point have now been resolved. She recapped for the public the Board's pride and gratitude in the efforts of the WCPSS employees during the situation in Apex. Ron Margiotta added that Keith Weatherly, Mayor of Apex, expressed his gratitude for the assistance provided by WCPSS. Ms. Head asked that Mr. Margiotta return the accolades to Mayor Weatherly for how well the elected officials in Apex handled this situation.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **1. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: IT'S NOT VOC ED ANYMORE**

In 2005-06, over 450 Career and Technical Education teachers served over 58,000 students in all WCPSS middle and high schools. These students represented a full range of abilities and needs; from students receiving special education services to those enrolled in Honors and AP courses. How is Career and Technical Education in 2006 different from Vocational Education in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century? How does CTE today prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century careers? Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Information only.

Richard Murphy introduced David Rockefeller for his presentation to the Board. Mr. Rockefeller began by recognizing and thanking the CTE central services staff who provide strong support for the students and teachers in the schools. He shared that “teaching and learning” is the primary focus of his department, and he outlined the key differences between the Vocational Education of 1976 and today's Career and Technical Education. Mr. Rockefeller recognized Nan Alexander, a CTE teacher at Broughton, who has been an inspiration to many of her students. Mr. Rockefeller continued his presentation by giving background information on career-focused learning communities (CFLCs) that allow students and teachers with common career interests to work together around a common career theme. Mr. Rockefeller introduced John Geraghty, a CTE teacher from Southeast Raleigh High School, and two of his students for their presentation on *Project Lead the Way*, a national pre-engineering program. Beulah Wright, principal of Southeast Raleigh High School, was in attendance for the presentation. Eleanor Goettee thanked the students and Mr. Geraghty for their impressive and eye-opening presentation and asked that the Board join her in purging the term “Vocational Education” and replace it with CTE. Ms. Head expressed her thanks to everyone who was in attendance as part of this presentation and to the many inspiring CTE teachers who help students find their career paths.

### **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.*

- **Jennifer Lanane, President of Wake NCAE.** Ms. Lanane reported that the Year-Round Task Force has finished its work, and the recommendations from the Task Force have been given to the Human Resources Committee. Ms. Lanane publicly thanked both the Board for its support and the

teachers who worked on the task force. She expressed to the Board that these recommendations are the solutions they feel will make the lives of teachers and employees of WCPSS easier.

## **FINANCE**

### **1. POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LOCAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2006-2007**

To report potential changes in local expenditures for 2006-2007 as of September 30, 2006.

Fiscal Implications: Potential adjustments within the local budget. Transactions transferring budget between accounts will be reported to the Board of Education with all Budget Amendments and Transfers quarterly. Recommendation for Action: No action. Administration is reporting potential changes in local expenditures.

Terri Kimzey gave a first quarter report to the Board of changes in local costs. Ms. Kimzey gave an overview of the summary sheet that showed four major category changes since July 1. She proceeded by giving a detailed explanation of individual items on subsequent pages. Ms. Kimzey asked that the Board strike through the information below *Graduation Costs* on page 3. There was discussion of the one-time costs for year-round conversion. Ms. Kimzey answered questions from the Board, and Superintendent Burns shared clarifying information as well. Patti Head thanked Ms. Kimzey for her report, and Ms. Head commended the fine work of the Budget Department.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

September 13, 2006 – Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

October 3, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

## **FINANCE**

### **1. COMPUTER INSURANCE FUNDS**

The Wake County Public School System has collected a \$25 fee from schools, departments, or employees utilizing system-owned laptop computers in areas other than their duty station. The fee reduced the employee deductible for stolen or vandalized laptop computers from \$2,000 to \$100. The funds are used to replace laptop computers if a loss occurs due to theft or vandalism while away from their duty station. The \$25 fee and \$100 deductible has been waived. Fiscal Implications: The remaining balance of \$37,100.94 is reserved in fund balance. An appropriation of \$10,000 is requested for the current year. Recommendation for Action: Request Board approval to obtain funds from fund balance.

### **2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2006-2007**

To report changes in the budget resolution resulting from transactions processed during July – September, 2006.

Fiscal Implications:

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$	3,007,526
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+	\$	1,491,456
Adjust Federal Programs Fund	-	\$	4,306,240
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+	\$	35,856,068
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	-	\$	166,658
Net Changes	+	\$	35,882,152

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

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. EASEMENT: WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY**

City of Raleigh desires an electric utility easement on the southeast corner of the Washington Elementary campus along Fayetteville Street to improve the City's service to the school and community. The designated area consists of 0.02 acres, as shown on the attached survey plat completed by the City of Raleigh Public Works Department. The City will install, maintain and remove utility facilities and appurtenant facilities within the electric utility easement area as well as remove and keep removed from the easement all trees, shrubs, underbrush, and other obstructions which will likely endanger overhead electric cables or lines within the easement. This requested easement will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat is attached which indicates the areas of the easement. Fiscal Implications: City of Raleigh has agreed to compensate WCPSS a total of \$963.00 for the granting of the needed easement. Recommendation for Action: Staff request Board approval.

### **2. EASEMENT: EAST WAKE MIDDLE (WILKERSON AND MARTIN PROPERTY)**

WCPSS has requested the East Wake Middle campus be annexed into the Town of Knightdale's jurisdiction in order to be serviced by public utilities. To connect the campus to the public water service, it is required that WCPSS acquire an easement and construct a water main on property owned by Mary Frances Wilkerson and Allen Lanier Martin. This easement consists of a total of 646 square feet. Proposed compensation for the water main easement is \$116.36. Fiscal Implications: WCPSS award total compensation of \$116.36 to Mary Frances Wilkerson and Allen Lanier Martin for the water main utility easement. Funding for the construction of the water line is from the PLAN 2004 Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **3. EASEMENT: EAST WAKE MIDDLE (SMITH PROPERTY)**

WCPSS has requested the East Wake Middle campus be annexed into the Town of Knightdale's jurisdiction in order to be serviced by public utilities. To connect the campus to the public water service, it is required that WCPSS acquire a temporary construction easement on property owned by Rufus and Mildred F. Smith for the construction of a water main. This temporary construction easement consists of a total of 437 square feet. Proposed compensation for the temporary construction easement is \$33.60. Fiscal Implications: WCPSS award total compensation of \$33.60 to Rufus and Mildred F. Smith for the water main utility easement. Funding for the construction of the water line is from the PLAN 2004 Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested.

### **4. EASEMENT: EAST WAKE MIDDLE (INGLE PROPERTY)**

WCPSS has requested the East Wake Middle campus be annexed into the Town of Knightdale's jurisdiction in order to be serviced by public utilities. To connect the campus to the public water service, it is required that WCPSS acquire an easement and construct a water main on property owned by Lamont and Delores Ingle. This easement consists of a total of 813 square feet. Proposed compensation for the water main easement is \$116.36. Fiscal Implications: WCPSS award total compensation of \$116.36 to Lamont and Delores Ingle for the water main utility easement. Funding for the construction of the water line is from the PLAN 2004 Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested.

### **5. BIDS: MODULARS AT EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE**

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Board pre-approved 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 were received on September 26, 2006. Staff and Gurel Architecture, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company, LLC in the amount of \$669,500. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed budget is \$30,854,735, of which \$3,470,802 is currently available from PLAN 2004, \$109,089 from PLAN 2000 Start-Up, and \$30,000 from fiscal year 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Funds. The remainder of the funds for the total renovation project will come from the next building program. Recommendation for Action: In as much as the Board pre-approved

the contract on October 3, 2006, the purpose of this précis is to inform the Board of actual bid and award information for contract.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **1. CONTRACT WITH WAKE COUNTY SMART START, INCORPORATED (MORE AT FOUR)**

The Smart Start/More at Four Contract will provide per pupil funds to support one classroom at Project Enlightenment. This classroom is also supported by Title I funds to provide a blended preschool setting for up to sixteen eligible four year old students. Fiscal Implications: This revenue contract will provide up to \$37,730 in More at Four funds for this classroom. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board Approval.

#### **2. CONTRACT WITH WAKE COUNTY SMART START, INCORPORATED (MORE AT FOUR)**

The Smart Start/More at Four Contract will provide per pupil funds to support one classroom at Lynn Road Elementary. This classroom is also supported by Title I funds to provide a blended preschool setting for up to sixteen eligible four year old students. Fiscal Implications: This revenue contract will provide up to \$37,730 in More at Four funds for this classroom. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board Approval.

### **BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

This represents new nominations to the Board Advisory Councils. The nomination forms are attached for the Board's review and consideration. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

The Board approved the following nominations:

Kendall Maynard, Panther Creek High School, District 8  
 Wendy Burns, Apex High School, District 8  
 Sheila Schilling, Holly Springs High School, District 8  
 Henry Dickson, Holly Springs Elementary School, District 8  
 Gina Bertolini, Highcroft Elementary School, District 8  
 Debbie Petersburg, Dillard Drive Middle School, District 5  
 Bob Anderson, Yates Mill Elementary School, District 5  
 Laura Bottomley, Athens Drive High School, District 5  
 Tami Garneau, Underwood Elementary School, District 5  
 Lynn Womble, Broughton High School, District 5  
 Cynthia Martin, Olds Elementary School, District 5  
 Danielle Jones, Dillard Drive Elementary School, District 5  
 Laura Bone, Middle Creek Elementary School, District 5  
 Rhonda Beatty, Centennial Middle School, District 5  
 Gyanendrak Gupta, At Large, District 5  
 Janie Johnson, At Large, District 5  
 Carmen Cauthen, At Large, District 5

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS**

#### **Policy Committee**

Susan Parry reported that the Policy Committee met on October 10. It was a productive meeting, and two policies are on today's meeting agenda for first reading: Policy 5536/6536 – Foreign Language Proficiency and Policy 2570 – Naming of Schools. The committee also had preliminary discussions about the issue of the board chair participating in voting at Board meetings and the issue of absentee voting. These discussions will continue at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

### **Finance Committee**

Carol Parker reported that the Finance Committee met on October 10. There was discussion of questions that the community advisors to the Finance Committee and Board members had heard in the community regarding financing and budgets. David Neter had sent each member of the committee a copy of information that Charlotte/Mecklenburg had prepared a few years ago explaining budgeting and finances. The committee also evaluated Fairfax, Virginia's *Budget-At-A-Glance* information. It was suggested that the committee compile similar budget/finance information for WCPSS. The committee plans to continue this discussion in November.

### **Community Relations Committee**

Lori Millberg reported that the Community Relations Committee met on October 11. In both the September and October meetings, the committee met with members of the Communications Department to talk about opportunities and strategies for communicating with the public about the transition of the 22 schools to year-round. Board members were provided with handouts at the Board table of two matrices that outlined identification tactics and target audiences as well as a timeline. Staff had presented these matrices to the committee at the last meeting. The plan was accepted by the committee, and the committee voted to recommend to the Board its acceptance of this plan of action for implementation by staff.

### **Human Resources Committee**

Eleanor Goettee reported that the Human Resources Committee met on October 11. Caroline Massengill, Mike Chappell, Greg Decker, and John Wall joined the meeting for discussions centered on issues surrounding staffing of year-round schools. The committee worked with details, questions, and items generated from the Wake NCAE Year-Round Task Force and from Caroline Massengill and the WCPSS Year-Round Advisory Committee. The majority of time was spent discussing the process for track assignments for teachers. Ms. Goettee reported that these discussions will continue at next month's meeting with recommendations coming before the Board shortly thereafter.

### **Instructional Program Committee**

Beverly Clark reported that the Instructional Program Committee met on October 11. The committee covered four topics: 1) WCPSS literacy results for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades on the EOGs; 2) high school ABC results; 3) how WCPSS students are doing in the UNC system; and 4) discussion of the high school exit standards. David Holdzkom has emailed his PowerPoint presentation to Board members who were not present at the meeting. In looking at how WCPSS high school students have done on the various EOC exams, the committee has asked David Holdzkom to prepare information on how WCPSS compares with other school systems in North Carolina.

Following Ms. Clark's report, Patti Head stated that it would be very helpful for Board members to receive hard copies of the PowerPoint presentation.

### **Facilities Committee/Committee of the Whole**

Horace Tart reported that the Facilities Committee yielded its time to the Committee of the Whole on October 10. There was discussion of the timeline for year-round conversion and how to provide as much choice as possible for magnet schools, year-round schools, and also traditional schools. The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14. Mr. Tart is hopeful that the committee can begin discussion on public-private partnerships. Mr. Tart further reported that the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee road trip to visit a Johnston County school was canceled by the hosting school. The next Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee meeting will take place on October 24 at Lacy Elementary School.

### **Committee of the Whole**

Patti Head gave a detailed review of the discussions that took place in today's Committee of the Whole meeting. Patti Head reported that there will be a Board meeting on November 7 at 2 p.m., but being that it is Election Day, there will be no Committee of the Whole that day.



## ACTION ITEMS

### FACILITIES

#### **1. NAMING OF THE ENLOE HIGH PRESS BOX IN HONOR OF JAMES “BUDDY” STEWART**

The Enloe High Physical Education Department, coaches, and Enloe Eagle Athletic Booster Club have recommended that the football stadium press box be named in honor of James “Buddy” Stewart. Coach Stewart served as an educator for more than forty years, until he retired on June 30, 2005. He began his career at Broughton High in 1968, then served at least five Raleigh Public and Wake County Public Schools, and served as Enloe’s athletic director from 1983 to 2005. More detailed background information is provided in the attached memorandum. In accordance with Board of Education policy 2571, it is appropriate to name the Enloe High press box in honor of James “Buddy” Stewart. Fiscal Implications: Cost of any plaque or sign will be funded from private sources. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is recommended.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Don Haydon made a presentation to the Board and stated that naming the Enloe High School Press Box in honor of James “Buddy” Stewart is in full compliance with the provisions of Board Policy 2571. Mr. Haydon read the nominating letter that the school community submitted. Beth Cochran, principal of Enloe High School, recognized the guests in the audience and introduced Buddy Stewart and his wife, Carol. Patti Head thanked Mr. Stewart for his years of service to WCPSS, and she thanked Carol Stewart as well for her years of service in supporting her husband’s endeavors. Board members Beverley Clark and Rosa Gill shared their past experiences in working with Buddy Stewart, and they both expressed the highest praise for his dedication, commitment, and service to the students of Enloe High School. Superintendent Burns shared fond memories of working with Buddy Stewart at Enloe, and summed up his remarks with, “You have done a great job, Coach.” The vote was unanimous.

Buddy Stewart shared remarks with the Board. He expressed his gratitude for the honor and stated that he had spent 41 years as an educator and had “enjoyed every minute of it.” Mr. Stewart received a standing ovation from the audience.

#### **2. ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SCHOOLS**

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department presented recommendations for the following five subdivisions at the Board meeting on October 03, 2006, and subsequently revised the recommendation to reflect the Board’s decision on conversion of nineteen elementary and three middle schools to year-round calendar:

Fieldstone Crossing (Phase 2)

Maybrook Forest (Phase 1)

Providence (Phase 1)

Wynbrooke

Wyncroft

Fiscal Implications: Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facility-related costs will be avoided. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Chuck Dulaney made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Dulaney stated that his greatest concern was over the high school assignments in these areas. He did not want high school students to get established and then have to make a change. Mr. Dulaney further stated that elementary schools will be impacted in each of these situations by the opening of a new school. He then reviewed each of the recommended assignments and the rationale for each. Mr. Dulaney answered clarifying questions from the Board. Lori Millberg

expressed concern over the assignment of Fieldstone Crossing subdivision to Knightdale High, and Chuck Dulaney explained the rationale for this recommendation. The vote was unanimous.

## **POLICY**

### **1. Policy 2570-NAMING OF SCHOOLS**

*Revised: First Reading*

Language was added to provide clarification regarding the criteria used in naming of schools. This policy was presented to and approved by the Policy Committee. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Parry. Don Haydon made a presentation to the Board. The Policy Committee has reviewed and discussed Policy 2570 at length. There has been a change in the wording of this policy. The last three words of the original policy, “subdivisions or communities” have been deleted and replaced with “natural or historical features.” Don Haydon and Susan Parry answered clarifying questions. The vote was unanimous.

### **2. Policy 5536/6536-FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

*New: First Reading*

In 2002 the North Carolina State Board of Education approved a policy requiring Local Education Agencies to develop a policy which specifies the process students shall follow to demonstrate foreign language proficiency. This policy establishes criteria for how students can demonstrate how they have fulfilled the State’s requirement to successfully acquire 2 units of the same foreign language or its equivalent. This policy was presented to and approved by the Policy Committee. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Donna Hargens made a presentation to the Board. This policy has been presented to and approved by the Policy Committee. It is a new policy and specifies the process that students can use to demonstrate foreign language proficiency, which then counts as the foreign language requirements of two years of the same foreign language. Dr. Hargens answered clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

## **FINANCE**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SIX (6) VOTING MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AS DESCRIBED IN BOARD POLICY 8810**

Board Policy 8810 establishes the membership requirements for the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee allows for six voting members from the community not employed by the school district or having any direct or indirect business dealings with the school district. The Board will vote to select the committee. Board members are encouraged to select professionals with a background in accounting, finance, business, management consulting or law. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Patti Head read the names of the following individuals who have been recommended for membership to the Audit Committee:

- Gary Ashworth - Vice President, Lynn’s Hallmark Shops
- Cam Frazier - CPA; Former Finance Director, Wake County; Presently Part-time at Centennial Authority
- Ben Goldstein - CPA; The Advisory Group LLC
- Gray Hutchison - Attorney; AON
- Tom Oxholm - CPA; Wake Stone Corporation
- Phyllis Pearson - CPA; Petway, Mills, & Pearson, PA

Carol Parker reported that Superintendent Burns will be appointing a member to the Audit Committee and also designating a staff member to participate in the Audit Committee. The external auditors are wrapping up the annual financial audit, and the financial report should be ready in mid-November. The Finance Committee is planning to bring the financial report to the Audit Committee for review before bringing it to the Board. The vote was unanimous.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Carol Parker made a motion to go into Closed Session at 4:02 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319 and to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 4:20 p.m. On a motion from Beverley Clark, seconded by Horace Tart, the agenda was amended to include an information item related to the School Resource Officers (SROs). Patti Head presented information related to the SRO at West Lake Middle School. Donnie Harrison, Sheriff, has recommended funding by the county for the remainder of the year. The West Lake Middle School PTA will lobby the Town of Fuquay-Varina to reinstate funding for the position for next school year.

### **ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)**

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

##### **1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

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

- Max S. Nathison, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Fuquay-Varina Middle School, effective date TBD.

Lori Millberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

##### **2. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER**

Eleanor Goettee read the following administrative transfer:

- Carla F. Jernigan, Principal at Reedy Creek Middle School, to Principal at Knightdale High School, effective date November 1, 2006.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Rosa Gill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Parry. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education