



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
 December 16, 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	Danny Barnes	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Maurice Boswell	Cathy Moore
Patti Head	Kathy Chontos	David Neter
Anne McLaurin	Marvin Connelly	Andre Smith
Ron Margiotta	Chuck Dulaney	Bev White
Horace Tart	Michael Evans	Mark Winters
	Lloyd Gardner	Board Attorney
	Donna Hargens	Ann Majestic
	Don Haydon	

Chair Rosa Gill called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair's Comments

- Ms. Gill stated that the Board finished their Community Engagement Meetings and will begin the Public Hearings after Winter Break beginning January 5 at Apex High School; January 8 at Southeast Raleigh High School; January 12 at Millbrook High School; January 14 at Fuquay-Varina High School; and January 15 at East Wake High School. All hearings will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- On January 21, the Board will meet with the County Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Offices.
- Ms. Gill shared that the Board will have their regularly scheduled Board meetings and Committee of the Whole on January 6th and January 20th.
- Ms. Gill congratulated Maurice Boswell on his retirement from WCPSS after 30 years in education. Ms. Gill shared that his impact on the Wake County Public School System has been tremendous. Mr. Boswell served in numerous roles including teacher, principal, and Human Resources Administrator. Ms. Gill thanked Mr. Boswell for everything he has done for the children of Wake County.

Staff Members' Comments

- Maurice Boswell thanked the Board for their support and stated that he was blessed to have had 3 careers working with one of the best school systems in the nation.

Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Burns congratulated Mr. Boswell on this retirement as well and thanked him for his many years of service to WCPSS.
- Dr. Burns congratulated the 197 educators who earned National Board Certification this year. The 197 educators included 96 elementary teachers, 39 middle school teachers, 61 high school teachers, and one Title I teacher. Eight teachers earned certification at Millbrook Elementary and Wake Forest-Rolesville High School.

Seven teachers earned certification at Lufkin Road Middle and Holly Springs High School. Six teachers earned certification at West Cary Middle and Wakefield High School. Five teachers earned certification at Garner High and Green Hope High. With a total of 1,487 National Board certified teachers, WCPSS employs the second largest number of National Board certified teachers in the nation behind Broward County, Florida. In addition, WCPSS had 19 teachers successfully renew their National Board certification. A reception will be held to recognize these teachers on February 11, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the North Raleigh Hilton.

- The Job Fair was held on Saturday, December 6. Dr. Burns thanked the HR staff, central services staff, administrators, and school staffs who attended. Every school was represented. The Elementary Job Fair had 360 candidates in attendance and the Secondary Fair had 381 candidates in attendance.
- The Lateral Entry Job Fair is scheduled for January 15, and will be held at Leesville Road High School.
- The Spring Job Fair will be held on May 16, at Panther Creek High School and Green Hope High School.
- The artist, Steve R. Allen, who was the artist commissioned to paint all official Olympic Paintings for the Atlanta, Sydney, and Salt Lake City Olympic Games, has chosen to adopt Brentwood Elementary. He will donate an Artist in Residence Day to Brentwood Elementary on December 15, 2008.
- Dr. Burns congratulated Carol Swink Wooten for being selected as one of three finalists for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching. Ms. Wooten is a fifth grade teacher at Hunter Elementary. The program was established in 1983 by an Act of Congress. The Awards Program is administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation. Each year, the program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers from the United States and four U.S. jurisdictions for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the Awards Program is to expand and exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematics teaching.
- On December 11, the Circle of Community Celebration was held at the American Tobacco Company in Durham. The event was sponsored by Capital Broadcasting and the Leadership Triangle. Dr. Burns congratulated Triangle Leadership Academy for being recognized for their Regional Impact.
- On December 3, senior leadership from the districts working with High Five had the privilege of meeting with Rick and Becky DuFour. Dr. Burns thanked Vann Langston for his work in arranging the event
- Green Hope High School was recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as one of the best schools in the United States. The magazine studied 21,069 high schools across the U.S. and awarded Green Hope High School a Silver Medal School. Only 604 schools were given a gold or silver medal ranking. The award is based on schools doing better than expected on state math and reading exams, as well as low-income and minority students achieving higher scores than the state average. Advanced Placement Exam results are also evaluated to determine how well schools are preparing students for college. Dr. Burns congratulated Dr. James Hedrick, principal, his staff, students, and the community for this prestigious honor. While Enloe did not receive an award, they were ranked 73.

- Dr. Burns congratulated Zebetta King, Academically Gifted teacher at Swift Creek Elementary for being selected the District 3 Outstanding Science Teacher by the North Carolina Science Teachers Association. Ms. King will go on to compete for state recognition.
- Paula Trantham, Millbrook Elementary Principal and Carolann Wade, Liaison for the WCPSS/Peace College Teacher Education Partnership, had an article published in the December 2008/January 2009 issue of “Education Leadership”. In their article, “Using Data, Changing Teaching” they discuss how Millbrook Elementary has utilized results from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey to affect positive change in the school. Under Ms. Trantham’s leadership, Millbrook Elementary has implemented professional learning communities, reduced duty assignments that took teachers away from teaching and learning, and focused staff development on specific teacher needs.
- Two Wakefield High School students, one current and one graduate, Amanda Hooker and Christina Tessitore attended the North Carolina School State Board Meeting on December 4, in celebration of Family and Consumer Sciences 100th Birthday Celebration. These students along with three other current and former members of FACS were invited to the Board to share their experiences and how their FACS courses prepared and are preparing them for future careers. The Chairman of the Board, Senator Lee, and Superintendent June Atkinson congratulated the students on their accomplishments.
- Carpenter Elementary and Panther Creek High School were among NC schools that won the Governor’s annual “Real D.E.A.L.” awards for successful teaching strategies. D.E.A.L. stands for dedicated educators, administrators, and learners. Both schools were recognized and received awards at a ceremony at the Raleigh-Crabtree Embassy Suites.
- Daniels Middle School had three first place delegations at the North Carolina Model United Nations Security Council Conference at Appalachian State in October. Model UN delegations spend a great deal of time learning about the UN, the country they are assigned, and the issues that they will be discussing. Teams are rated on their knowledge and communication skills. The first place delegates were 8th graders Abby Thompson and Rachel Sun representing Indonesia; 7th graders Madison Sprinkle and Victoria Padiaditakis representing Libya; and 6th graders Alex Lewontin, Mishi Lukas, and Tanner Morgan representing China.
- On November 29, 20 students from Wake County Middle Schools performed in the North Carolina Middle School Honors Chorus Concert in Winston-Salem. Over 1,200 students state-wide auditioned for 200 seats in the chorus. Dr. Burns congratulated Sophie Estes from Daniels Middle; Lynda Boltz from Durant Road Middle, Danielle Holdner, Margaret Cition, Andrew Buchanon, and Michael Elder from Holly Ridge Middle; Ailey O’Toole, Melanie Percy, Emily Puertolas, Sam Haw, Evan Diener from Martin Middle; Maddie Hren, Paul Harman, Alan Osuna-Beasley, Molly Marcotte, Aruna Iyer, Spencer Bloom, and Bailey Griffen from Ligon Middle; and Bethany Dycus and Sarah Henry from Lufkin Middle School.
- Dr. Burns shared that the Teacher Turnover Report was released and noted that WCPSS’s annual turnover rate last year was approximately 2 percentage points better than the state’s and WCPSS’s five year average was 2 percentage points better than the state’s. The snapshot was taken in March and included any reason for

leaving the teaching profession. Dr. Burns thanked the Board for their continued support.

Board Members' Comments

- Ms. Head shared that she attended the “REAL D.E.A.L.” awards luncheon. Both Panther Creek High School and Carpenter Elementary were asked to make presentations prior to the luncheon where Governor-Elect Beverley Perdue was in attendance. Ms. Head also shared that she, Eleanor Goettee, Ann Denlinger, Jennifer Lanane, and Marie Evans visited a T.A.P. at Bell Street Middle School in Clinton, S.C. Ms. Head stated that the school was very hospitable and shared their time generously. A presentation regarding the visit will be given at the Human Resources Committee Meeting.
- Mr. Hill shared that on December 12, Wildwood Forest Elementary was recognized as 1 of 12 schools nationwide for the PTA Healthy Lifestyles Award. The National PTA President-Elect attended the meeting as well as Superintendent Burns and Dr. Anne McLaurin. Mr. Hill congratulated the principal, Greta Dula, and the Wildwood Forest Family for the accomplishment.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Gill requested that the Board remove Facilities Action Agenda Item #2, REQUEST TO TOWN OF CARY FOR CHANGE OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE and #3, OFFSITE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR PANTHER CREEK HIGH MODULARS.

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

Ms. Gill announced the presence of former Board member, Carol Parker in the audience.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This report is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Wake County Board of Education (Board) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Board's independent certified public accountants, Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP, have audited the general purpose financial statements and related combining and individual fund and account group statements and schedules and have rendered their unqualified opinion on them. The auditor's reports on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance, internal control structure, and compliance matters are included in the single audit section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Implications: As a result of appropriate fiscal management, including realistic budgeting practices, effective cost controls, and sound cash management, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report indicates a strong financial position at June 30, 2008. Recommendation for Action: No Action Necessary.

Mark Winters presented information to the Board. Mr. Winters thanked Robyn Prsseley, the staff, and everyone for all of the work that they did to complete the report. Mr. Winters discussed at length, all sections of the comprehensive report and findings.

The Board shared comments and asked clarifying questions of staff regarding the report.

Mr. Winters shared information from the SAS 14 letter. He shared that there were industry standards that auditors spoke to that were concerns. One of the concerns with the industry was the budget. Also mentioned were procurement cards and travel expenditures. Mr. Winters stated that procurement card reviews are conducted by the Purchasing staff and the Internal Audit staff. Mr. Winters shared that the number of procurement cards have been reduced over the past two years and that staff has developed system-wide forms that better control the access of cards along with the types of expenditures. Mr. Winters further stated that travel is not placed on procurement cards and that the Board of Education has restricted all out-of-state travel, which staff is monitoring.

2. LETTER FROM CHERRY, BEKAERT, AND HOLLAND, LLP REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT

This letter of comments and suggestions to the Wake County Board of Education (Board) is provided by Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP as constructive suggestions with respect to matters that came to their attention in connection with the annual audit. Fiscal Implications: Not Applicable. Recommendation for Action: No Action Necessary.

Eddie Burke with Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland shared comments from the audit firm. Mr. Burke stated that the audit went very smoothly and that the firm received full cooperation from staff. Mr. Burke shared that all schedules were completed prior to the auditors' arrival, and were provided in a timely manner. The books were closed out, that there was no audit adjustments that were proposed, and no past adjusting journal entries were developed during the audit process.

Mr. Burke stated that new documentation was required this year for accounting processes and accounting cycles and that staff complied. Mr. Burke shared that the Board received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that can be received from a CPA firm.

Mr. Burke thanked the staff and the Board for allowing Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland to serve as the school system's auditor.

3. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Gordon Brown, Audit Committee Chair, to present independent Audit Committee report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report review. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is for information.

Gordon Brown, Audit Committee Chair shared that the audit committee met with the independent audit firm, Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland in April to review the scope of the fiscal year 2007-2008 audit and to identify areas for emphasis. The committee reviewed steps that management had taken to implement corrective actions resulting from the prior year's audit. Mr. Brown stated that corrective actions were consistent with the plan that management had put forth, following completion of the prior year's audit. The committee noted the continued focus on the control of cash. Management noted that

ethics training has been instituted for budget managers and new technology has been integrated into school-based cash management and reporting. The committee also discussed the new risk-based standards and their impact on the fiscal year 2007-08 audit.

The committee met again with the independent auditors in November and reviewed the audit report and findings for fiscal year 2007-2008. The committee also met with auditors without staff present to address any concerns or recommendations that the auditors noted during their review. The committee discussed the audit findings in detail with the auditors and management, and received management's response to each finding. The committee believed that the proposed corrective actions or responses were appropriate. The committee will review the findings again in 2009 to ensure that the corrective actions were implemented as indicated. The committee also received a copy of the peer review of the internal audit department as conducted by the Association of Local Government Auditors. The report indicated that the department's internal quality control system was suitably designed and was operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with government auditing standards. Doug Kinney provided management's response to the findings, and the committee agreed with the action steps proposed.

The committee also discussed the expiration of the three-year audit contract with Cherry, Bekaert, and Holland following the completion of the fiscal year 2007-2008 audit. The committee recommended that the School Board request staff to prepare a Request For Proposal (RFP) in early 2009 to determine the independent audit firm to conduct the audit for the next three fiscal years. Mr. Brown reported that the committee will work with staff as necessary to finalize the RFP, review responses, and make a recommendation to the Board in spring 2009.

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 – Mr. Blau spoke to the Board regarding the Leesville Middle School year-round conversion and the criteria and guidelines that the Board passed in 2006 when considering mandatory year-round conversions. Mr. Blau spoke specifically to the capacity criteria and stated that the base area of the Leesville student population is not growing. Mr. Blau shared that the school is projected to grow by four students over the next three years. Mr. Blau further stated that Hilburn and York Elementary would be negatively affected by converting the school. Mr. Blau requested that the Board review the criteria from 2006 and reconsider placing Leesville Middle on a year-round calendar.

Jennifer Lanane - Ms. Lanane presented Maurice Boswell with the "Wake North Carolina Friend of Education Award". The award is not given every year, however, this year it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that Maurice Boswell be awarded the highest award of the Wake NCAE Association.

INFORMATION ITEMS CONT'D

4. A THREE-YEAR GROWTH AND PLANNING REASSIGNMENT PLAN

The staff of the Growth and Planning Department will present recommendations for a three-year Growth and Planning Reassignment Plan. A draft reassignment plan was released to the public at 9:00 a.m., November 15, 2008 and staff held five Community Engagement Meetings and considered public comments as they developed their final recommendations.

The three year reassignment plan addressed the opening of ten new schools funded by CIP 2006 and changes that staff believes to be consistent with Board Policy 6200. Fiscal Implications: The opening of new schools and student movement will result in increased transportation costs. Facility-related costs such as the need for mobile and modular classrooms will be avoided. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for information.

Chuck Dulaney and the Growth and Planning staff presented information to the Board regarding the three-year growth and planning reassignment plan. Mr. Dulaney shared that the plan is a result of many hours of collaborating, impact meetings, input from Community Engagement Meetings, and comments from the public, and collective decisions from staff implementing Board Policy 6200.

Mr. Dulaney shared that the recommendations made are based on several Assumption, including populating new schools and adjusting assignments in existing schools recognizing that there could be changes. The recommendations assume that the opinion of the Board of Education and the N.C. Court of Appeals prevails in the Wake CARES lawsuit that is currently being heard by the N.C. Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court does not uphold the ruling of the Court of Appeals, staff would ask that the Board only approve assignments for 2009, or if the Board has already acted and the Supreme Court comes back with a ruling that overturns the ruling of the Court of Appeals, staff would ask that the Board suspend assignments for 2010-2011, and staff would bring a different assignment plan based on the assumption that the Board only has the legal authority to assign students to traditional calendar schools and yet has a desire to balance school populations. Mr. Dulaney stated that the plan presented assumes that the Supreme Court will uphold the ruling of the Court of Appeals

Mr. Dulaney shared that the foundation of the assignment plan is Board Policy 6200. Mr. Dulaney shared the six factors that drive Policy 6200, (1) create balance across schools and the distribution of students who have higher needs; (2) seek optimal utilization of each school's long-range capacity and reduce utilization of mobile units when possible; (3) improve alignment of student assignment planning with the objectives of the magnet schools program; (4) whenever possible move students together across levels and adhere to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade structure; (5) whenever possible assign students for at least three years; and (6) consider the proximity of nodes to assign schools. Staff has taken all six factors into consideration while doing there work.

Mr. Dulaney reviewed in detail the "domino effect" of opening new schools, and the two ways of projecting student population.

Staff provided the Board with recommendations regarding the transfer policy, grandfathering, data on every school, staff's recommendations, the impact of the recommendations, and conversion of schools from traditional calendar to year-round calendar and back to traditional calendar.

Mr. Dulaney highlighted various sections in the packet given to the Board and spoke at length on each section especially highlighting some of the recommendations that staff made and explaining the worksheets that were provided.

Board members asked clarifying questions and made clarifying regarding school crowding, school capacity, magnet seats, and magnet feeder patterns.

Staff reiterated that the information shared was their recommendation.

CONSENT ITEMS

Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2008	-	Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008	-	Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008	-	Student Achievement Committee Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2008	-	Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2008	-	Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

1. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS

The attached summaries are provided as information in accordance with Board Policy 8361. The summaries list all change orders, and contracts having a value greater than \$50,000 and not over \$100,000, and purchase orders in excess of \$250,000 for November 2008. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

2. FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION

To appropriate fund balance designated and reserved for the purpose of reimbursing the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for excess months of employment paid from State Funds. Fiscal Implications: The appropriation requested is in the amount of \$565,419.52. Designated fund balance is reserved and available for this appropriation. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested.

3. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM

Eighty-seven gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The

approximate value of the gifts is \$65,683.00. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.
Recommendation for Action: No action is required.

4. CHANGE ORDER 1 TO ST TECH, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT

A Request for Proposal was released in June offering qualified vendors an opportunity to bid on contracted technical resources in the area of application development and programming. Fourteen proposals were received. A Selection Committee reviewed, scored and discussed each proposal in order to pare down the choices to what is termed a preferred vendor list. There are a total of four vendors included on this list. On September 16, 2008 the Board awarded ST Tech a contract to serve as one of these preferred vendors from which contracted technical resources are being utilized. Initially \$265,000 was encumbered to offset anticipated costs of contract personnel under ST Tech. Since that time, calculations have been revised to account for additional contracted staff shifted over from another preferred vendor. An additional \$170,936 is required to cover invoiced amounts through June 30, 2009. Fiscal Implications: Amount of change order is \$170,936. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2008-09 operating budget request. Funding originally allotted to another preferred vendor was moved over to cover this expense. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

1. BIDS: MODULAR CLASSROOM BUILDING FOR HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH

Bids were received on November 20, 2008 for the on-site relocation, setup, and connection/installation of all services (power, water, sewer, data, ADA access, fire protection, and security) for one six-classroom modular building and two single mobile units at Holly Springs High School. Separate contracts have previously been issued to PGA Construction, Inc., for disassembly and transport to the site for the modular unit, and to C. Blake Lewis, Inc., for the mobile units. Staff and Ross/Deckard Architects, PA, recommend award of a single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company in the amount of \$238,300. Reference the attachment for details of the per classroom costs. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total Mobile Classroom Relocation and Leasing 2007-2009 project budget of \$16,935,553, all of which is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

2. CHANGE ORDER NO. CM-CO-11: HOLLY GROVE ELEMENTARY

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. CM-CO-11 to Clancy and Theys Construction Company, for their Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract for the new Holly Grove Elementary School. This change order, a reduction in the amount of \$182,458.37, provides final reconciliation of the remaining construction manager contingency, unused general conditions, and allowances. This change order will complete this contract. The final Guaranteed Maximum Price for this project is \$15,625,010. The CMAR contracts allow for unused construction manager contingency funds to be credited to the construction manager as follows: 40% for meeting substantial completion; 20% for meeting final completion; and 40% for meeting specific performance measures. This construction manager met substantial and final completion, and met 91.4% of the performance measures. The attachments show how the unused construction manager contingency was calculated, the process for evaluation of their performance, and other key criteria about this contract. Fiscal implications: Funding is available from the total

project budget of \$19,866,068, all of which is from PLAN 2004. It is anticipated that savings from this project will be available for reallocation to PLAN 2004 Program Contingency in the near future. Recommendation for action: Board approval is requested.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

1. ABC ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

Alternative schools are included in the 2008-2009 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. Local 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 2008-2009, 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 in turn be approved by the local school board. Mt. Vernon School, Mary E. Phillips High School, and River Oaks Middle School are designated as alternative schools. Longview is designated as a special education school, which does not submit local objectives.

Fiscal Implications: ABC incentive funds will be received from the state for the system's three alternative schools, Mt. Vernon School, Mary E. Phillips High School and River Oaks Middle School if they achieve their objectives. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested.

2. GRANT PROPOSALS

- Competitive (#003709): Muzak Heart and Soul Foundation, Music Matters Music Education Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#003809): General Mills Foundation, Champions for Healthy Kids Grant / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#003909): NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund, A+ Fit School Designation and Grants Initiative / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#004009): Wake Education Partnership, Progress Energy Foundation Grant / K-12 Science Department, Curriculum and Instruction.
- Competitive (#004109): Charles Lafitte Foundation / Individual Schools.
- Competitive (#004209): 21st Century Community Learning Center / Individual Schools.
- Collaborative (#004309): NC Department of Public Instruction and NC New Schools Project, North Carolina Learn and Earn Early College School High School Innovation Project.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- a. Professional
- b. Support

ACTION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE

1. 2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The 2009 Legislative Agenda, as proposed by the Legislative Committee, is presented for approval. Fiscal Implications: Undetermined at this time. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Susan Harrison presented the 2009 Legislative Agenda. With no questions from the Board, Kevin L. Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. Ron Margiotta made a substitute motion to add an item to the Legislative Agenda relative to lifting the cap on charter schools. Horace Tart seconded the motion. The board voted 2 to 6 with Ron Margiotta and Horace Tart voting “yes”, and Anne McLaurin, Eleanor Goettee, Kevin L. Hill, Lori Millberg, Patti Head, and Beverley Clark voting “no”. The motion failed to pass.

The Board returned to the original motion made by Kevin L. Hill which was seconded by Lori Millberg to approve the 2009 Legislative Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

1. FUTURE READY CORE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The new state requirement for 2009-2010 will require 21 credits for graduation. However, the Wake County Public School System will continue to require 26 credits for graduation with the exception of the schools which currently require 20 credits. Those schools will move to a requirement of 21 credits. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Approval requested.

Ruth Steidinger presented information to the Board and requested approval for WCPSS to continue requiring 26 credits for graduation with the exception of Enloe, Longview, Phillips, and Wake Early College who will move to 21 credits based on State Board requirements.

Ms. Steidinger shared that Wake Early College has a high school diploma and an associate degree in five years, which provides options for extending credits. Longview and Phillips are alternative schools where students have multiple challenges, staff felt that the minimum requirements were sufficient. Staff requested that Enloe remain at 21 credits due to the fact that their courses are offered year long and the school operates on a 7 period day. Ms. Steidinger shared that more detailed information regarding Future Ready Core requirements are housed on the Department of Public Instruction’s website.

With no questions from the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

FACILITIES

1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: ROADWAY AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS (LACY ELEMENTARY)

Issues have arisen during the current renovations to the Lacy Elementary School site regarding insufficiency of on-site vehicular stacking for parent drop off/pick up of students and the encroachment of the retaining wall on the northern side of the site within the Lake Boone Trail right-of-way. Terms and conditions have been reached whereby: 1. The City will waive their requirement to install a turn lane and curb and gutter to Lake Boone Trail to provide for extra stacking. 2. If in the future, congestion and safety issues arise as a result of not installing the turn lane, Board will proceed with the installation of the turn lane as shown on the approved plans. 3. Board will relocate the retaining wall onto the Lacy Elementary School site, will relocate the sidewalk along the southern side of Lake Boone Trail, will relocate the crosswalk on Lake Boone Trail at the new car entry from the east side of the entry to the west side of the entry, and will add an appropriate sidewalk receiving area at the north end of crosswalk, all as shown on approved site plans. 4. Board will install special school zone signage and speed zone notification lighting to improve walker and traffic safety around the school at such locations as are mutually agreed upon by the parties. Fiscal implications: The cost savings of removing the turn lane from the scope of the work is approximately \$66,000. The additional signage cost is estimated at \$15,000. Therefore the net project savings is expected to be about \$51,000. Recommendation for action: Staff requests Board approval.

Betty Parker presented information to the Board. Board members clarified who would be responsible for re-striping. Staff responded that they would check into the responsibility and get back to the Board.

After brief statements by the Board, Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin L. Hill.

4. RESOLUTION: CIP 2006 REALLOCATION

H-6 high school, scheduled for completion in 2011, is one of four CIP 2006 projects that has not bid and is partially funded within the \$336.5 million available from short term financing and cash. In order to continue making progress during uncertain times, the project has been split into at least six incremental packages - each of which has a go/no-go decision point. The next decision point will occur in January, when procurement of the "early steel package" will be advertised, and other packages will be considered for advertisement in February. Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) and Wake County staffs have concluded that the most prudent method to appropriate funds for the H-6 project is to reallocate funds in the amount of \$6,000,000 from the previously appropriated Life Cycle Replacement of Building Components line item, rather than to appropriate additional funds for H-6, to provide needed funding for work packages that will be advertised in January 2009. It is anticipated that the next request for reallocation of funding will be made for this project at the January 20, 2009 Board meeting, to provide needed funding for work packages that will be advertised in February 2009. Fiscal implications: The total of this reallocation request is \$6,000,000. When the economy improves to the point that Wake County is able to sell general obligation bonds, this

money will be reallocated back to Life Cycle Replacement, and H-6 funds will be appropriated. The cash flow needed for these and other H-6 packages prior to October 2009 is approximately \$4,000,000, which is within the \$336,500,000 cash available. Recommendation for action: Staff requests Board approval.

Don Haydon presented information to the Board. Board members stated that the item was discussed at length in Committee of the Whole and during committee meetings. With no questions from the Board, Patti Head made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Patti Head made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and 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). The motion was seconded by Kevin L. Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS – Cont'd

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT(S)

Patti Head made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointment(s):

- (1) Stephen Gainey, Principal at Leesville Road High School, to Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, effective date TBD. (Permanent position)
- (2) Ann Deegan, Retiree to Interim Principal at West Lake Middle School, effective date January 2, 2009 through January 29, 2009. (Interim position)
- (3) Edmund Gilewicz, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Wakefield Elementary School, effective January 5, 2009. (Permanent position)
- (4) Charles Rose, Retired Principal to Interim Assistant Principal at Broughton High School, effective February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009. (converted position)
- (5) Susan Wilkerson, District Improvement Coach, Special Education Services, to Assistant Principal at Knightdale High School, effective January 2, 2009.

The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER(S)

Patti Head made a motion to approve the following Administrative Transfer(s):

- (1) Michael McPherson, Assistant Principal at Holly Ridge Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Knightdale Elementary School, effective TBD. (Permanent position)

The motion was seconded by Eleanor Goettee. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, Patti Head made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Melissa R. Christmas, Recording Secretary