

# WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Members Present</b>	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	
Bill Fletcher	Del Burns	
Rosa Gill	Luther Cherry	
Beverley Clark	Cindi Jolly	
Tom Oxholm	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Jeff York	Ann Hooker	
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Linda Isley	
	Toni Patterson	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Mike Burriss	<i>Ken Soo</i>
	Janice Shearin	
	Julye Mizelle	

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

### INFORMATION

#### Chairman's Comments

- *Ms. Parry and the Board of Education congratulated Superintendent McNeal for being named North Carolina Superintendent of the Year.*
- *Ms. Parry attended the Magnet Fair on Saturday, November 1, 2003.*
- *Ms. Parry and several board members attended the County Commissioners meeting to discuss Goal 2008.*
- *Growth Management will be holding the final round of community meetings to gather input on the student assignment plan.*

#### Superintendent's Report

- *Superintendent McNeal informed the board that the Wake County Public School's Annual Report will be in The News & Observer on Thursday, November 6, 2003.*
- *Mr. McNeal reminded the board about the Celebration of Schools of Excellence on Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at the RBC Center at 4:30 p.m. with State Superintendent Mike Ward.*
- *Our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. because of the Celebration of Schools of excellence.*
- *Mr. McNeal reported that the art students from WCPSS earned top honors in the student art and photography competition at this year's State Fair. Jennifer Petite, student at Southeast Raleigh High, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the senior division with a \$500.00 scholarship; Masa Tanaka, a student at Broughton High, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, earning a \$300.00 scholarship.*
- *In the school art competition, WCPSS had 6 of 8 top high schools, 3 of 6 top middle schools, and all 8 top elementary schools in the competition. The schools are Athens Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Broughton High, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Apex High, 5<sup>th</sup> place; Cary High, 7<sup>th</sup> place; Millbrook High, 8<sup>th</sup> place; Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Dillard Drive Middle School, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Apex Middle, 4<sup>th</sup> place; Underwood Elementary, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Timber Drive Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Ballentine Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Farmington Woods Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> place; Fuquay Varina Elementary, 5<sup>th</sup> place; Fuller Elementary, 6<sup>th</sup> place; Hunter Elementary 7<sup>th</sup> place; Stough Elementary, 8<sup>th</sup> place; and West Lake Elementary received Honorable Mention.*

- *The Board of Education and the County Commissioner Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, at 11:30 p.m.*
- *He also reminded the Board and staff of the Celebration of Schools of Excellence on Wednesday, November 19, at the RBC Center from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. with State Superintendent Mike Ward.*
- *Mr. McNeal reminded everyone that the next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19. The time has been change to 7:00 p.m. because of the Celebration of Schools of Excellence.*

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

- *Beverley Clark made a motion to move from the Consent Agenda Item #3 “Facilities-Resolution: Funding For Plan 2004 School Building Program; Item # 5 Facilities-Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation; Item # 6 Facilities- Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation to the Action Agenda.”*

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

*Harvey Schmitt, Raleigh Greater Chamber of Commerce- Congratulated Superintendent McNeal for his hard work and dedication to the children of Wake County and for being named North Carolina Superintendent of the Year.*

*Charlotte Turpin, President, NCAE- Congratulated Superintendent McNeal for his hard work and dedication to the children of Wake County and for being named North Carolina Superintendent of the Year.*

*Roger Erlich, Citizen/Parent- Opposed the recommendations for alternative revenue sources and asked the Board to have a public hearing so that citizens may express their concerns.*

*Wendy Michael, Citizen/Parent- Opposed the recommendations for alternative revenue sources.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 15, 2003 – Open Meeting

April 16, 2003 – Superintendent’s Budget Request Work Session

May 6, 2003 – Open Meeting

May 20, 2003 – Open Meeting

June 3, 2003 – Open Meeting

June 17, 2003 – Annual Meeting

June 17, 2003 – Open Meeting

June 30, 2003 – Open Meeting

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. RESOLUTION: ELEMENTARY “E 11” – DESIGNER SELECTION**

Resolution is presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Small Kane Architects, PA for the design of “E11” PLAN 2004 Elementary. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows the exemption of the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this is a re-use of the Cedar Fork Elementary prototype. This will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project. Staff recommends proceeding with the negotiation of a design contract with Small Kane Architects, PA.

### **2. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR PLAN 2000 SCHOOL BUILDING**

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2000 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request appropriates the balance of funding for PLAN 2000. Total of this appropriation request is \$15,747,719. Appropriations for PLAN 2000 to date total \$534,252,281, which includes \$4,661,494, received from Critical Needs Grant sent directly to Wake County Public School System from the state. The total PLAN 2000 appropriations including this request, equals \$550,000,000.

### **3. RESOLUTION: LONG – RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from the Phase IIIB Program Contingency to Panther Creek High. Total reallocation amount is \$4,900,000. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

### **4. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: DANIELS MIDDLE RENOVATIONS**

The PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes renovations at Daniels Middle. Negotiations have been completed with Cline Design Associates, PA for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. The total project budget is \$16,368,596, of which \$822,678 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program and \$15,545,918 will be required from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total proposed compensation for the design consultant is \$959,745. A contract will be issued for the design phase only in the amount of \$623,834.25.

## **FINANCE**

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

Forty-three gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$74,518.24.

### **2. APPROPRIATION OF FUND BALANCE (Exhibit B)**

To appropriate fund balance to complete renovations at the Print Shop. These funds were reserved in fund balance on June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$22,586.

## **PROGRAM**

### **1. AGREEMENT BETWEEN EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN’S ASSISTANCE CENTER AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT (Exhibit C)**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **FACILITIES**

*Jeff York made a motion to take from the table the item to approve School Capacity Models for the fiscal year 2003-2004, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

*The motion on the table was to approve of the School Capacities for 2003-2004. Jeff York offered a amendment to include the update to the School Capacity Models information on pages 15 & 16 to change elementary year-round model. Motion seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was 7 to 1 in favor with Beverley Clark voting "no."*

#### **1. RESOLUTION: LONG - RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from the following PLAN 2000 projects: Code Compliance, Deferred Maintenance, Modernization and Program Contingency to Panther Creek High and mobile classrooms. Total reallocation amount is \$15,325,500. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary

*Tom Oxholm make a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. After protracted discussion, Kathryn Watson Quigg called for the question, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was 7 to 1 with Beverley Clark voting "no."*

#### **2. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR PLAN 2004 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM**

Resolution requests funds for the PLAN 2004 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request will provide construction funds for Holly Springs High, Panther Creek High, and Northwoods Elementary. Total of this appropriation request is \$60,487,166. Appropriations for PLAN 2004 to date total \$0. The total PLAN 2004 appropriations including this request, equals \$60,487,166.

*Tom Oxholm make a motion to approve, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg. The vote was 7 in favor with Ms. Beverley Clark abstaining.*

#### **3. RESOLUTION: LONG – RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution also requests reallocation of project savings from the PLAN 2000 projects at Apex Middle, Knightdale High and Highcroft Drive Elementary to Carpenter Elementary, Cedar Fork Elementary, Forestville Road Elementary and Turner Creek Road Elementary. Total reallocation amount is \$1,581,348. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

*Tom Oxholm made motion to approve, seconded by Jeff York. A long discussion followed. Bill Fletcher called for question, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg.*

*Beverley Clark offer a friendly amendment to reallocate project savings from PLAN 2000 projects to Forestville Road and Turner Creek School that will open in 2004. The remainder of funds would be unallocated Kathryn Watson Quigg did not accept the friendly amendment.*

*Kathryn Watson Quigg make a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was 6 to 2 with Beverley Clark and Amy White voting "no."*

## **PROGRAM**

### **1. GOAL 2008 (Exhibit D)**

The Board of Education received a report on the success of Goal 2003 that included community data, performance data, and a gap analysis. The Board reviewed the data and established priorities to be addressed in a new goal. A subcommittee was established and met on August 28, 2003, to develop a

draft goal and supporting strategies. The draft goal and supporting strategies were presented to the Board at the Committee of the Whole meetings on September 16, 2003 and October 21, 2003. Board comments have been incorporated into the goal statement being presented for approval. Fiscal implications are to be determined. Staff recommends that the Board approve the goal and supporting strategies.

*The Goal for 2008 is that Wake County Public School System is committed to academic excellence. By 2008, 95% of students in grade 3 through 12 will be at or above grade level as measured by the State of North Carolina End-of-Grade or Course tests, and all student groups will demonstrate high growth. In pursuit of this goal, we will:*

- *Increase challenging educational opportunities for all students.*
- *Increase student participation and success in advanced classes at the high school level.*
- *Increase the percent of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students graduating from high school within four years.*
- *Recruit, develop, support and retain a highly qualified work force to ensure student success.*
- *Identify and seek resources necessary to support student success.*
- *Build a consensus of support through community collaboration.*

*Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve 2008 Goal, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

## **FINANCE**

### **1. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES (Exhibit E)**

The Finance Committee recommends alternative revenue sources as indicated in the attached material. This information is presented to the Board for consideration and action

*After a brief discussion, Tom Oxholm made a motion for staff to explore and research the nine (9) recommendations that the Finance Committee put forth, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **1. WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL-TO-CAREER (Exhibit F)**

Informational presentation about Wake County School-to-Career including the following: what is School-to-Career? School-to-Career Council, Business Education Leadership Council, Business Alliances, and Career Pathway Employment Teams. There are no fiscal implications. No action is needed for this informational presentation.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

*Amy White made a motion to go into closed session at 6:30 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under the G.S.115C-319, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

*Fifteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners. Wake County Board of Education is pleased to recognize these student for outstanding achievement.*

*Jessica Williams, Knightdale Elementary*

*Ashley McLean, Joyner Elementary*

*William Privette, III, Zebulon Middle*

*Tiffany Stick, Holly Springs Elementary*

*Kelly Howell, Athens High*

*Vania Moreno, West Lake Elementary*

*Matt Atkins, East Wake High*

*Khadijah Brown, Millbrook Elementary*

*Anna Ellison, Lynn Road Elementary*

*Demonta McEachin, West Lake Middle*

*Rosibel Miguel, Wiley Elementary*

*Karin Eriksson, Farmington Woods Elementary*

*Dally Cisneros, Lincoln Heights Elementary*

*Darian Robert, Reedy Creek Elementary*

*Larry Ruffin, Jr., Wildwood Forest Elementary*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Susan Parry adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Susan Parry, Chair