



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
Kevin L. Hill, Vice Chair	Michael Evans	Ann Majestic
Beverley Clark	Donna Hargens	
Eleanor Goettee	Don Haydon	
Patti Head	David Holdzkom	
Anne McLaurin	Ann Hooker	
Ron Margiotta	Mark Winters	
Lori Millberg	Chuck Dulaney	
Horace Tart		

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – 9:30 A.M.**

*Citizens who have signed up to address the Board during public comment will have a total of 30 minutes to speak. Time will be alternated between those in favor of ending the Broughton IB Program and those against ending the Broughton IB Program.*

**John Rothenburg** – spoke to the Board in favor of maintaining the Broughton IB Program. Mr. Rothenburg shared that the IB Program increased achievement scores tremendously over the last 5 years, and that scores increased continuously on EOC tests. Mr. Rothenburg shared that every student is a part of the IB program.

**Shelley Rice**- spoke to the Board in favor of phasing out the Broughton IB Program. Ms. Rice shared that Broughton’s magnet status has been in place since 1999 and that the school has had time to achieve the objectives of the program. Ms. Rice stated that during the magnet review process out of the possible 16 points, Broughton scored a 7. Ms. Rice shared that Broughton does not meet the basic objectives for magnet funding and that currently approximately ½ million additional dollars a year are spent on Broughton.

**Greg Randolph**- spoke to the Board in favor of maintaining the Broughton IB Program. Mr. Randolph shared that on October 21, the Board voted unanimously to keep the IB Program and wanted to increase the number of magnet students at the school. As a former magnet student and IB Diploma Program student, Mr. Randolph shared that he knew what the commitment of a devoted school community to an excellent curriculum provided. Mr. Randolph shared that to squander the resources and energy that built the state’s strongest IB Program would not only be a tragedy to Broughton, but to the entire district.

**Anne Sherron** – spoke to the Board in favor of phasing out the Broughton IB Program. Ms. Sherron shared that over 400 students are being moved into Sanderson and almost 800 students are being moved out of Sanderson. The two catalysts of Sanderson's 1,200 student shift is the need for magnet seats at Broughton and Sanderson having to send students to fill Millbrook due to their shift to fill H-2 and H-6. These issues are responsible for approximately 90% of Sanderson student shifts. Ms. Sherron shared that if the Board voted today to remove the IB Program from Broughton allowing their base to stay, and put the IB Program at Millbrook leaving space for magnet seats, approximately 90% of Sanderson's population will remain stable. Ms. Sherron stated that Sanderson supports the removal of Broughton's IB status and the addition of IB at Millbrook.

**Hooper Schultz** – spoke to the Board in favor of maintaining the Broughton IB Program. Mr. Schultz shared that he was a current magnet junior that attends Broughton High School. Mr. Schultz stated that Broughton is a model IB and magnet school that combines students with diverse socio-economic and geographic backgrounds into a recipe for success that can not be transplanted. Mr. Schultz shared that the IB Program is about global community immersion and awareness. Mr. Schultz further stated that Broughton is a healthy school because of its magnet program, not in addition to it.

**Hope Carmichael** – spoke to the Board in favor of phasing out the Broughton IB Program. Ms. Carmichael shared that the IB Program is a great thing for Broughton and is benefitting the students. Ms. Carmichael stated further that if the IB Program is placed at another school and became the real focus, the county's magnet dollars would be maximized. At the same time, the Board should keep the same formula they currently have at Broughton. The current base at Broughton is healthy and diverse with outstanding community support for the school, as well as alumni support from the current base. Ms. Carmichael stated that tax dollars could be better spent by relocating the IB magnet program to another less successful high school.

**Caroline Munson** – spoke to the Board in favor of maintaining the Broughton IB Program. Ms. Munson shared that families live in fear of reassignment and the fear is being used to strip schools of programs that are vital to the health of the school. The Broughton community realizes that Broughton stands as the amazing school that it is because of the healthy mix of 30% base and magnet students and the IB program. Without these, it is impossible to believe that Broughton can avoid falling back to sagging enrollment and academic struggles. A major financial investment has been made at Broughton and Ms. Munson requested that the Board find a way to benefit from the investment rather than throwing it away.

**Bart White** – spoke to the Board in favor of phasing out the Broughton IB Program. Mr. White shared that he is an alumni of Broughton and believes that the school will be okay if the magnet program is removed. Mr. White shared that there are currently 278 juniors and seniors at Broughton that are magnet or out-of-base students. 68 of the students participate in the IB Program. Mr. White stated that magnet students are not choosing Broughton because of the IB Program, but because of the school itself. Mr. White requested that the Board keep the traditional base which will keep Broughton a strong school.

**Susan Burkhart-Higgins**- spoke to the Board in favor of maintaining the Broughton IB Program. Ms Higgins shared that Broughton achieved success when the program was implemented and the faculty rallied behind it to show support. Ms. Higgins also shared that once a school exhibits success with a program and redistricting begins, the program gets dismantled. She stated that the practice is emphatically a de-stabilizing and demoralizing message to the students and the staff.

**Sarah Capel** – spoke to the Board in favor of phasing out the Broughton IB Program. Ms. Capel shared that Broughton does not fit the criteria to keep the magnet program and that removal of the magnet will prevent the current drain on challenged high schools whose students are leaving to attend Broughton. Ms. Capel shared that base parents request that the Board use their rules and apply them fairly and consistently to everyone.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **1. BROUGHTON IB MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board of Education voted to schedule a special Board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> to reconsider the International Baccalaureate Magnet Program from Broughton High School and the possible initiation of the program to another high school.

Staff will present information about the potential process for ending the Broughton IB program and building a new IB program at another school. Fiscal Implications: Funds have already been designated for planning of a new secondary magnet program.

Recommendation for Action: Staff requests that a decision be made about the status of Broughton's IB program. If the program is removed, staff requests that the Board designate one high school to serve as a magnet school for the IB Middle Years Program and the IB Diploma Program.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to rescind the decision made relative to the Broughton IB Program in Committee of the Whole on October 21, 2008. The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to eliminate the magnet status at Broughton High School, seconded by Lori Millberg.

The Board discussed, shared comments, and asked clarifying questions of staff regarding the magnet status at Broughton which included information regarding the Facilities Utilization Book information, capacity data, mobile and modular unit information, magnet program costs, and student achievement and performance.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to stop the discussion, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The Board voted 2 to 6 with Ron Margiotta and Beverley Clark voting "yes", and Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "no". The motion failed to pass.

After lengthy discussion and comments, Patti Head made a friendly amendment to the

motion to have the IB Diploma Program remain at Broughton High School, but remove the Middle Years Program to another school. Ron Margiotta was unwilling to accept the friendly amendment.

Patti Head made a substitute motion to have the IB Diploma Program remain at Broughton High School, but remove the Middle Years Program to another school with staff adjusting the magnet draw accordingly. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The Board voted 2 to 6, with Patti Head and Eleanor Goettee voting “in favor of Broughton High School retaining the IB Diploma Program and removing the Middle Years Program to another school” with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Ron Margiotta, and Anne McLaurin voting “against Broughton High School retaining the IB Diploma Program and removing the Middle Years Program to another school.” The substitute motion failed to pass.

The Board went back to the original motion by Ron Margiotta, to remove the IB Program at Broughton High School. The Board voted 5 to 4, with Beverley Clark, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Ron Margiotta, and Rosa Gill voting “yes”, and Horace Tart, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The motion passed.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. IMPACT OF POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF IB PROGRAM AT BROUGHTON ON DRAFT STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION OF POTENTIAL SITES FOR NEW IB PROGRAM**

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The Board requested that staff utilize the objectives that have been established for the magnet program to analyze the potential impact of removing the IB program upon existing high schools. If the decision is made to remove the program at Broughton, staff will recommend the site that they believe is the best location for the program and present the data used to develop the recommendation. Fiscal Implications: Funds have already been designated for planning of a new secondary magnet program. Recommendation for Action: If the program at Broughton is removed, staff requests that the Board designate one high school to serve as a magnet school for the IB Middle Years Program and the IB Diploma Program.

Chuck Dulaney shared with the Board that the initial impact of the removal of the IB Program at Broughton will be that they stop taking in additional applicants. The Board will need to make additional decisions regarding the phase out of the program. Decisions around the phase-out timeline will have a direct impact on staff’s recommendations regarding changes in student assignments to Broughton over the next three years. David Ansbacher shared the magnet phase-out timeline of Broughton to the Board.

Chuck Dulaney shared staff’s recommendation to phase in a new magnet program at Millbrook High School. Mr. Dulaney stated that the opening of H-6 will have a significant impact on the number of students in Millbrook. Mr. Dulaney also stated that a

significant percentage of the potential base population for Millbrook come from nodes where the percentage of low-income families is fairly high because of the large availability of rental housing that is available in the Capital Boulevard, Spring Forest, Highway 401 corridor. The recruitment base for Millbrook is fairly large from schools in which staff wishes to draw the students. New magnet students would be recruited for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Dulaney shared that Millbrook gives the staff recruiting distance of 4 or 5 high schools that could easily afford and would be desirable to lose students to a magnet program.

After lengthy discussion and comments from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve the recommendation of the staff to create an IB Program at Millbrook High School. The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The Board voted 7 to 1 with Beverley Clark, Horace Tart, Patti Head, Lori Millberg, Kevin L. Hill, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "yes", and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

Lori Millberg made a motion to adopt staff's recommendation of the timeline for the potential ending of the Broughton IB Program and building the new IB Program at Millbrook High School. The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Burns reiterated that staff would provide the Board information regarding incrementally phasing out Broughton and incrementally phasing in Millbrook High School at a later time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 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