



OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

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

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

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- *Ms. Parry and Bill Fletcher attended the Combs Elementary School Inaugural Ball. Teachers, staff, and students dressed up for an evening of ballroom dancing to celebrate the Student Government elections.*
- *Ms. Parry attended the Magnet Fair at Southeast Raleigh High School on November 6.*
- *Chairwoman Parry distributed a letter from a concerned citizen regarding free tuition to North Carolina graduates of the School of Science and Math. Mr. Gardner feels this is unfair practice and hopes that the board will agree to write a letter asking that the decision be revisited.*
- *The Wake County Public School Annual Report was inserted in today's newspaper.*
- *Ms. Parry attended the open house of the newly renovated Project Enlightenment.*
- *Several board members attended the ribbon cutting at Knightdale High School and the dedication of Middle Creek High School gym.*
- *Ligon Middle School celebrated its 50th anniversary.*
- *Broughton High School celebrated its 75th anniversary.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Superintendent McNeal announced that Lynn Peter, a Highcroft Elementary School teacher, received the 2004 Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award.*
- *Mr. McNeal stated that this week (November 8-12) is "North Carolina School Psychologist Week." The district appreciates the hard work of this group of professionals.*
- *He attended the Magnet Fair on November 6. Over 5,000 people attended the fair. He gave a special thanks to Southeast Raleigh High School for hosting the fair.*
- *The second round of Community Engagement meetings began last night at Sanderson High School. A schedule of dates and locations on the remaining meeting are available on WCPSS web site.*
- *Veterans' Day is a holiday and central offices and schools will be closed.*

- *The Board of Education will host the monthly luncheon with the County Commissioners next Wednesday, November 17, at noon in the Board Conference Room.*
- *The Principal of the Year Celebration will take place on November 18 at Exploris Museum beginning at 6 p.m.*
- *Tonight's Community Engagement meeting will be held at Wakefield High School and will start at 7p.m.*

RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation for American Education Week

The week of November 14 through 20, 2004, is American Education Week. The theme this year is "Celebrating the American Dream . . . the dream that begins in our nation's classrooms." This proclamation recognizes not only the educators, but also support professionals and other staff who keep our children safe and healthy so they can achieve to their fullest potential. No fiscal implications.

2. Recognition of Lockhart Elementary School for its Selection as a 2004 Title I Distinguished School

The purpose of this recognition is to identify Title I schools with a poverty rate of 40% or greater that have exhibited exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years. Lockhart Elementary was recognized at the Awards Ceremony on February 9, 2004, in New Orleans, and at the North Carolina Association of Compensatory Educators' Fall Conference in Winston-Salem on October 27, 2004. Only 33 schools in the United States received this prestigious award. The school received a \$7,500 check to enhance or expand current programs. There are no fiscal implications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Jacobs, Vice President, the Park of Perry Creek. *Asked the Board to remove Wildwood Forest Elementary School as the future home of a modular school site.*

Tim Cabell, parent. *Asked the Board to remove Wildwood Forest Elementary School as the future home of a modular school site.*

Louise Lee, SOS President. *Ms. Lee supplied the board members with general information regarding the Save Our Summers petition. (Exhibit A)*

Nikale Cooper, parent. *Ms. Cooper lives on Wildwood Forest Drive; traffic on her street is extremely busy every day. She is asking the Board to remove Wildwood Forest Elementary School as a future home for a modular school site. This will only add more travel to an already busy street.*

Seth Waites, parent. *Asked the Board to remove Wildwood Forest Elementary School as the future home of a modular school site.*

Kana Jacobs, parent of 5 children. *Asked the Board to remove Wildwood Forest Elementary School as the future home of a modular school site. By putting a modular school site here, some playing fields are eliminated which would impact the schools' yearly carnival and Run with the Wolves fund raising projects.*

Brad Lovin, North Carolina Manufacturing Housing Institute. *Mr. Lovin offered his services related to the purchases of future modular units.*

Rachel Craft, Enloe High School student. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Lauren Casteen, Broughton High School student. Member of the Gay Straight Alliance. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Lindsay Wallance, student. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Asheigh Pippin, student. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Oliver Smith, Raleigh Charter High School student. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Aaron Matyar, Raleigh Charter High School student. *Asked the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle.*

Stevie Allen, Raleigh Charter High School student. *Asked that the Board to review the Sexual Harassment Policy to ensure the safety of all students regardless of their lifestyle. Also asked Board Members to attend the “All Means All” Student Speakout on Friday, November 19, at Raleigh Charter High School.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

*Patti Head made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to **add** nine (9) additional Board Advisory Council Nomination forms to the Consent Agenda.*

Patti Head asked if everyone had an opportunity to read and review the October 5 Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Parker stated that she had received the minutes, but asked they be held until the next meeting.

*Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to **add** to the Action Agenda- “Provision of Classroom Space For 2005/2006 School Year.”*

*Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to **pull** from the Facilities Action Agenda Item #3 “Design Consultant Agreement: E18 Holly Springs Site.”*

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2004- Committee of the Whole
 October 12, 2004 – Instructional Program Committee
 August 27, 2004 — Closed Session Minutes

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

1. Ligon Middle School Trip to Compiegne, France

Students participating will be representative of grades 6-8. Approximately 17 students will participate and two chaperones. Students will depart from Raleigh on Thursday, March 17, and return on Monday, March 28, 2005. Only two days of school will be missed as this is over Spring break. The purpose of the field trip is to participate in the French Exchange Program. The students will live with their host families and attend school with their host brother or sister. Cost per student will be approximately \$750.00. The total cost will be approximately \$12,750.00. Individual students will bear the cost of the trip themselves. Students who cannot afford the full cost will have their trip subsidized by fundraisers. This item is recommended for consent.

2. Wake Forest-Rolesville High School's Trip to Edinburgh, Scotland

The theatre classes of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School are proposing a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, to represent the school and state in performances at the world-renowned International Fringe Theatre Festival. Projected trip dates are August 2-15, 2005. It is anticipated that 20 students and 8 chaperones will participate in the trip. Performance is a main purpose of dramatic study. Students will also visit historic landmarks in both Edinburgh and London during the trip. The anticipated student cost will be approximately \$3,984.00 per person. Funding will be secured through various fundraising activities, student assessment, and donations. Board approval is requested.

FACILITIES

1. Design Plus Construction Management Selection: Carroll Middle

In accordance with the designer selection procedures adopted by the Wake County Board of Education, the pre-selection committee recommends the selection of the design plus construction management team of Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A. and Barnhill Contracting, for a building and campus improvement project at Carroll Middle School. Fiscal Implications: Design and Construction Management fees will be negotiated in accordance with designer selection procedures. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. Change Order No.5: E10 (Barwell Road Area Elementary)

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 5 to Small Kane Architects, P.A. This change order in the amount of \$117,658.40 is for the construction administration phase of the City of Raleigh Park portion of the project. Approval of this change order will fully fund their portion of the design consultant agreement for this project. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$20,541,821, of which \$697,249 is from PLAN 2000 Start Up funds, \$13,819,572 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, \$5,775,000 is from City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation, and \$250,000 is from Wake County Parks and Recreation. The design phase change order is funded by the City of Raleigh. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. Construction Documents: E10 (Barwell Road Area Elementary)

Staff has reviewed the construction documents and requests Board approval, and authorization to advertise for the construction of Barwell Road Area Elementary School/Park.

Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$20,541,821, of which \$697,249 is from PLAN 2000 Start Up funds, \$13,819,572 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, \$5,775,000 is from City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation, and \$250,000 is from Wake County Parks and Recreation. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

FINANCE

1. Annual Renewal Of Oracle Technical Support

Original purchase of Oracle business applications was presented to and approved by the Board in November 1998 following a resolution approved by the County Commissioners. The first three years of technical support were financed over a 3-year term. Beginning with the 4th year of support, renewal has been carried to the Board on an annual basis for approval. Renewal for Year 7 to extend support through November 19, 2005 is due. Support consists of updates and patches as well as telephone and other support services. Additional licenses were required and added in February 2004 thus causing the support cost to increase \$85,306 from last year. Fiscal Implications: Amount of renewal is \$302,081.80. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services current expense budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Employment *(Exhibit B)*

BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Board approved the following Board Advisory Council nominations.

<i>Cindy Musciao, Highcroft Drive Elementary</i>	<i>Donna Bennett, West Lake Elementary School</i>
<i>Avie Banks, Poe Elementary School</i>	<i>LeAnne Traub, North Garner Magnet Middle</i>
<i>Linda Crandall, West Lake Middle School</i>	<i>Sonya Black, Vance Elementary School</i>
<i>Kirk Forster, Aversboro Elementary School</i>	<i>Lew Love, Rand Road Elementary School</i>
<i>Blair Rice, Lincoln Heights Elementary School</i>	<i>Karen Light, East Garner Magnet Middle School</i>
<i>Felisha Lee-Crainey, Smith Elementary School</i>	<i>Kim Byars, Garner Senior High School</i>
<i>Marky Liles, West Lake Middle School</i>	<i>Carrle Mitchell, Wildwood Forest Elementary</i>
<i>Laurie Lympany, Fuquay-Varina Middle School</i>	<i>Laura Bottomley, Athens Drive High School</i>
<i>Hope Sullivan, Ballentine Elementary School</i>	<i>Deborah Petersburg, At Large</i>
<i>Jeanann Agiovlassitis, Oak Grove Elementary</i>	<i>Spencer Combos, Swift Creek Elementary School</i>
<i>Maureen Cleary, Turner Creek Elementary</i>	<i>Cathy Bishop, Combs Elementary Schools</i>
<i>Ann Rollins, Broughton High School</i>	<i>Phillip Julian, Middle Creek High School</i>

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT- (None)

Patti Head reported that the Community Relations Committee would meet November 17, 2005, at 3:30 p.m.

Rosa Gill reported that the Finance Committee would not meet in November, but will meet in December.

Carol Parker reported that the Policy Committee would not meet in November, but would meet in December.

ACTION ITEMS

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

1. The Traditional Calendars for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 *(Exhibit C)*

The attached calendars reflect the input of the 34-member Calendar Committee, which met September 29, 2004. These calendars follow all parameters of the new calendar law. In 2005-2006, the first day for students is August 25; the last day is June 9. In 2006-2007, the first day for students

is August 25; the last day is June 8. There are no fiscal implications. This item is presented for Board approval.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head.

The Board agreed that the WCPSS Traditional Calendar for 2005-2006 was okay and made a few changes to the WCPSS Traditional Calendar for 2006-2007 school calendar.

Patti Head requested that spring break (April 2-5, 2007) be the week preceding Easter break. This would incorporate Good Friday and would put spring break closer to the end of the third quarter. It would also align with the spring break on the modified calendar break.

Beverley Clark suggested that the last of day of school be June 7 and that June 8 be a vacation day. Inclement Weather makeup days will be as follow:

<i>November 22, 2006</i>	<i>April 2, 2007</i>
<i>December 22, 2006</i>	<i>April 3, 2007</i>
<i>February 19, 2007</i>	<i>April 4, 2007</i>
<i>May 4, 2007</i>	<i>April 5, 2007</i>
<i>June 8, 2007</i>	

Patti Head made a motion to amend the original motion to include these changes, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

Patti Head made a motion to approve the amended calendar, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

2. Modified Calendars for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007

The modified instructional calendar combines features of the traditional and year-round calendars. The first semester is similar to Track 4 of the year-round calendar and second semester is similar to Track 1. The calendar provides a summer break of approximately seven weeks. Holidays for students closely match typical holidays of the traditional calendar. Plans are for this calendar to be used at Southeast Raleigh High School, Centennial Campus Middle School, Moore Square Middle School, Carver Elementary School, and Partnership Elementary School. There are no fiscal implications. Staff recommends approval of this calendar.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

3. Year-Round Calendars for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007

A year-round calendar committee met to review input from parents and staff and to review drafts of year-round calendars. The committee reviewed parameters for calendar development, annual testing dates, and inclement weather make-up days and concluded that the attached calendars are most effective in meeting these needs. Each track contains 180 days and the same state holidays as the traditional and modified calendars. These calendars are to be used at the 15 multi-track year-round schools. There are no fiscal implications. Staff recommends approval of this calendar.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

4. ABC Accountability Components for Alternative Schools

Alternative schools are included in the 2004-2005 ABCs under a special policy adopted by the North Carolina Board of Education (HSP-C-013). The evaluation of alternative schools will be based on two state mandated achievement-based components and three local options. Options defined by the state include attendance, dropouts, school safety/student conduct, higher expectations for student achievement, student progress and proficiency, parent involvement, community involvement, and customer satisfaction. Schools achieving five of the five components will be determined to have

made high growth, at least three of the five will be expected growth, at least two of the five will be no recognition, and one or none of the five will be low performing. As part of their school improvement plans for 2004-2005, the alternative schools identified three local options that reflect their school's mission. The local options selected by the schools have been approved by the school improvement teams and must be approved by the local school board. Mt. Vernon School and Mary E. Phillips High School are designated as alternative schools. Longview is designed as a special education school, which does not submit local objectives. ABC incentive funds will be received from the state for the system's two alternative schools, Mt. Vernon School and Mary E. Phillips High School, if they achieve their objectives. Staff requests Board approval of the three local options presented by each alternative school.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

5. Provision of Classroom Space For 2005/2006 School Year

Due to higher than expected enrollment and the reduction in school capacities caused by the reduction of the classroom size at third grade, it is necessary to provide additional classroom space for 5,900 students for the 2005/2006 school year. Following extensive discussion of options for providing this space in the short time available, staff recommends that this space be provided by: a) adding approximately 146 classrooms in mobile and/or modular units at existing campuses system-wide; b) adding 2 eight-classroom modular units at Wakefield High School; and c) buying and installing a modular elementary school on system-owned land on Highway 97 near Wendell, leasing land from the Dubois Foundation in Wake Forest and installing a modular elementary school thereon, and leasing a new school building and land from the Magellan Charter School.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill.

Amy White expressed her concerns regarding how to fund this project. She agreed that with the need for additional classrooms space, but she could not support this recommendation because of funding issues.

Kathryn Watson Quigg also expressed that she could not support this request because of the effects it would have on the eastern area schools.

Ron Margiotta expressed his concerns and could not support of this recommendation. Mr. Margiotta asked staff to reconsider and asked for better alternative solutions.

After a very lengthy discussion, the board took a voted.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was 4 to 3 with Beverley Clark, Patti Head, Rosa Gill, and Carol Parker voting "yes" and Amy White, Kathryn Watson Quigg, and Ron Margiotta voting "no."

FACILITIES

1. Schematic Design: Longview Addition and Renovations

Main Points: Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Gurel Architecture for the construction of a new Addition and Renovations for Longview School. Fiscal Implications: At the March 2, 2004 Board meeting, the Board approved the total combined project budget for Longview and Special/Optional. For Longview, the current proposed budget is \$12,567,457. \$5,650,341 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, \$5,566,217 is yet to be reallocated from PLAN 2000 Special/Optional Middle School, \$1,229,741 will be reallocated savings from the PLAN 2000 Special/Optional Middle School, and \$121,158 is currently available from the State Bond Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Kathryn Watson Quigg made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

2. Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from various PLAN 2000 projects to the PLAN 2000 Mobile Classrooms project per the attached resolution. Total reallocation amount is \$6,500,000. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Fifteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Student award winners.

<i>Mikal Griffin, Bugg Elementary School</i>	<i>Braelin Betts, West Lake Elementary School</i>
<i>David Clancy, Farmington Woods Elementary</i>	<i>Jose Chavez, Wildwood Forest Elementary</i>
<i>Mary Beth Bird, Holly Springs Elementary</i>	<i>Beth Jernigan, Wiley Elementary School</i>
<i>Jonathan Bland, Knightdale Elementary School</i>	<i>Tania Sanchez, West Lake Middle School</i>
<i>Brandon Robinson, Lincoln Heights Elementary</i>	<i>Ahmad Vick, Zebulon Middle School</i>
<i>Zachary Andrews, Lockhart Elementary School</i>	<i>Kate Kotik, Athens Drive High School</i>
<i>Stephen Sloyer, Lynn Road Elementary School</i>	<i>William Privette, East Wake High School</i>
<i>Daniel Sholes, Reedy Creek Elementary School</i>	

CLOSED SESSION

Carol Parker made a motion to go into closed session at 6:45 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S.115C-319; to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S.115C-402; and to establish or instruct the board's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the board in negotiation of (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5). The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendation for Administrative Appointment

Amy White made a motion, seconded by Rosa Gill to approve the following administrative appointment. The vote to approve was unanimous.

- (1) Julie Lindsay, Applicant to 50% Assistant Principal at Wilburn Elementary School effective November 10, 2004.*

2. Transfer Request

Information was provided to the board on the following administrative transfer.

- (1) Tony Cates, principal at Fuquay-Varina Middle School to principal at Fuquay-Varina High School, effective January 1, 2005.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Amy White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board Of Education

