

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Jonibel Willis
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	Beverly White
Bill Fletcher	Del Burns	Donna Hargens
Rosa Gill	Luther Cherry	
Beverley Clark	Cindi Jolly	
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Ann Hooker	
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Linda Isley	
Tom Oxholm	Toni Patterson	<u>Board Attorney Present</u>
	Maurice Boswell	<i>Ann Majestic</i>
	Janice Shearin	
	Julye Mizelle	

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Honorable Anne B. Salisbury, North Carolina District Court, was the presiding judge.

The Board Members that were sworn in (affirmed) were Beverley Clark, Rosa Gill, Susan Parry, and Carol Parker. (Exhibit A)

The Honorable Ann Marie Calabria, North Carolina Court of Appeals, was the presiding judge for the swearing in of Ron Margiotta. (Exhibit A)

Oath of Office is as follows...

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Member of the Wake County Board of Education, so help me God.

Convened to the board conference room for the reception at 4:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *Ms. Parry reminded the board of the Board Advisory Council Chairs meeting on Monday, December 8, 2003, at 6:30 p.m.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Superintendent McNeal gave remarks about the outgoing board members, Tom Oxholm and Jeff York. He expressed great appreciation to Tom Oxholm for increasing the involvement of citizens through board committee structure; providing strong policy direction in financial management of the system; reviewing revenue and expenditures for saving and efficiencies; encouraging and supporting more "readable financial documents; increasing visibility of financial matters to help highlight accountability; creating strong linkage and increased understanding of key individuals*

and groups as related to the effective and efficient use of resources in WCPSS; having a substantial impact on the operations of the system; reviewing publicly numerous issues raised by the business community to gain understanding and support for WCPSS; assisting the CAC's review of WCPSS operating budget and helping to gain acceptance of a funding methodology by both the Board of Education and the Commissioners; and supporting an environment in which entrepreneurial action exists within the system, as well as supporting administrators in thinking outside of the bureaucratic box.

- *Mr. McNeal also commented on Board Member Jeff York's unique ability to take complex information and put in simplistic language; his very introspective approach to decision making coming up with creative solutions; his professionalism and responsiveness to staff, colleagues, and constituents; his leadership role in preparing the Superintendent's Performance Criteria for 2004-2005 and handling the Tobacco-Free Schools Policy in committee; support with key issues in developing the assignment plan; thoughtful analysis of Proposed Plan 2004 capital program; leadership in seeking consensus on issues involving equity in facilities and his thoughtful analysis of all facilities project issues.*
- *Three Wake County teachers took honors from the NC Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NCAAHPERD). The three are Betsy Beals, of Northwoods Elementary-NC Elementary PE Teacher of the Year; Barnanne Creech, Zebulon Middle-NC High School PE Teacher of the Year; and Kathy Stefanou, Millbrook High-NC High School PE Teacher of the Year.*
- *The NC Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance also awarded two Wake County Middle School Programs: Centennial Middle School was awarded the Outstanding Public School Intramural Program of the Year and West Cary Middle School was one of only 8 middle schools in the state designated as a 2003 Physical Education Celebrity School for implementing a middle school program of merit.*
- *Wake County's Partnership for Educational Success program was showcased at the Public Education Network's Annual Conference in Washington, DC, on November 10, receiving national attention for the initiative's success.*
- *Southeast Raleigh High School teacher Sam Wheeler, a 2002 Kenan Fellow, will be traveling to Japan this month as a Fulbright Fellow. The Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program annually provides 600 American primary and secondary school teachers and administration with opportunities for professional development through short-term study visits to Japan.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Amy White made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add a closed session to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319, seconded by Bill Fletcher.

Beverley Clark made a motion to pull Item 1- Facilities Action Agenda: "Schematic Design: Cary High Addition and Renovations," seconded by Bill Fletcher.

Ron Margiotta made motion to move from the Consent Agenda, Item #8: "Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Allocation," to Action Agenda, seconded by Beverley Clark.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to move from the Consent Agenda, Item#2: "Program: Martin Middle School Field Trip to Compiegne, France," to the Action Agenda, seconded by Beverley Clark.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Charlotte C. Turpin, Wake NCAE. Ms. Turpin welcomed the new board members.

CONSENT ITEMS

Amy White made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. 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 funding for various PLAN 2004 projects per the attached resolution. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$52,388,537. Appropriations for PLAN 2004 to date total \$60,487,166. The total PLAN 2004 appropriations including this request, equals \$112,875,703.

2. RESOLUTION: LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation from PLAN 2004 projects at Broughton High and Douglas Elementary to the PLAN 2004 Building Permits Project. This reallocation will align the accounting to match Wake County's records. Total reallocation amount is \$45,979. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

General Conditions of the Contract for Construction are periodically updated. Modifications to the general conditions have been made in preparation for the PLAN 2004 Building Program with the concurrence of the Board's attorney. The text of the changes from the currently approved general conditions are attached and the full text of the 58 page document is available for inspection on the <http://www.wcpss.net/auxiliary-services/facilities forms.html> website.

4. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: NORTH GARNER MIDDLE

The approved PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes renovations at North Garner Middle. Negotiations have been completed with Skinner, Lamm & Highsmith, P.A. for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$9,425,907, of which \$583,058 is from the PLAN 2000 start-up funds and \$8,842,849 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$483,570.

5. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: HOLLY SPRINGS (H5)

Staff will present the construction documents designed by Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A. for Holly Springs High (H5), which is a reuse of the Wakefield/Green Hope/Middle Creek prototype. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$40,580,722, of which \$39,024,777 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, \$1,546,945 is from PLAN 2000 start-up funds and \$9,000 is from PLAN 2000 Modernization. The Town of Holly Springs is committing \$350,000 and Wake County Parks is committing \$250,000 for amenities to sports fields that will be bid alternates.

6. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH – DINING ADDITION

Staff will present the construction documents designed by Jill B. Smith, Architect for the Wake Forest-Rolesville High dining addition. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$868,912, as provided in the deferred maintenance component of the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

FINANCE

1. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM *(Exhibit B)*

Thirty gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$16,722.57.

2. 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. At that time, cost of software and first three years of technical support were added together and 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 6 is due which will extend support through November 19, 2004. Support consists of updates and patches as well as telephone and other support services. Total amount of renewal is \$216,775.52. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services current expense budget.

PROGRAM

1. GRANT PROPOSALS

Collaboration (#827): US Department of Education, Teaching Matters: Quality Counts / Central Office collaboration with North Carolina Central University as the fiscal agent. Competitive (#828): NC Council on Developmental Disabilities, Innovations in Education / Central Office, Special Education. Competitive (#829): Public School Forum of North Carolina, New Schools Project / East Wake High School. Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

2. ABC ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Alternative and special schools are included in the 2003-2004 ABCs under a special policy adopted by the North Carolina Board of Education. The evaluation of alternative schools will be based on state mandated achievement-based components and three local options. Options suggested by the state include attendance, suspension/dropout rates, graduation rates, and reduction in incidents of violence, customer satisfaction, transition to a regular program, improvement in GPA, promotion rates, and parental involvement. Schools will be evaluated on all five components. Schools achieving five of the five components will be determined to have made exemplary gain, at least three of the five will be expected gain, 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 2003-2004, 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. ABC incentive funds will be received from the state for the system's three alternative schools: Longview School, Mt. Vernon School, and Mary E. Phillips High School. Staff requests Board approval of the three local options presented by each alternative school.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT *(Exhibit C)*

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Dwayne Cooke, applicant, to assistant principal for Instruction at Millbrook High School.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY

1. POLICY 5530 – PROMOTION AND INTERVENTION

Revised: First Reading (Waiver of second reading requested)

The purpose of this policy revision is to update testing requirements to be consistent with State Board policy. This revision removes testing requirements for the Exit Exam of Essential Skill. Staff recommends approval of revised Policy 5530 for first reading and requests waiver of second reading. *Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.*

FACILITIES

1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: DANIELS MIDDLE BUS LOOP AND PARKING LOT

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Cline Design Associates, PA for the construction of a bus loop and parking lot at Daniels Middle. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$5,603,211 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

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

2. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: LIGON MIDDLE RENOVATION

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee PA for the renovation of Ligon Middle. Funding is available from the total project of \$9,105,472, of which \$530,769 is from the PLAN 2000 start-up funds and \$8,574,703 is from PLAN 2004 School Building Program.

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

3. MASTER PLAN: BRIER CREEK ELEMENTARY

Staff will present the Master Plan documents prepared by Boney, PLLC for Brier Creek Elementary (E16). The Master Plan includes the location of the school with an attached gym and park components for the City of Raleigh. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$12,948,563, of which \$12,868,563 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program, and \$80,000 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. The funds reflect the school cost for the project, but do not include the City of Raleigh cost for the gym and park components.

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

4. RESOLUTION: LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

Resolution requests reallocation of project savings from the Plan 2000 project at Heritage Elementary to Jones Dairy Elementary. Total reallocation amount is \$830,000. No additional appropriation of funding is necessary.

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

PROGRAM

1. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO COMPIEGNE, FRANCE

Students participating will be representative of grades 7-8. Approximately 21 students will participate and three chaperones. Students will depart from Raleigh on Friday, June 4, and return on Friday, June 18, 2004. No school will be missed as this is during summer break. The purpose of the field trip is to increase fluency and knowledge of France and the history, geography, culture, and arts. The students will live with their host families. Cost per student will be approximately \$1,000.00. The total cost will be approximately \$21,000.00. Students will pay their own way.

After a brief discussion about this cost of this trip and the number of chaperones, Kathryn Watson Quigg raised concerns about students that could not afford to participate. French teacher Ann Page stated that every child is sent home with the information about the trip to France and if any assistance is needed, parents contact Ms. Page for alternative sources for funding.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was 7 to 1 with Kathryn Watson Quigg voting "no."

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher make a motion to go into closed session at 6:15 p.m. to consider confidential student information protect under the family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S.115C-402 and to consider confidential personal information protected under G.S.115C.319.

Board of Education reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Twelve students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners:

Sherly Perez, Swift Creek Elementary

Reina Lemus, Baucom Elementary

Adam Meyer, Ligon G.T. Magnet Middle

Shana' Tomlinson, Mary Phillips High

Jerome Jones, Zebulon Elementary

Corrie Swanson, Sanderson High

Karalyn Deroche, Timber Drive Elementary

Lindsay Lombardi, Reedy Creek Middle

Raymond Carter, Rand Road Elementary

Eleesha Lapino, Jeffreys Grove Elementary

Eric Dodoo, Wake Forest Rolesville High

Tyler Womble, Apex Elementary

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Susan Parry adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Chair