



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2012**

| <u>Board Members Present</u> | <u>Staff Members Present</u> | |
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| Kevin L. Hill, Chair | Acting Superintendent Stephen Gainey | Joe Desormeaux |
| Keith Sutton, Vice Chair | Cathy Moore | Mark Winters |
| Jim Martin | Cris Mulder | Todd Wirt |
| Debra Goldman | David Neter | Marvin Connelly |
| John Tedesco | Lloyd Gardner | <u>Board Attorney</u> |
| Deborah Prickett | Clinton Robinson | Jonathan Blumberg |
| Susan P. Evans | Andre Smith | |
| Christine Kushner | Jacqueline Ellis | |

Chairman, Kevin L. Hill called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. District Court Judge Erin Graber performed the Oath of Office for temporary superintendent, Dr. Stephen Gainey. Dr. Gainey introduced his wife Kelly.

Chairman’s Comments

- Mr. Hill congratulated and thanked Dr. Stephen Gainey for stepping forward to serve as Wake County’s temporary superintendent. Dr. Gainey has the respect of the entire Board of Education. Chairman Hill shared that having worked with Dr. Gainey for many years he is the consummate professional who embodies the definition of integrity. Chairman Hill thanked Dr. Gainey once again.
- Chairman Hill went on to explain the events of the past week which included three areas that he will mention; students, concerns about using tax dollars wisely, trust and integrity, and where are we now;
 - Students- the focus of the Superintendent and the Board should be on students and student achievement. Most of the past spring and summer the Board has been embroiled in putting out fires and debates over an assignment plan, merit pay, leadership academies, and bus routes. By the start of the traditional calendar year, it became clear that the choice plan has many flaws, of which transportation was one.
 - Concerns about using tax dollars wisely- In many instances, program decisions were made **before** concurring with the Board of Education and before details about costs were fully analyzed. The Board still does not have an estimate about the impact of the current assignment plan on the cost of transportation, how much the Leadership Academies will cost, or the cost of expanding our Global and STEM academies.
 - Trust and Integrity – When a majority of the Board loses confidence that they are being dealt with in a forthright manner and can no longer trust the superintendent, especially when he purposefully or not, publically misstated facts... the bond for an effective Superintendent/Board relationship becomes broken by a lack of effective communication between the Superintendent and the Board. The Superintendent came to the district with little experience and made many mistakes, most recently with the implementation of the current assignment plan. While a first class individual who invested tremendous time and effort in the county, we did not have the working relationship needed to match the demands of the 16th largest school system in the country.

- Where are we now? – We must look forward on behalf of our students. The entire Board must commit to better governance, putting decision making on behalf of our students ahead of politics. The citizens of Wake County need and deserve a Board of Education that puts children first – All Children. Chairman Hill reassured the teachers and staff that they have the full support of the Board and he knows that they will continue to work as hard this week as was done last week because they are in the classroom because it is about our children not who is the superintendent or even who is on the Board of Education. Chairman Hill thanked the teachers for what they do every day for our children.

Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Gainey thanked IBM and Community in Schools for their partnership; Dr. Gainey had the opportunity to attend an event last Thursday at Barwell Elementary where that partnership led to computer systems being brought into Barwell Elementary kindergarten classes. Dr. Gainey thanked everyone for involving him in that event.
- Dr. Gainey announced the Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year celebration that will take place on October 11th at Marbles Museum. Mike Charbonneau played a video as a prelude to the upcoming event.

Board Members' Comments

- Dr. Martin shared that he was pleased to meet with the counseling staff at Dillard Drive Middle School. The group of counseling staff was working on their RAMP application; he was pleased to support their application. Dr. Martin shared that he had a very productive conversation with several individuals from the Knightdale and eastern Wake County region in an effort to better understand the challenges to that area, with new leadership, Dr. Martin sincerely hopes to re-introduce into the school system's strategic plan, a commitment to address the needs in eastern Wake County. Dr. Martin shared that he continues to welcome comments from families and principals regarding the assignment process. Dr. Martin is very committed to not having massive reassignments and to working towards a development of a logical, objective, and stable assignment process. Dr. Martin stated that he has heard comments throughout the community, both opposed to and support of the board's recent separation agreement with Mr. Tata. Dr. Martin shared that he does understand the passion on all sides and the frustration of unanswered questions; he looks forward to a time when it's possible to more clearly discuss information as public information. Dr. Martin shared that he can say with confidence that it was not an arbitrary or baseless decision. Dr. Martin noted that his commitment today is exactly the same as it was when he was asked by his children, teachers, and members of the community to run for this office. Dr. Martin committed to working together as a Board, as a Board with the Superintendent, and as a Board with other public and private organizations solely for the betterment of our schools and community. Dr. Martin shared that he continues to have many fruitful and productive interactions and working relationships across the county with persons of all political backgrounds.
- Mr. Tedesco thanked Dr. Gainey for being willing to step into this role. Mr. Tedesco commended Dr. Gainey for being willing to step into the line of fire understanding how the Board has failed the community many times in recent months. Mr. Tedesco commended the teachers and staff who are hard working every day. Mr. Tedesco went on to say that while what the community sees up here is a failure of leadership, schools are moving

forward every day; teachers are still working hard, principals are working hard, and schools are doing wonderful things for our children despite what is seen from the Board. Mr. Tedesco shared that when he was elected, he was elected to serve the taxpayers, parents, and the children of Wake County not the Wake County Public School System. Mr. Tedesco shared that he thinks that it is appropriate for the Board to be concerned with those issues and is a little disheartened to hear the Chairman be concerned about using tax dollars wisely after just flushing a quarter million dollars away; particularly when a quarter million dollars is exactly what is spent in funding three Renaissance schools, retro fitting technology in four other schools. Mr. Tedesco shared that he feels that it is tactless for the Chairman to speak on issues tonight regarding the former superintendent that could have been addressed last week. Mr. Tedesco encouraged anyone to do a public records request of the email of the Board and there would be email to show the support of Superintendent Tata and the leadership he gave to the community.

- Ms. Goldman thanked Dr. Gainey for his bravery in being willing to step into the role of temporary superintendent. Ms. Goldman shared that the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Ms. Goldman shared that she trusts that the Board leadership is going to present information that comes to them expeditiously to the Board of Education. Ms. Goldman shared that there was no Public Comment allowed at the meeting that terminated Superintendent Tata; there was an action item placed on the agenda; Ms. Goldman shared that she requested that Public Comment be heard and made a motion that Public Comment be heard, and the same Board majority that voted to oust the Superintendent chose that the Public Comment was not worthy of being heard that night nor appropriate. Ms. Goldman shared that she was opposed to the move by the Board, everything from the way Mr. Tata was terminated to the way it was handled with the public, the way it has been handled in the press; from every angle it has been detrimental to the faith that the county holds for the Board. Ms. Goldman shared that it has been costly, not only in the loss of faith but in the loss of dollars; fiscally irresponsible. Ms. Goldman stated that she feels great loss and is grieving; Mr. Tata's departure is a huge loss for Wake County. Ms. Goldman admonished the Chairman to please focus the discussion onto items that are regarding educational strides for the children and stop the heavy-handed, under handed regime.
- Mrs. Prickett shared that Chairman Hill is just one voice and not her voice and does not represent her opinions over the situation with Superintendent Tata. Mrs. Prickett shared that she has a feeling of loss and grief. Mrs. Prickett thanked Dr. Gainey for helping the Wake County Public School System and she appreciates the positive attitude that he put forth in the media over the past weekend as well thanking him for the sacrifice his family has to make. Mrs. Prickett shared that the District 7 Board Advisory Council met on September 25th at Hilburn Drive Academy; thanks went out to Mr. Ford, the PTA, and staff for hosting the meeting. Mrs. Prickett thanked new BAC Chair, Sandy Kiserow and new Secretary, Janis Lawrence for all the work that they do with the Board Advisory Council. Mrs. Prickett gave a special thank you to Cris Mulder, Chief Family and Community Engagement Officer and her team for all of the community outreach efforts and the work that has been done on the Wake County Public School System website. Cris spoke at the Board Advisory Council meeting and updated everyone on the information on the website and how parents can find out more information from the school system. Mrs. Prickett shared that parents who attended the District 7 Board Advisory Council meeting on September 25th were highly upset and concerned about Mr. Tata no longer serving in the role of Superintendent. Mrs. Prickett

shared her heartfelt thanks to Judy Pepler, Chief of Staff/Transformation Officer for serving the county well. Mrs. Pepler has brought highly effective leadership to Wake County as she helped to implement new initiatives. Her knowledge and understanding of such a broad array of topics was impressive. Mrs. Prickett wished Mrs. Pepler the very best in for all of the things she has done for the children, the families, the school system staff and the Board. Mrs. Prickett stated that Mrs. Pepler accommodated many requests in a quick manner.

- Mrs. Evans thanked Dr. Gainey for being willing to step up in the position; she appreciates his leadership as well as the leadership of the principals and teachers as the county moves forward. Mrs. Evans shared that the Board had its first work session on Saturday to review the assignment plan in depth with what the staff has proposed. Mrs. Evans shared that the address look up and the proposed attendance areas that are currently on the website are preliminary and she is a little concerned as there is a lot more movement in assignment areas than what she would have liked to have seen. Mrs. Evans encouraged families to continue to register their input on the online public portal. Mrs. Evans acknowledged that it has been a difficult couple of weeks for the Board and the community. Mrs. Evans shared that she was anguished over the decisions she felt needed to be made and over the perception by many that the Board's decision to terminate the superintendent was simply political or that it was made without proper consideration. Mrs. Evans shared that she understands that this community has questions and she appreciates that many are trying to understand. While Mrs. Evans is certain that the decision she made was based on what she truly believes is best for the school system in the long run; she understands that it is vital that the Board does what it can to reassure the community that the Board's actions were not based on petty grievances. As unfortunate as it is, the actions of Mr. Tata had resulted in a complete lack of trust on her part and that of the majority of her colleagues. The lack of trust and pervasive undermining of the Board majority by the Superintendent had a crippling effect on the Board's ability to work together on initiatives that were critical for the success of the system. Board members' characters were attacked publicly and board members were told insulting things in private conversations intending to bully board members into stepping into line with the Superintendent. On more than one occasion the Superintendent or a staff member he directed purposely acted in opposition to directions from members of the board. A complete air of suspicion had permeated the collaborative working relationship and Mrs. Evans for one, had no confidence that Mr. Tata would move forward on initiatives and policies established by the Board with fidelity. Mrs. Evans shared that additionally, there were consistent reports from members of the staff that Mr. Tata ruled with an iron fist showing little respect for the knowledge and expertise of many in the system. It became known to Board members that a culture of fear existed amongst the staff and employees were regularly berated in front of their peers and had their personal and professional integrity attacked to the point that many felt unable to even share ideas without the fear of retaliation. Mrs. Evans shared that she feels that an effective leader sets the tone for respect within an organization and Mr. Tata did not adequately show respect for those with whom he shared different perspectives and did not show respect for many of the employees of Wake County Public Schools. Mrs. Evans shared that the public should know that Mr. Tata was made aware of these perceived deficiencies during his annual performance evaluation that was just completed recently. Instead of trying to rectify any of these things, he continued to commit offenses that caused any hope that she had for future positive improvements and that evaporated any hopes she had of moving forward. Mrs. Evans does

however, look forward to doing what she can to help heal the wounds from this unfortunate turn of events and she can assure the community that she is ready to move forward working effectively with all members of the Board and staff to set policy and provide guidance in the best interest of the students of Wake County Public Schools.

- Mrs. Kushner congratulated Dr. Gainey for being very brave. Mrs. Kushner stated that it has been a difficult week to be on the Wake County Public School Board and as a Board; they could have done a much better job of explaining the decision to part ways with Superintendent Tata. Mrs. Kushner shared that last week in a letter to the Board, Commissioner Paul Coble wrote, “that partnerships work only when each partner can rely on and trust the actions and consistency of the other partner” and she agrees; and the Board and Superintendent relationship is a very important partnership. Simply put, a majority of the Board could no longer trust the actions and consistency of the Superintendent. In Mrs. Kushner’s ten months on the Board, she did not view Mr. Tata as a neutralizing force. Among other things she had become concerned that the district has over-promised to parents and families and that has led her to question how resources and tax dollars are being used in the best interest of the entire school system. Now moving forward and we are moving forward in a very positive trajectory; we need a partnership with the community to support our schools; that begins with better communication. Last week, Mrs. Kushner shared that she had the pleasure of participating in the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year interviews; it was inspiring to hear ten excellent administrators talk about their students, their work, and their expectations for the Wake County Public Schools. Mrs. Kushner shared that she also took part this week in Millbrook Elementary School’s site visit for their Primary Years IB Programme.

Mrs. Kushner shared that our principals and teachers deserve nothing but the best from all of us. Going forward, the Board must renew its commitments to the community. The Board must enact a smart and financially sound student assignment plan with addressed-based assignments, expanded choice, and a stay-where-you-start stability. Growth and school enrollment remains a vexing problem for schools and the board will commit to use resources wisely for the entire school system. Mrs. Kushner shared that planning for the future must involve the full community including key stakeholders; a first step is a collaborative Superintendent search. Mrs. Kushner shared that our excellent schools require a Superintendent who can inspire staff from within and has a skill set and experience to lead a complex and growing school system. Mrs. Kushner stated that we need a superintendent with the skills of genuine collaboration and the ability to bridge the divides across the county and across the board table. The Wake County School System has a long history of excellence driven by our principals and teachers who value learning and teaching; and the strength of our school system has allowed our students to thrive, our community to thrive, and our local economy to thrive. So while explosive growth has certainly strained the school system, its resources and facilities; that growth also signals a core belief in the fundamental strength of our schools. Mrs. Kushner stated that is a belief she shares and one she will pledge to maintain for the benefit of all the members of the community.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Hill shared that the second bullet under Closed Session should read as, to consult with the Board’s attorney and protect the attorney-client privilege and to receive advice pursuant to G.S. 143-

318.11 (a)(3) with respect to the lawsuit captioned Northeast Raleigh Charter Academy v. Wake County Board of Education , case number 10 CVS 10858.

Christine Kushner made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton.

Ms. Goldman requested that the Chairman explain why it is that he does not allow detailed discussion of personnel issues at the table or from Public Comment. Ms. Goldman stated that the Chairman and Mrs. Evans violated Closed Session protocol on several items. Ms. Goldman questioned the stability of students, parents, and families in the county.

Chairman Hill shared that none of his comments dealt with Closed Session in specifics; Chairman Hill stated that he shared with Board Counsel ahead of the meeting to ensure that.

The Board returned to the motion to approve the Amended Agenda. The Board voted 6 to 2, with Debra Goldman and Deborah Prickett casting the dissenting votes to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion passed.

Chairman Hill shared that Board Member Chris Malone is not at the meeting due to a personal family situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6 P.M.

Citizens who sign 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.

- **Connelly Simmons** - Mr. Simmons shared that he experienced things in the Board Room that he hopes he does not have to experience again. Mr. Simmons shared that he had seen tension going into the Closed Session and the Board's return from Closed Session told him sadly that he should prepare for a funeral, but was not prepared for an execution of a true hero and gifted public administrator. Mr. Connelly shared that the board majority's costly knee jerk decision was irredeemably unconscionable among adults. Mr. Simmons implored the media to exercise their due diligence to investigate. Mr. Connelly shared that the Board majority violated six ethical standards on the information placed at their table.
- **Allison Backhouse** – Ms. Backhouse stated that the five majority members saw Superintendent Tata as a roadblock. Ms. Backhouse shared that the Superintendent's firing was very personal and very partisan. Ms. Backhouse shared that Mr. Tata became a champion for parents and took time to understand parents' needs and gave parents hope and showed that they mattered. Ms. Backhouse stated that Superintendent Tata was forthright, honest, and effective.
- **Cindy Sinkez** – Ms. Sinkez shared that she has still not heard any community engagement about the ninth grade center at Panther Creek High School. Ms. Sinkez stated that there has been a serious lack of communication to the parents involved in the process. Ms. Sinkez implored the Board to vote for the modular units at Panther Creek High School. Ms. Sinkez shared that she wanted to see the Board doing more of supporting schools and the community; before the district needs to get a superintendent with the skills of communication and collaboration, the Board needs to do that.

- **Tracey Noble** – Ms. Noble urged the Board to reconsider last week’s incredibly damaging and unpopular decision to fire Superintendent Tata. Ms. Noble offered the following for the Board’s consideration when they evaluate future superintendent candidates; someone who is able to see beyond press releases, marketing spin and their own bias and is willing to look at the truth about student achievement in Wake County, particularly for the most at-risk students; a person who believes that a child’s skin color or economic status need not dictate their academic success; one who believes that access to higher level gateway courses should be open to all who qualify for admission. Ms. Noble stated that she hopes the Board will look for a courageous problem solver who is not afraid to challenge the status quo with creative ideas and innovative solutions. Someone who is willing to listen and attempt to bring reasonable people from all sides together. Someone who instills trust and confidence in the community and believes that the community-at-large are stakeholders in public schools; someone who engages those stakeholders for the betterment of all students. A leader who believes teachers and administrators should be held accountable for their performance and must be passionate about serving the best interest of all students. An honest broker who seeks input from all parents, not just a chosen few; someone who gives parents a seat at the table and trusts them to know what is best for their children. Ms. Noble shared that her fear is that all these traits are what led the Board to fire the superintendent the district already had.
- **Kerry Mead** – Ms. Mead shared that there are a number of families in Cary, Apex, and Holly Springs who were assigned to Ligon Middle School as part of their pre-assigned feeder schools or who selected Ligon with express bussing provided. One of the primary decision factors for these parents was the promise of transportation to the school; either neighborhood bussing or express bussing. The one common denominator of the parents is that they were promised transportation and the transportation was eliminated well after the deadline for applying to another school had passed. In addition to presenting a petition requesting express bussing, Ms. Mead provided a sample confirmation letter that was sent out by the school system showing the promise of express bussing to Ligon. Ms. Mead shared suggested express bus stops with the Board.
- **Scott Redman** – Mr. Redman shared his support for the option recommended by staff regarding the increased capacity for Green Hope and Panther Creek High Schools. Mr. Redman shared that the reasons he supports the option are safety, access to all available classes for all students, maintaining a strong school community atmosphere, lowest overall cost, support for the recommendation researched and submitted by the school staff, and it addresses the issue in one of the timeliest manners. Mr. Redman stated that he hoped the Board would vote for the option to add modular units to the current high school locations. Mr. Redman shared that since the M-16 site is not the recommendation of the school staff, but still one of the options the Board considered, Mr. Redman asked the Board not to vote to put a ninth center on the Pleasant Grove site; he does not feel that all of the relevant information needed to make a good decision has been obtained. Mr. Redman stated that no input was sought for his community on that option until they raised concerns with the Board, school staff, and representatives of the Town of Cary at the last possible minute. Mr. Redman would like there to be a discussion of the various traffic alternatives for the site that includes the Board, school planning staff, appropriate representatives from the Town of Cary, and NCDOT. Mr. Redman expressed his desire and the desire of his community to work productively with the Board at such a time in the future when and if plans are being

developed for the use of the M-16 site. Mr. Redman shared that his community will be impacted when the M-16 site is developed and they want to be heard.

- **Jennifer Mansfield** – Ms. Mansfield shared that she has no trust in the Board. She believes that there was never a commitment to making the choice plan work. When the plan was originally approved, it was approved with the stipulation that there would be a monitoring committee formed to monitor the plan and make adjustments; it never happened. Ms. Mansfield shared that the Economically Disadvantage Task Force and its subcommittees were doing really important work, but it disappeared. Ms. Mansfield shared she thinks that the diversity policy which was in place for years was never about educating economically disadvantaged or minority children, it was about the cheapest way the district could deal with them and it doesn't matter whether or not their achievement actually improves; it is the cheapest way to deal with them so that the district can focus its attention to other people in the system. Ms. Mansfield also feels that there has not been a commitment to bipartisanship on the Board.
- **Kalyan Davuluri** – Mr. Davuluri shared that he is very glad that staff recommended placing the modular units for the ninth grade center on Green Hope and Panther Creek campuses. Mr. Davuluri hopes the Board supports the recommendation and moves forward with it.
- **Nannette Goodwin** – Ms. Goodwin shared that she does not feel that the Board's vision that is listed on the Board of Education website is being met. The vision states that the Board wishes for every student to achieve and the Board's actions are not allowing students to achieve in the way that they should. Ms. Goodwin shared that her number one concern is the Board's behind the scene actions of the majority regarding not only student assignment, but also the firing of Tony Tata; that it is a very poor use of the taxpayers' funds to release the Superintendent. Ms. Goodwin shared that with good faith, she sought and found the best Wake school home for her children and was assured that it would be there home school going forward. Ms. Goodwin applied for them to attend leadership academies, they were accepted and now she is hearing inklings that they will not have the schools anymore; Mrs. Goodwin wants assurances that the leadership academies will be funded. Ms. Goodwin shared that the Board cannot have constant changes to the student assignment policy as the Board committed to continue to work with the choice program for three years. The program was barely allowed to be instituted before changing it completely to a non-working program that has been seen in the past. Ms. Goodwin shared that the Board must recognize the needs of parents and the students, information to the parents, families, and tax payers is critical.
- **Kathleen Brennan** – Ms. Brennan shared that she is shocked by the hypocrisy of a number of people on the board. Ms. Brennan shared that she feels that some board members have lied to voters, maligned parents, acted in a non-transparent manner, and avoided accountability. Ms. Brennan stated that all of the majority should consider tending their own resignations.
- **Tiffany Birkner** – Ms. Birkner shared that she appreciated the Board members that did act with integrity on the vote for keeping Superintendent Tata she appreciated having some voices of reason. Ms. Birkner shared that what the Board has done is incomprehensible; broken campaign promises, lies, the hypocrisy of talking about trust and integrity when those are the two qualities that embody Superintendent Tata. Ms. Birkner shared that she was very disappointed in some board members.
- **Madison Bechtel** – Miss Bechtel shared information regarding the Triangle Dance Marathon. Miss Bechtel shared that a partnership has been formed with PNC Arena to

make the charity event a youth service rally for the entire district. The vision is to have an annual event for all middle school students to come together and do something positive. The dance marathon started after 9/11 and has risen over \$130,000 for the Cancer Kids. The event is for the kids and by the kids. To help plan, students have been to college dance marathons for ideas and have been planning once a week after school every week; they have made countless video commercials, visited businesses for sponsorships, planned activities for the event, and made a website called triangledancemarathon.com. Miss Bechtel shared that students are concerned now that since the Superintendent is no longer with the district, will the commitments he made be fulfilled since the event is less than a month away? Miss Bechtel shared that Superintendent Tata said that the students' video would be played at other schools, help market, and help spread the word around. Mr. Hill requested that Miss Bechtel send an email to Superintendent Gainey and he would help move the issue forward. Dr. Gainey shared that he was aware of the issue and had spoken with Cathy Moore and Cris Mulder; staff will continue to do what it can to continue to help.

- **Cyndi Tomblin** – Ms. Tomblin shared that only once has she felt strong enough to stand before the Board and voice concerns she has had. During that meeting where she felt she was being heard, Mr. Tata jotted down notes. While the Board vote at that meeting was to change her child's bell schedule against the wishes of the school's community, her points were heard by the Superintendent and when school began this year, the school had an onsite before school program to help working parents out. Ms. Tomblin shared that last week, the Board took action that severely damaged the relationship with the community.
- **Robyn Carr** – Ms. Carr shared that as a concerned citizen, tax payer, mother, and voter she has never been involved with a more dysfunctional and fractured Board of Education. Ms. Carr shared that the constant bickering, one upsmanship, and politicizing of what should be an organization dedicated to the education of children is without precedent in her experience. Ms. Carr shared that the actions the Board has taken in the past few weeks has led her to believe that silence can no longer be tolerated or accepted. Parents, citizens, voters, and tax payers need to speak up before more damage is done. Ms. Carr shared that the Board arbitrarily decided to go back to a plan that most parents did not like or want; the goal of any assignment plan should be how we can provide the best education for each student. Ms. Carr shared that Superintendent Tata was not perfect but neither is any board member; Ms. Carr requested that the Board keep in mind that it is the job of citizens and voters to make the Board accountable for the decisions that detract from that job.
- **Connie Snyder** – Ms. Snyder shared a petition with the board regarding the entire neighborhood of Westpark being able to attend Davis Drive Elementary and Davis Drive Middle Schools; they have been historically assigned to the schools since the schools opened. Under the proposed assignment, the schools are no longer an option for them as a four-lane state highway NC-55 would have to be navigated to reach new schools. In addition, Davis Drive Elementary and Davis Drive Middle Schools are traditional calendar schools while the proposed assignment would require students to attend year-round schools and cause a disruption in stability in the neighborhood. On the student assignment proposal map, the Westpark neighborhood is split into six areas and she asks that the board recognize all six areas as one neighborhood.
- **Mary Jane Swecker** – Ms. Swecker expressed her concern about the proposed student assignment plan. Ms. Swecker shared that she feels that the entire county will be impacted by the proposed plan. Ms. Swecker has looked extensively at the rim schools at what she sees is about 25% shift in the base population of each school; in a community that is desperate for

stability she finds this completely unacceptable. Ms. Swecker shared that she feels the best way to restore confidence is to slow down, restore the assignment plan from the 11-12 school year, grandfather families where they are now so there is no more transition for next year, and take the time to carefully vet out the ideas for a new plan. Ms. Swecker stated that there are too many questions that need to be answered and a plethora of red flags to be addressed before a wise decision can be made about the viability of this plan. Ms. Swecker stated that if the Board really wants to move the county forward, it must slow down, grandfather current schools and feeder patterns as has been suggested, put into place the 2011-12 plan that will provide short-term stability for the families for the 2013-14 school year, and fully vet a new plan to ensure that the best decisions are being made for the students and families of Wake County.

- **Karen Carter** – Ms. Carter shared that she lives in the Westpark Community and shared her concerns for her community to attend Davis Drive Elementary and Davis Drive Middle Schools. Ms. Carter shared that she understands that the Board has growth issues to deal with, it is not at Westpark and not at Davis Drive Elementary and Middle Schools; the schools are stable. Ms. Carter shared that she feels removing select students based on what streets they live on in the Westpark Community is unjustified. Ms. Carter shared that she opposes the proposed changes.
- **Yolanda Dickerson** – Ms. Dickerson shared that she is excited about the things that are happening at the Wake Young Women’s Leadership Academy. Ms. Dickerson shared that she is all about inclusion and wants her child to have every opportunity that her tax dollars and her time, and her child’s hard work have worked for.
- **Duffy Fron** – Mr. Fron shared that he feels that there was an error in mapping for the Westpark community. Mr. Fron shared that the current base assignment plan for 2013-14 splits the neighborhood and feels that the mapping error needs to be addressed. Mr. Fron shared that in his community he can walk to Davis Drive Elementary and Middle Schools.
- **Louise Lee** – Ms. Lee shared that she was shocked, disappointed, disillusioned, and upset at the way in which the ousting of Mr. Tata had taken place. Ms. Lee shared that with unsubstantiated rumors that such ideas were being batted around, the citizens of Wake County had no time to find out if the information was true, much less to digest it and react. Ms. Lee shared that diversity is a catch phrase these days encompassing a wide range of topics including race, geographical location, etc. Ms. Lee shared that the county needs a superintendent who will work with the school board but who will not be afraid to challenge or disagree with them; a superintendent who will be a true leader of his staff not a follower. Ms. Lee shared that it is past the time for personal biases and about an individual’s past or whether someone leans to the left or right to be laid to rest once and for all. Ms. Lee shared that Mr. Tata was not infallible, given the time he deserved; Mr. Tata might have just been the one to lead the Wake County Public School System to a winning season.
- **Rene Herrick** – Ms. Herrick shared that she is a proud teacher in Wake County; it was her greatest honor to serve with Mr. Tata. In her opinion and that of many others that she represents, Mr. Tata was their hero. Ms. Herrick shared that he brought the district back from being the subject of ridicule and possibly losing accreditation. Ms. Herrick shared that he always demonstrated extraordinary leadership towards teachers and students. Ms. Herrick asked the Board if they would consider resolving the conflicts and choose to be effective in producing a different decision, one that would answer the many disillusioned teachers and students and parents. Ms. Herrick stated that the decision to let Mr. Tata go was personal to teachers, they want him back and ask that the Board consider the decision it

made last week was indeed made in the storming stage of their collaborative team development. Ms. Herrick requested that the Board consider revising their decision.

- **Leslie Koscielnak** – Ms. Koscielnak shared that she is pleased to see the state of progress being made on the new student assignment plan. The initial draft of the new plan has several positive changes from the previous choice plan such as re-establishing address-based assignments that offer families the assurance of a guaranteed school assignment with an option for choice at all grade levels; providing stability for grade spans so that once children start a school they stay at the school unless the family opts to apply for another assignment. The ability for families to enroll their children at their base school, many families without personal transportation found it very challenging to get to Cary to enroll at Central Office. Flexible provisions for students with disabilities. As the district moves forward with the new plan, it is important to re-invigorate community engagement in a real and meaningful way. Ms. Koscielnak shared that public hearings are vital; allowing the community to sign up and speak is valuable allowing everyone the opportunity to voice their opinion. Ms. Koscielnak stated that the Board should consider the feedback from the magnet survey and focus groups and be innovative in the way that the district expands magnet options. Ms. Koscielnak shared that the Board should create a comprehensive plan that can be easily understood by the public; rules and processes must be fair, clear, and simple so parents can make the best possible decisions for their children. Transparency is critical. Ms. Koscielnak stated that the Board should be sure that the algorithms for magnet and open enrollment work, there was an apparent flaw in the software the current year and caused many families not to receive their correct assignment priority. Ms. Koscielnak ended her comments by stating that the Board should only make assignment information available when it has been well defined, after the policies have been developed and the plan is further refined.
- **Sarah Wetherby** – Ms. Wetherby shared that 3 years ago, Wake County voters elected a school board majority that started listening to the parents of Wake County and were willing to explore new models for school assignment that were more family-friendly. The Choice Plan was enacted a year ago, while not perfect represented an innovative approach to school assignment and also represented a local solution to local issues. Ms. Wetherby shared that former Superintendent Tony Tata has proven to be a capable, popular, and recognizable school superintendent who has put in a tremendous amount of time visiting schools and school events. Ms. Wetherby shared that many have witnessed the measurable improvements and gains in the Wake County Public School System. Ms. Wetherby shared that the community fears that the school board will disregard the needs of parents and families. Ms. Wetherby urged the Board to start listening to the parents and voters of Wake County.
- **Anne Sherron** – Ms. Sherron shared that the new base assignment proposal does not start in the right place, since April 24th the Board has had a magnet review and added magnet schools for more choice. Ms. Sherron stated that the facilities utilization review is complete along with locations of new programs. Ms. Sherron shared that she feels the County Commissioners will be surprised at the number of seats students needed yesterday, need today and tomorrow. Ms. Sherron stated that she is confident that after the waters calm down the Board can help them comprehend and support the price tag for the new program options, academies, and the CTE high school to help them understand that the price tag will be the same next week as it was two weeks ago. Since April 24th, the board has talked about a relaxed transfer policy and a stay-where-you-start has arrived to ensure the stability that the county has requested. Ms. Sherron shared that the student assignment proposal does not

start in the right place; the bipartisan plan designed last year is where the county should start. Using the 2011-12 base plan gives staff a solid, board-blessed, community-vetted, bi-partisan starting place; the only down side is transportation.

- **Shannon Hardy** –Ms. Hardy shared that she is dismayed by the Board’s continued partisanship. Ms. Hardy shared that out of 6,189 magnet application students, twenty-two percent are from the eastern region; more than any other region. The responsibility for this exodus is shared by all board members. Ms. Hardy stated that three years ago, Mr. Malone had a republican majority and he assured the Knightdale 100 that he would help Hodge Elementary, nothing happened. Ms. Hardy shared that the majority split Knightdale so that three board members represent the town; Mr. Tedesco, Mr. Sutton, and Mr. Malone they all listened and still nothing happened. Ms. Hardy stated that there has been a bipartisan failure and all must take responsibility. Ms. Hardy stated that Superintendent Tata challenged the Board to attach student achievement to magnet schools, the majority voted it down. Ms. Hardy shared that she believes that Superintendent Tata understood enhanced resourcing, high quality teachers, and collaboration with communities with a solution. Ms. Hardy requested that the Board give Knightdale all four magnets for their four elementary schools and give them schools that bring their twenty-two percent home.
- **Sherri Maleki** – Ms. Maleki shared that she echoes Cary’s earlier request for express bus transportation to Ligon Middle School. Ms. Maleki shared her note that she sent to Board Member Keith Sutton earlier in the day. Ms. Maleki shared that she is focused on a solution while she patiently waits for the answer to come; she offers her time and is committed to work with the transportation department and Ligon families in implementing a solution. Ms. Maleki requested that the Board approve the request that was presented earlier by Ms. Mead.
- **Andra Willis** – Ms. Willis shared that when Mr. Tata was hired, she was impressed with his resume and continued to be impressed by his work. Ms. Willis shared that he was out in the community at meetings listening and then would go back and things would happen. Ms. Willis shared that families and children saw the benefits immediately of having Superintendent Tata serve the county. Ms. Willis stated that she felt that the Board fired a capable and caring man. Ms. Willis requested that the Board listens as Mr. Tata did.

CONSENT ITEMS

Keith Sutton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by John Tedesco. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 7. June 5, 2012 - Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- June 19, 2012 - Annual Board of Education Meeting Minutes

FACILITIES

8. LEASE FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: WAKEFIELD HIGH

Alltel Communications, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Tenant”) currently leases space from the Board at Wakefield High for a cellular communications tower and related operating equipment. The current lease will expire October 23, 2012. Tenant desires to continue its operation of the telecommunications equipment within the existing leased area and extend its leasehold upon Board property. Tenant has proposed to lease for a term of five (5) years commencing October 23, 2012, with an option to extend the initial term for one (1)

additional period of five (5) years. Board approval of the new lease will not adversely impact the current use or future use of the school site. A copy of the proposed lease and Resolution is attached. Fiscal Implications: Board currently receives annual rental fees of \$56,250 and under the new lease will receive annual rental fees of \$70,312.56 for the initial term for a total of \$351,562.80 over the five year term. If Tenant exercises its option to extend the term, the annual rent for the extended term will increase. Savings: Not Applicable: Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

9. 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 2012. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not Applicable.

10. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

One hundred and eighty gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$104,169. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action is Required.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2011-2012

To report changes in the budget resolutions resulting from transactions processed during 2011 2012. These are the final adjusting entries included in the Annual Financial Report. Fiscal Implications:

| | | | |
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| Adjust State Public School Fund | + | \$ | 0 |
| Adjust Local Current Expense Fund | + | \$ | 0 |
| Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State | + | \$ | 0 |
| Adjust Capital Outlay Fund | + | \$ | 0 |
| Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund | + | \$ | 50,974 |
| Adjust Direct Grants Fund | + | \$ | 0 |
| Adjust Specific Revenue Fund | + | \$ | 0 |
| Net Changes | + | \$ | 50,974 |

Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

12. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS, 2012-2013

To report changes in the budget resulting from transactions processed during August, 2012. Fiscal Implications:

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| Adjust State Public School Fund | + | \$ | 5,395,314 |
| Adjust Local Current Expense Fund | + | \$ | 270,558 |
| Adjust Federal Grants Fund - State | + | \$ | 710,263 |
| Adjust Capital Outlay Fund | + | \$ | 345,000 |
| Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund | + | \$ | 1,614,037 |
| Adjust Direct Grants Fund | + | \$ | 75,728 |
| Adjust Specific Revenue Fund | + | \$ | 0 |

Net Changes + \$ 8,410,900

Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action. In accordance with Budget Resolution, administration is reporting changes in appropriations.

13. RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE: OWNED OR LEASED REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY, BOILER & MACHINERY, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Wake County Public School System has maintained Property Insurance Coverage through participation in the statewide pool administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for over 20 years. The current total insured value for WCPSS property is of \$3,410,758,445 and the premium quoted for the 2012-2013 insurance coverage is \$973,327. Similar coverage through commercial insurance would result in a 27% additional premium cost. Fiscal Implications: Funds in the amount of \$973,327 are available in 2012-2013 Risk Management Budget. Savings: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

14. ACCURATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Wake County Public School System is contracting with Accurate Communication Inc. to provide interpretation/translation services for classroom and extra-curricular activities for students who are hearing impaired in Wake County Public Schools. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the Special Education Services' budget in the amount of \$388,168 is to be used to pay for the cost of these services. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

15. AMIKIDS, INC.

This is the third year of a three year contract. Our initial contract with AMIKIDS, inc. began March 22, 2011. AMIKIDS provides instructional services to a maximum of forty (40) students with disabilities in grades six (6) through twelve (12) who have been long term suspended. Our contract with AMIkids will assist us in meeting our obligation to continue to provide special education services to students with disabilities who have been removed from school for disciplinary reasons. Fiscal Implications: Funding in the Special Education Services; budget in the amount of \$427,860 will be used to pay the cost of these services for the 2012-2013 school year. Savings: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

16. AMENDMENT ONE TO FRANKIE LEMMON SCHOOL

We are increasing the number of children receiving services at the Frankie Lemmon Developmental Day Center. The maximum enrollment at the Frankie Lemmon Center will increase from forty (40) to fifty (50) children, an increase of ten (10) slots. This will increase our contract with Frankie Lemmon by \$103,810 for a total contract amount of \$519,050. Fiscal Implications: The State of North Carolina provides categorical monies totaling \$9,991.00 per child, per year, for children ages three (3) through twenty one (21) served in developmental day centers. In addition, each year, the state provides \$50 per child to help provide needed supplies and materials. Additional funding from the state in the amount of \$100,410.10 is to be used for these services. For each child receiving services at Frankie Lemmon School, WCPSS pays a yearly supplement of \$340 per child. Special Education funds will be used to pay an additional \$3,400 for the supplement for ten (10) additional children. The total amount of the contract is \$519,050. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

17. LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Students have an opportunity to participate by special invitation to the Annual London New Year's Day Parade and Gala Concert in London, England.

- Students participating will be representative of Leesville Symphonic Band, grades 9-12.
- Approximately 84 students will participate and 70 chaperones.
- Students will miss only 1 day of instructional time; trip will take place over Winter Break of 2013.

They will depart RDU on December 27, 2013 and return on January 3, 2014.

- Students will experience all aspects of a quality music education; they will perform at a level to best represent Leesville Road High School, Wake County Public School System, the State of North Carolina, and the United States of America. They will perform to an audience in excess of half a million along the parade route as well as a worldwide TV broadcast reaching over 280 million people.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per student is \$2,995. Boosters will assist with funding. Fund raisers will be held as necessary to enable all students an opportunity to participate in this activity. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

TRANSFORMATION

18. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#10113): State Farm®, Celebrate My Drive™ / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#10213): Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Forward Promise Innovation Grants / Central Office.
- Competitive (#10313): Drive Education, Talent for Education Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#10413): Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators, Mini-Grants for Teacher Awards / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#10513): State Farm®, Company Grants / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#10613): John Rex Endowment, Early Childhood Mental Health, Social and Emotional Well-being Grants / Central Office.
- Competitive (#10713): NC Council for Social Studies, Grant Programs / Individual Schools.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Savings: Grant funding supplements existing resources. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

HUMAN RESOURCES

19. RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Professional
2. Support
3. Contract Central Services Administrator

BOARD

20. 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. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

ACTION

FACILITIES

21. PLANNED INCREASED CAPACITY FOR GREEN HOPE HIGH AND PANTHER CREEK HIGH

On September 18, 2012 and October 2, 2012, staff presented four options during Board Work Session for a 9th grade center for Panther Creek High School – a leased building located near RDU Airport, a modular campus to be constructed on the M-16 site adjacent to Alston Ridge Elementary School, a leased building located near SW Maynard and Kildaire Farm Road, and the installation of additional modular units at Panther Creek and Green Hope. Staff recommends the additional modular units at Panther Creek and Green Hope High Schools. Fiscal Implications: The recommended solution of two additional modular units at Panther Creek and three at Green Hope has a proposed project budget of \$6,944,600, which includes an assumed offsite budget of \$1,500,000. A future reallocation from Reserve will be needed at the completion of design to fully fund this project. Savings: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities, shared information with the Board.

Deborah Prickett made a motion to approve the Planned Increased Capacity for Green Hope High and Panther Creek High. The motion was seconded by Jim Martin.

Debra Goldman thanked Dr. Hedrick and Mr. Nelson for being available to answer questions during the work session regarding this item. Ms. Goldman shared that the modulars are a good solution for this particular case.

Mrs. Evans thanked Mr. Desormeaux and the staff for being diligent on the issue and going back to the drawing board and trying to find better solutions. The proposed solution seems to be what is best for the community and the principals.

Mrs. Prickett shared that it has been invaluable to have the input of the principals from Green Hope and Panther Creek High Schools on this situation. Mrs. Prickett thanked Mr. Desormeaux for going the extra mile; it is a win-win situation.

With no further comments from the Board, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

HUMAN RESOURCES

22. TEMPORARY PAY INCREASE FOR SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS

In response to the recent transportation issues, a temporary pay increase for substitute bus drivers was implemented. This change was made to maximize the number of approved substitute bus drivers working a large number of days during the school system's efforts to recruit and train additional bus drivers for permanent positions. It will result in a temporary hourly rate increase for substitute drivers from \$11.89 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. The temporary pay increase for substitute drivers will be in effect for the 9/10/12 – 10/31/12 time period. Fiscal Implications: It is estimated that the maximum cost for this initiative will be no more than \$49,000. Funding is available. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

David Neter, Chief Business Officer and Dr. Stephen Gainey presented information to the

Board.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the Temporary Pay Increase for Substitute Bus Drivers. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointments and the contract with Dr. Gainey to serve as temporary Superintendent;

- (1). Carter Hillman, Applicant to Principal at East Wake School of Health Science effective TBD.
- (2). Craig T. Matthews, Retiree to Interim Principal at Leesville Road Middle School effective 10/3/12 – 11/30/12.
- (3). Trenton Brown, Applicant to Assistant Principal at East Wake School of Integrated Technology effective 10/9/12.
- (4). James Cole, Teacher at Middle Creek High School to 2012-2013 Converted Assistant Principal position 50% Instructional Resource Teacher position 50% at Holly Ridge Middle School effective 10/29/12 – 6/14/13.
- (5). Daniel Smith, Teacher at Sanderson High School to Assistant Principal at Sanderson High School effective 10/3/12.

The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton.

Ms. Goldman shared that she is opposed to having to spend even more money and does not want that to be a reflection on Dr. Gainey, as she is so glad that he is stepping in as temporary superintendent. Ms. Goldman shared that she wants to vote as she wants Dr. Gainey to be paid extra for taking on the other job, but she is opposed to the reason that the Board needs to do this that she will be voting against it. Ms. Goldman stated that the entire action surrounding this is fiscally irresponsible and that it is offensive in the way that all has been handled

The Board voted 7 to 1, with Debra Goldman casting the dissenting vote. The motion was approved.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Human Resources Department and Dr. Gainey for those employees with career status. The motion was seconded by Deborah Prickett. With no comments or questions from the Board, the motion was unanimously approved.

John Tedesco made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:09 p.m. for previously stated reasons. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The Board voted 6 to 2 with Debra Goldman and Deborah Prickett casting the two dissenting votes. The motion passed to return to Closed Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:44 p.m. on a motion by Debra Goldman that was seconded by Keith Sutton. The motion to return to Open Session was unanimously approved.

John Tedesco made a motion to amend the Action Agenda to add two items:

- (1). Offer to purchase Property
- (2). CTE notice of public hearing

The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. Debra Goldman stated that she would not be supporting adding the items to the agenda as there would not be an opportunity for public comment as the Public Comment period is over and the Board needs to be transparent. John Tedesco shared

that he was not happy about it, but the process needs to get started, so he would be supporting adding the items. With no further comments, the Board voted 7 to 1 to add the items to the Action Agenda with Debra Goldman casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

FACILITIES

23. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT – GREGORY B. CRAMPTON, AS CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE FOR YWCA OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE, INCORPORATED (LAND BANK DOWNTOWN FUTURE SCHOOL SITE) SUBJECT TO AN APPRAISAL AT OR ABOVE THE PURCHASE PRICE

Terms and Conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with Gregory B. Crampton, as Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for Young Women’s Christian Association of the Greater Triangle, Incorporated, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, Bankruptcy Case No. 12-05410-8-JRL to acquire three tracts of land and all improvements thereto, collectively totaling approximately 2.91 acres for a land bank downtown future school site. The assemblage is comprised of three tracts being identified as Wake County PIN 1703-97-7959 (REID # 0090136) containing 1.8 acres, Wake County PIN 1703-98-6169 (REID # 0014797) containing 0.25 acres and Wake County PIN 1703-98-5048 (REID #0079039) containing 0.86 acres, located on East Hargett Street in Downtown Raleigh. Fiscal Implications: Estimated land cost is \$1,000,000.00. Funding would come from the Land Acquisition Component of CIP 2006 Funds. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

John Tedesco made a motion to approve the offer to purchase and contract. The motion was seconded by Keith Sutton. The Board voted unanimously to approve the offer to purchase and contract- Gregory B. Crampton, As Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for YWCA of the Greater Triangle, Incorporated (Land Bank Downtown Future School Site) Subject to an Appraisal or Above the Purchase Price.

24. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING WAKE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND APPROVAL OF CAPITAL LEASE WITH KEYSTONE- WILMINGTON STREET, LLC (CTE HIGH SCHOOL) AT ITS OCTOBER 16, 2012 MEETING

The Board has approved a resolution requesting Wake County to participate in the acquisition of property for a CTE high school. The Board also intends to consider approval of the terms of a capital lease by and between the Board, Wake County and Keystone-Wilmington Street, LLC at its meeting on October 12, 2012. In accordance with NCGS 153A-158.1 and 115C-531 & 532, the Board must publish notice a public hearing regarding the adoption of the resolution and approval of the capital lease no less than 10 days prior to the proposed public hearing date. Staff requests permission to publish said notice in the News & Observer in advance of the October 16, 2012 Board meeting. A copy of the proposed public notice is attached. Fiscal Implications: None. Savings: N/A. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

John Tedesco made a motion that the Board would authorize staff to provide public notice that the Board will hold a public hearing regarding the adoption of a resolution requesting Wake County to participate in the acquisition of property for a CTE high school and consider the

approval of a capital lease with Keystone-Wilmington, LLC at its October 16, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan P. Evans. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Keith Sutton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Debra Goldman. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin L. Hill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

Stephen Gainey, Acting Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Allen, Recording Secretary