



## WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2008

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	David Holdzkom
Kevin L. Hill, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Ann Hooker
Beverley Clark	Maurice Boswell	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Kathy Chontos	Cathy Moore
Patti Head	Marvin Connelly	David Neter
Anne McLaurin	Chuck Dulaney	Andre Smith
Ron Margiotta	Michael Evans	Bev White
Lori Millberg	Lloyd Gardner	Mark Winters
Horace Tart	Donna Hargens	<b>Board Attorney</b>
	Don Haydon	Ann Majestic

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Chair's Comments

- On November 20, Ms. Gill attended the Lightner Youth Leadership Banquet at the Convention Center. The banquet was well attended by community members. Ms. Gill congratulated each of the students who received an award and thanked them for their leadership in the community.
- On November 25, Ms. Gill attended "Turkey in the Hole", sponsored by Mt. Vernon Middle School. Anne McLaurin, Lori Millberg, and Beverley Clark were also in attendance. The event was great fun and fellowship.
- Ms. Gill thanked Chuck Dulaney for his work with the Community Engagement Meetings. Meetings were held on November 20, at Knightdale High School and December 1, at Cary High School. Additional meetings are scheduled for December 3, at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School, December 4, at Holly Springs High School, and December 8, at Broughton High School.
- Ms. Gill congratulated the recently elected County Commissioners, Stan Norwalk, Betty Lou Ward, and Harold Webb. She also congratulated the new leadership for the County Commissioners, Chair Harold Webb and Vice Chair Lindy Brown.

### Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Burns congratulated Millbrook High School social studies teacher, Linda Poling, for recently receiving the Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Patriotism Award. Ms. Poling was recognized for her efforts in linking students in her Lessons of Vietnam class with veterans of the Vietnam War.
- Dr. Burns congratulated three Wakefield High School Foreign Language Teachers for being recognized on a state and national level. Mr. Lee Salazar was awarded the Honorable Service Award from the American Association of teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Karen Guy was named Teacher of the Year for grades K-12 by the

Foreign Languages Association of North Carolina. Michelle Fulwider-Westhall was appointed to the Foreign Languages Association of North Carolina's Board of Directors.

- Dr. Burns shared that the November 21<sup>st</sup> issue of Time Magazine featured an interview with New York Times Best Selling author Stephen Covey. In his interview he talks about his new book "*The Leader in Me*", which details how A. B. Combs' principal, Muriel Summers, and several principals across the country have successfully implemented his "7 Habits" in their schools and have experienced tremendous student success. Covey is quoted in the article as saying, "About 10 years ago, I was speaking at a conference on the "7 Habits", and this educator came up to me. Her name is Muriel Summers and she was principal of A.B. Combs. Hers was a marginalized school, barely surviving. But Muriel was a visionary. She asked whether this material would apply to little children. I said, I don't know why not." "At A.B. Combs, the "7 Habits" became the value system, so that when they teach academic subjects, they illustrate it." "Within a few years, A.B. Combs became the No. 1 magnet school in the country. I am astonished by what went on there."
- Dr. Burns congratulated the staff at Timber Drive for being designated as a "Golden Apple School" by The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT). The award reflects the dedicated efforts of the Timber Drive staff in supporting the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, which provides extensive staff development opportunities to teachers across the state. Only 38 school statewide were designated "Golden Apple Schools" during the 2007-2008 School year.
- On November 21 the Career and Technical Education Department sponsored the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Explorations Career Fair at the McKimmon Center. More than 1,500 students in grades 8-10 attended the fair. The event gave students the opportunity to explore career interests with companies representing all the 16 career clusters.
- Dr. Burns congratulated Athens Drive High School students Nicole Wright and Kerry Martin, and Sanderson High School student Phillip Knorr. The students were recently selected to join the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. They will join a group of elite marching musicians selected to perform in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl halftime show on January 3, at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The band recognizes the top 97 senior musicians from across the nation. Knorr plays the trumpet, Wright plays the clarinet, and Martin is a percussionist.
- East Wake High School senior, Giovanni Leon, was named a semifinalist in the Siemens Science Competition. Giovanni attended a six-week science program at N.C. State University where he completed a research project entitled, "Differential Incorporation of Cholesterol by Sindbis Virus Growth in Dilapidated Insect Cells." He spent 2 hours a day in class, 6 hours in the lab, and another 2-3 hours each night studying the material. He used the work that he had researched at NC State and entered into the national Siemens Science Competition. Giovanni was chosen from over 1,200 participants nationwide.
- On November 9, several WCPSS high school students participated in the North Carolina All-State Honors Orchestra. Participants included:
  - Broughton High School – William Estes
  - Enloe High School – Nick Johnson

Kirsten Raley  
Wesley Shang  
Julie Ma  
Linda Yang  
Angela Ning  
Katie Womble

Green Hope High School Bobby Lam  
Grace Hartman  
Cheryl Schlitter

Cary High School – Bryan Hanson  
Leesville Road High School – Jason Chin

- Rolesville Elementary School has been recognized as the 2007 winner of the Box Tops for Education Sweepstakes. As a result, the school has been featured on the back of Cheerios cereal boxes. The school was presented a check for \$50,000 which they use to fund enrichment programs, reference materials, and commemorative artwork to honor the school's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The students, staff, and community collected over 500,000 Bonus Box Tops.
- The Apex High School Academy of Information Technology Program was recently featured in a newspaper article that highlighted the experiences of students as they receive internship experience. Each summer 69-75 rising seniors are required to complete a paid internship. The school and community have worked very hard to provide internships for students in healthcare, technology, and government agencies.

#### **Board Members' Comments**

- Ms. Head congratulated Earl Smith, coach at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School, for being Tarheel of the Week.
- Ms. Goettee shared that she and Dr. Donna Hargens spoke to approximately 20 emerging business leaders in Cary that are participating in Cary Chamber's Leadership Program. Most of the individuals are new to the area and were very interested in the WCPSS.
- Dr. McLaurin shared that the November 23<sup>rd</sup> PTA Walk/Run was very successful. There were approximately 400 participants, with the biggest representation from WCPSS being Combs Elementary.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Gill amended the Action Item #1 for Finance to read, "Approve Recommendations for Wake County and State Budget Reductions". Ms. Head requested to remove Action Item #1 for Facilities, "Resolution: CIP 2006 9<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Funding". Ms. Head requested to add a discussion regarding Broughton International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programme Magnet High School to the agenda as an Information Item.

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### **1. 2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The 2009 Legislative Agenda is proposed by the Legislative Committee and presented as information. Fiscal Implications: Undetermined at this time. Recommendation for Action: Information at this time.

Susan Harrison presented information to the Board regarding the 2009 Legislative Agenda. Ms. Harrison shared that the committee recommended several reductions. This year the committee listed seventeen items of focus for the agenda instead of the 34 from the previous year. Ms. Harrison stated that the Board may want to give consideration to removing the fuel issue from the agenda due to the reduction of price in diesel fuel. Ms. Harrison shared that the committee designated high level important issues in bold and italic print under each educational goal category.

After lengthy discussion regarding changes to calendar legislation and recommendations regarding the removal of the cap on charter schools, Ms. Gill requested that prior to December 16, Board members submit their suggestions, changes, or additions for the Legislative Agenda to Ms. Goettee and Ms. Harrison. Once changes have been made, Ms. Harrison will send an updated agenda to the Board members and prior to adoption of the Legislation Agenda, Board members will discuss the changes made.

Mr. Tart made a motion to gather information regarding charter schools and to consider adding charter schools to the Legislative Agenda. Mr. Margiotta seconded the motion. The Board voted 2 to 6 with Horace Tart and Ron Margiotta voting "yes", and Beverley Clark, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "no". The motion failed to pass.

Mr. Tart made a motion to discuss charter school caps for the next year's Legislative Agenda prior to being added to the agenda as well as being presented to the Board at a Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The Board voted 7 to 1 with Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Ron Margiotta, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "yes" and Beverley Clark voting "no". The motion passed.

### **2. BROUGHTON INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMME MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL**

Broughton was converted from a non-magnet high school to a magnet high school in 1999. The purpose for magnetization was to reverse a decline in base student enrollment and the increase in minority student enrollment. Broughton was moved from a capacity of 71% in 1999 to its current capacity of 106%.

There are a very limited number of magnet seats at Broughton for magnet students from East Millbrook Middle School to complete the grade 6-10 IB Middle Years Programme (MYP). The Magnet Programs department worked with Growth and Planning to ensure that more magnet seats were available at Broughton.

The Board will meet on December 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider alternatives for

students to complete the IB Programme. Fiscal Implications: To be determined.  
Recommendation for Action: For information only.

Ms. Gill stated that the Board discussed the item at length in Committee of the Whole. In the meeting the Board discussed looking at the Broughton program and make a decision on whether it will remain an IB magnet school or not. A decision will be made at a December 10, 2008 Special Board Meeting. The Board has asked staff to look at other schools that may benefit from an IB Programme if the IB Programme is removed from Broughton.

The Board discussed the process of magnet schools being reviewed. Beverley Clark made a motion to have a Public Comment period of 15 minutes at the December 10 Special Board Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Patti Head made a motion to have a Public Comment period totaling 30 minutes with 15 minutes of comments for those in favor of keeping the magnet status and 15 minutes of comments for those against keeping the magnet status at Broughton at the beginning of the meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eleanor Goettee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – 4 P.M.**

*Citizens who signed up to address the board during public comment will be called on in priority order first for items on the agenda and then for items not on the agenda. Each individual speaker will be allowed three minutes for remarks. Issues or concerns involving personnel matters are not appropriate for this public comment setting. After 30 minutes of public comment, any speakers remaining will be recognized at the end of the agenda for their comments.*

**Eric Blau** – spoke to the Board regarding his reconsideration of supporting the Board’s decision to convert Leesville Road Middle School to a year-round calendar. Mr. Blau stated that under the current student assignment plan with no changes, Leesville Middle is only projected to grow by four students by 2011. Capacity is still available at the school. A mandatory year-round conversion is not justified at Leesville Middle because the capacity is not needed. Leesville Middle is not growing and adjacent schools have spare capacity. Mr. Blau also stated that Leesville Elementary was converted to a year-round calendar one year before Sycamore Creek Elementary opened in 2008 on a year-round calendar with all grades K-5 attending. Sycamore Creek has 475 open seats and is projected to still have 401 open seats by 2011. Mr. Blau asked if Leesville Elementary be converted back to a traditional calendar and the year-round application students transfer out of Leesville Elementary into Sycamore Creek. Leesville’s population could be reduced by 179 students. Mr. Blau requested that staff review his proposal and consider making changes to the assignment plan.

**Lisa Boneham** - spoke to the Board regarding keeping the three Leesville schools on a traditional calendar. Ms. Boneham stated that the conversion of Leesville Middle School is not necessary; circumstances have shifted where facts support leaving Leesville Middle as a traditional calendar. Excessive growth is non-existent in the area.

**Aggie Gray** - spoke to the Board regarding Leesville Road Elementary and Middle Schools. Ms. Gray shared that year-round did not work for her family and that the Board's policy of equity when it comes to year-round calendar and sports, is limiting a large group of students. Ms. Gray requested that the Board reconsider the year-round process.

**Dodie York** – spoke to the Board regarding calendar continuity and converting Leesville Middle School to a year-round calendar. Ms. York shared that by converting Leesville Middle to a year-round calendar, a hardship will be presented to 100% of the Leesville High School families who have younger siblings. Ms. York encouraged the Board to ask staff to review the assignment option presented by Mr. Blau.

**Christy Sandy**- spoke to the Board regarding the negative impact on York and Hilburn Elementary if Leesville Middle is converted to a year-round calendar. Ms. Sandy requested that the Board ask the staff to go back and look at what the impact of converting Leesville Middle would do to York and Hilburn Elementary Schools and that data used, is current.

**Shelley Rice** – requested that the Board remove Broughton High School's magnet status. Ms. Rice stated that during the magnet review process that was conducted a year ago, Broughton received a score of 7 out of a possible 16 points. Several schools were demagnetized after the review process was conducted. Ms. Rice stated that since Broughton has a healthy, naturally diverse base, it did not need magnet status to attract students to fill the facility. Ms. Rice shared that approximately a half million additional dollars a year are spent on students at Broughton for the IB Programme. Ms. Rice respectfully requested that the Board remove the magnet status at Broughton.

**Sarah Capel**- spoke to the Board regarding removing the IB Programme at Broughton High School. Ms. Capel shared that parents were told if the program remained, the magnet population would remain at 30% and that Broughton would not be affected by reassignment. However, when the draft assignment was released, parents found that was not the case. The magnet population would increase to 40% and will require that base nodes be moved out. Ms. Capel shared that removal of the magnet program at Broughton would contribute to parity among high schools in Wake County. Limited resources would be appropriately and fairly allocated according to logical and supportable criteria. Affected nodes would be returned to their base. The nodes would be needed to maintain an adequate population following demagnetization.

**Barry Mann**- spoke to the Board in support of Broughton keeping their magnet status. Mr. Mann shared that Broughton is a strong community high school and prepared his children for college. Mr. Mann stated that the IB Programme is not necessary to achieve the economic and social diversity that is sought through student assignment; base population already provides it. Mr. Mann requested that the Board provide peer continuity to the students at Broughton.

**Tad Richard** - Mr. Richard spoke to the Board regarding to redistricting the academic and gifted draw areas for Ligon and Carnage Middle School. Mr. Richard shared that he thought the process was brought forward abruptly without consideration. Families were not told of the need for the change or a process toward a solution, or input into the process, and incomplete information regarding the implementation of the decision. Mr. Richard asked if

students could be allowed to attend an AG school of their choice if transportation was provided by the parent. Could students that are not able to attend their first choice of AG school's be allowed their second choice? Can shuttle transportation be provided between the two schools to allow for unique and high quality elective choices by students of either school thus making both schools better!

**Marguerite LeBlanc** – Ms. LeBlanc spoke to the Board in support of converting Leesville Road Middle School to a year-round calendar school for calendar continuity, peer continuity, and the stability the conversion would support.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Patti Head made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

October 14, 2008 - Student Achievement Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2008 - Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 2008 - Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

### **FINANCE**

#### **1. 403(b) DEFINED PLAN DOCUMENT**

As a part of the new federal regulations covering Tax Sheltered Annuities, WCPSS assumes new fiduciary responsibilities in managing the school system's 403(b) plan effective January 1, 2009. One of the new responsibilities is the need to maintain a written Defined Plan Document. A team consisting of WCPSS staff, CapTrust Financial Advisors, and ING has reviewed and approved the attached 403(b) Defined Plan Document. The Board's Attorney has also reviewed the Defined Plan Document to ensure it meets the requirements of the IRS. Fiscal Implications: None.  
Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

#### **2. COMPUTER ASSOCIATES THREE-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR SOFTWARE**

Computer Associates (CA) provides software applications which are used in relation to student data housed on the mainframe. The current three-year consolidated license agreement is set to expire on November 30, 2008. Technology Services has negotiated a new three-year agreement which will carry us through November 29, 2011. The Usage and Maintenance Fee for the next three years will be \$921,513.99 plus applicable tax. This amount is a three percent increase over the current fee and is payable in three equal annual installments of \$327,905.39. The annual fee, inclusive of taxes, paid against the current agreement has been \$319,100.76. The new agreement does include a non appropriation clause which is required by the district for agreements spanning multiple fiscal years. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of agreement is \$983,716.17, with the initial payment of \$327,905.39 due in the current fiscal year. Funding for contracted services was planned for and is available in the Technology Services 2008-09 operating budget request. \$327,905.39 will also be required in both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of agreement.

## **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

### **1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: DEVELOPMENT OF PARK FACILITIES (MILLS PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

Wake County Government, the Town of Cary, and the Board of Education are working together for the development of the new Mills Park Middle School. The Board acquired from the Town of Cary approximately 53.71 acres of land for Mills Park Elementary (E 22) and the new Mills Park Middle (M-10). The Board, Town of Cary and County staffs have jointly planned the development of the outdoor recreational facilities for the middle school. The Board prepared the project's master plan, to include a collector road and additional recreational amenities above the educational standard. The Board is supervising the construction of the school and the additional recreational improvements funded by the County and Town. The County and Town are responsible for the design and construction costs associated with these recreational improvements above the normal middle school program. The County will contribute up to \$250,000 towards the design and construction costs of the recreational improvements. Town is contributing the balance of funds, in accordance with the Master Plan approved by the Town, in addition to one-half the cost of the collector road construction. The Town is also responsible for any change orders associated with their portion of the project. Terms for the Joint Use Agreement were approved by the Board on December 4, 2007. Fiscal implications: none. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **1. GRANT PROPOSALS**

- Competitive (#968.004): 21st Century Community Learning Center Program / Moore Square Museum Magnet Middle School.
- Collaborative (#1110.001): SAS Institute, Inc., SAS inSchools, Curriculum Pathways / Centennial Campus Middle School.
- Competitive (#003309): State Library of North Carolina, Library Services and Technology Act, School Library Collection Development / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#003409): Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers Program / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#003509): Asia Society and The Goldman Sachs Foundation / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#003609): PRC 023 – US Department of Education, The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act College Tech Prep Grant / Central Services, Curriculum and Instruction.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

### **2. FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR THE SOUTHEAST RALEIGH BAND AND CHORUS EDUCATION FIELD TRIP**

- Approximately 150 students will participate in a trip to Nassau, Grand Bahamas. Thirty parent chaperones will represent an appropriate student/teacher ratio.



- Band and chorus students will be representative of Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School performing arts department.
- Students participating were selected on a first come, first serve basis on contracts signed by parents and turned in. Opportunity was made for all students who wished to participate to do so.
- Students, staff, and chaperones will depart from Raleigh, on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 and will return Monday, March 16, 2009.
- Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School is on a modified year-round calendar. Thus, the dates for this trip are during the school's spring break. No school days will be missed.
- Purpose: Students will perform on the cruise ship and on the square in Nassau, Grand Bahamas. These performances will be a culmination of music and skills learned throughout the school year. Students will be exposed to a variety of music styles on the ship and will serve as ambassadors for Southeast Raleigh in the Bahamas.

Fiscal Implications: The cost per person and chaperone will be \$550.00. Assistance will be provided for students who cannot afford to pay for the trip. Booster club fundraising may be applied to the trip. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested.

## **POLICY**

### **1. POLICY 1510: POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

*Revised: Second Reading*

Staff is recommending changes in Policy 1510, Policy Development, to reflect recommendations from the Curriculum Management Audit. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

### **2. POLICY 1517: SUSPENSION OF POLICIES**

*Revised: Second Reading*

Staff is recommending changes in Policy 1517- Suspension of Policies, at the direction of the Board, in order to clarify circumstances under which Board can suspend Board Policy. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT**

- A. Professional
- B. Support

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORT**

Ms. Clark shared that on November 25, the Independent Audit Committee met to review the 2007-2008 external audit report and findings that were prepared and issued by Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland. The committee listened to the report from Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland, and the management response to findings, and the committee had an opportunity to ask questions of the auditor without staff being present. The auditors shared with the committee that staff responded well to the requests for information. Ms. Clark shared that Audit Committee Chair Gordon Brown will report to the Board that their were no

substantial findings. In looking ahead to the future, Ms. Clark shared that the Independent Audit Committee would recommend that a RFP be sought in selecting an outside audit firm for the next three years.

Ms. Head announced that the Facilities and Operations Committee would meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Issues that will be discussed include, capital spending update, status of the sales tax lease agreement, exceptional children and homeless student transportation, and agenda items for the December 16 Board meeting.

Ms. Millberg shared that the Student Achievement Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at 12:00 p.m. Agenda items include response to the academic performance results analysis, review of the program evaluation policy, staff wellness, and future ready core.

Ms. Goettee shared that the Human Resources Committee would not meet the month of December; however, committee members will receive a packet of information from the Human Resources staff regarding some inquiries that Board members had of personnel demographics in the schools.

Ms. Clark shared that the Finance Committee would meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Gill shared that the Policy Committee would not meet during the month of December.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **1. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOAL**

During work sessions the WCPSS Board of Education developed the following Board Goal:

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION GOAL**

**WCPSS students will demonstrate high academic growth; by 2014, all students will graduate on-time prepared to compete globally.**

High Growth will be calculated at the system-level for the following WCPSS subgroups: Level I/II, Level III, Level IV, Level IV – Not AG, AG (Academically Gifted), African American, Asian American, Hispanic, Multi Racial, Native American, White, FRL (Free and Reduced Lunch), LEP (Limited English Proficient), SWD (Students with Disabilities).

The goal for graduation is 100% of students on-time and will be achieved by 2014. Students will meet the requirements for graduation as outlined by the NC State Board of Education in the Future-Ready Core Course of Study.

Fiscal Implications: TBD. Recommendation for Acton: Recommended for approval.

Dr. Hargens and David Holdzkom shared information regarding the development of the Board of Education Goal. Dr. Hargens shared that to ensure adequate progress is being

made toward the goal, superintendent Burns will report annually to the Board of Education the status of a number of leading indicators for each grade span.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the Board of Education goal, seconded by Anne McLaurin. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **FINANCE**

### **1. APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WAKE COUNTY AND STATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

The attached spreadsheet reflects line item adjustments recommended by staff for a \$5.5 million reduction required by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and a potential \$5.7 million reduction from Wake County Government. Fiscal Implications: \$5.5 million reduction in State funding and a potential \$5.7 million reduction in County appropriation. Recommendation for Action: To approve budget adjustments as presented.

Dr. Burns shared that County Manager David Cooke and the Department of Public Instruction contacted him and stated that a required reversion of \$5.5 million would be necessary. The \$5.7 million potentially requested amount of reduction by the county was discussed at a previous Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Dr. Burns further shared that at the Committee of the Whole on December 2, staff shared with the Board the recommendation for reduction of the state funds in the amount of \$5.5 million. Dr. Burns also stated that at the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 1, the commissioners approved requesting the Board of Education return or not expend \$5.7 million.

David Neter shared that the impact to schools as a percent of their total budget is a reduction of .73% for the state and a reduction of .49% for the county. The impact to central services as a percent of their total budget is a reduction of 1.45% for the state and a reduction of 2.88% for the county.

Mr. Neter then gave a line-by-line description of the reductions to the state budget totaling \$5,478,413 and the local county budget totaling \$5,700,000.

After clarifying comments from the Board and staff regarding budget reductions, Horace Tart made a motion to approve the recommendations for Wake County and State budget reductions. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lori Millberg made a motion to ask the County Commissioners to lift the requirement of spending by purpose and function. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Patti Head made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, to establish or give instructions concerning the Board's negotiating position related to a potential acquisition of real property, as provided in G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5), to consult with an attorney

employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege in G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **ACTION ITEMS- Cont'd**

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1) Orlando Dobbin, Applicant to Assistant Principal at Leesville Road High School, effective date January 2, 2009. (Permanent position)
  - (2) Cara Sullivan, Interim Assistant Principal at Highcroft Drive Elementary School, effective date November 21, 2008 through December 18, 2008. (Interim position)
  - (3) Ramey Beavers, Retired Principal to Interim Principal at Holly Springs High School, effective date December 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (Interim position)
- The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)**

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the following Administrative Transfer(s):

- (1) Peggy D. Credle, Assistant Principal at Leesville Road High School, to Assistant Principal at Dillard Drive Middle School, effective date January 2, 2009. (Permanent position)
  - (2) Gary Duvall, Assistant Principal at Garner High School, to Assistant Principal at Leesville Road High School, effective date January 2, 2009- June 11, 2009.
  - (3) Gregory Decker, Principal at West Lake Middle School, to Principal at Sanderson High School, effective start date will be January 1, 2009. (Permanent position)
  - (4) Tina Y. Hoots, Principal at Davis Drive Middle School to Principal at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School, effective TBD. (Permanent position)
- The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board recessed to Spotlight on Students at 6:00 p.m.

### **RECOGNITION**

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS – 6 P.M.**

Eighteen (18) students will be recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

Mary Ellen Taft presented each student for recognition. Ms. Gill thanked the students and their supporters for sharing in the special occasion. The students were commended because they make a difference in their school and community. Ms. Gill congratulated the students and thanked them for serving as a role model in their school community

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosa U. Gill, Chair, Wake County Board of Education

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary