



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2002

Board Members

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair
Susan Parry, Vice Chair
Beverley Clark
Bill Fletcher
Rosa Gill
Jeff York
Patti Head
Tom Oxholm
Amy White

Staff Members Present

Bill McNeal, Superintendent
Jo Baker
Karen Banks
Danny Barnes
Del Burns
Mike Burriss
Michael Evans
Donald Haydon
Linda Isley
Cindi Jolly
Ray Massey
Ernie Reddish
Janice Shearin
Walt Sherlin
Jonibel Willis

Board Attorney Present

Ann Majestic

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Wilburn Elementary School Choir. They also performed a play entitled “Character Traits.”

INFORMATION

Chairman’s Comments

- *Ms. Quigg gave a report on the first meeting of the new Healthy School Task Force meeting that was held on December 12, 2003.*
- *Ms. Quigg also attended the installation service of the Student Council at Wendell Elementary School.*
- *On Friday, January 10, 2003, the Wake Forest-Rolesville High School will be naming the gym in honor of the Larry Linsey.*

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McNeal informed the board that the E&R staff has conducted a survey of system parents. The surveys provide important information about parent perceptions of individual schools, school safety, school climate, communication, quality of education overall and by subject area, and specific programs. The district also conducted staff and student surveys,

- *97% of all parent respondents agreed that their child’s school is a safe place to learn.*
- *84% of the parents gave their child’s school a grade of A or B .*
- *Over the past 6 years, parent respondents have been more positive regarding the high quality educational program at their child’s school.*
- *There has been a significant positive trend over the past 6 years with regard to parent perception that their children are receiving challenging work in all classes.*
- *More parents agreed that their child’s school promotes understanding among students of various backgrounds.*

- 96% of parents indicated they receive courteous attention when they call the school.
- 140 Wake teachers earned certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards this year, making our district a national leader in the number of teachers earning this honor.
- Carnage Middle School's 7th and 8th grade Quiz Bowl Team achieved impressive scores in 2 competitions this fall.
 - ✓ In the Knowledge Master Open, an international quiz bowl contest, the team placed first in North Carolina and 19th overall out of over 850 middle school teams.
 - ✓ In the Thinking Cap Contest for North Carolina, Carnage had the highest percentage of correct answers (93%) in the state and earned 2nd place overall of the 25 middle schools that completed.
- Scott Sloan, Athletic Director at Carroll Middle School, was named NC State Athletic Director of the Year.
- Mr. McNeal thanked CP&L for their collaboration in getting the schools up and running after the ice storm.
- The Healthy Schools Task Force met on December 12, 2002. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2003, 5-7 p.m., at the Harriet B. Webster Professional Center.
- The Joint Luncheon for the County Commissioners and Board of Education will be held downtown, Wednesday, December 18, at 12 noon.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Jeff York made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move from the Consent Agenda, Facilities Item # 12 "Property Title Transfer and Lease-Back Agreement: Broughton High QZAB" to the Action Agenda. The same item was revised to read "Deed Transfer, Lease, Rehabilitation Agreement and Tax Certificate Broughton High QZAB" seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.
 - Beverley Clark made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move from the Consent Agenda Facilities Item # 3 "Resolution: Funding for PLAN 2000 School Building Program," and Facilities Item # 4 "Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation," to the Action Agenda, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.
 - Amy White made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the Consent Agenda "Program-Modification of Calendar for Wake Forest Elementary School." Bill Fletcher asked to amend the motion to put item on Action Agenda, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.
 - Amy White made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add a closed session item to establish or instruct the Board's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the board in negotiation of (i) the price of other materials terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. G.S.143-318.11 (a)(5), seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.
 - Susan Parry made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to clarify the closed session item by stating that the property, if acquired, will be used for a new public school facility and is located at the intersection of N.C. State Roads 1115 and 1116, Holly Springs, North Carolina. G.S.143-318.11 (a)(5), seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.
- A Motion was made by Tom Oxholm, seconded by Bill Fletcher to adopt the amended meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Gail Griswold-teacher/parent. Requested that the board approve the complete project renovation for the Northwoods Elementary School site.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

FACILITIES

1. Bids: Wake Forest Elementary Addition and Renovations

Bids for the addition and renovations at Wake Forest Elementary were received on November 21, 2002. Staff and PBC+L recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to Blue Ridge Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$4,967,000. The total of the low multi-prime bids is \$4,890,523. The low bid of \$4,571,400 was from Harrod and Associates, but was withdrawn due to an error. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$6,735,413 which is from Phase IIIB School Building Program

2. Construction Documents: Forestville Elementary

Staff presented the construction documents designed by Small Kane Architects, PA for Forestville Elementary. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$13,452,391, of which \$11,152,391 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$2,300,000 is the estimated funding from the Town of Knightdale.

3. Resolution: Designer Selection High H4 “Panther-Creek” – PLAN 2004 Start-Up Project

Resolution was presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Boney, PLLC for the design of High H4 “Panther-Creek” to be located in West Wake, Area C- PLAN 2004 High School. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows the exemption of the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for the exemption is that this is a reuse of the Knightdale High prototype. This will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project.

4. Change Order No. 3: Heritage Middle School

Board approved request for Change Order No. 3 to Thompson Construction. This change order in the amount of \$310,249.44 is for rock excavation and removal for the site preparation package. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$22,062,401, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

5. Change Order No. 2: Underwood Elementary Addition and Renovations *(Exhibit A)*

The Underwood Elementary PTA, in cooperation with the school’s administration and staff, has endorsed a community fundraising effort for the purpose of constructing a brick and precast concrete walkway on the Underwood campus in lieu of the aluminum canopy that is currently planned as part of the PLAN 2000 addition/renovations project. The PTA requested that the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 2 to D.S. Simmons, Inc. in the amount of \$136,400, which is the amount of the contractor’s original Bid Alternate No. 13. The PTA has pledged to raise \$90,000 from community members. Underwood/Hayes Barton Elementary Alumni, current Underwood school community, request that the Board of Education provide the remaining \$46,400, which is approximately the amount of maintenance savings that will accrue to the school system’s benefit over a 40-year period. The total cost of Change Order No. 2 is \$136,400, which will be recommended for reallocation from PLAN 2000 savings.

6. Change Order: No. 1: Fowler & Sons, Inc.

Board approved request for Change Order No. 1 to Fowler & Sons, Inc. This change order, in the amount of \$35,000 is for installation repair and services. Funding is available in the 2002-2003 current expense budget. This addition will increase the contract sum to \$125,000.

7. Change Order: No. 1: Hockaday Mechanical Corporation

Board approved request for Change Order No. 1 to Hockaday Mechanical Corporation. This change order, in the amount of \$95,000 is for installation repair and services. Funding is available in the 2002-2003 current expense budget. This addition will increase the contract sum to \$165,000.

8. Interlocal Agreements for the Development of Park Facilities: Ballentine Elementary, Holly Springs Elementary, Zebulon Elementary

The development of park facilities at Ballentine, Holly Springs, and Zebulon Elementary requires an Interlocal Agreement for each project to set forth terms and conditions under which property shall be developed and used by each participant. The Board, Wake County, the Town of Holly Springs and the Town of Fuquay-Varina shall jointly participate in the development of school park projects. Should the Board of Education require the use of land area on which recreational facilities have been constructed, the Board shall reimburse Wake County a pro-rated amount to be determined based upon the number of years of use.

9. Ground Lease Agreement-Proposed Library at Middle Creek High

Officials with Wake County requested a 99 year Ground Lease for 3.71 acres along West Lake Road at Middle Creek High to construct a freestanding public library. Construction of the library is subject to funding requirements with the Board of Education having the ability to terminate the lease if construction has not begun within 15 years of the date of the lease agreement. Wake County contributed \$200,000 towards land acquisition cost. Should the lease be terminated, Board shall return to Wake County a pro-rated amount estimated at \$78,000.

FINANCE

1. Authorization Forms

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Poe Elementary.

2. Computer Associates License Agreement for Software

Original license agreement was signed in March 1990 by Board Chair. All software products licensed through Computer Associates (CA) since then have been approved through schedules which amended the license agreement. This included IDMS and TPX software packages. These licenses are renewed either annually or quarterly depending on how the schedule was set up. Recently, we added a product titled Easytrieve Plus. At that time, we began talks with CA about consolidating all products under a new license agreement and making one annual payment to ease tracking of renewals. Section 3 of Addendum lists Term and Renewal conditions. Use and maintenance fee for the next 3 years will be \$749,012. After the initial 3-year term, payment will be at the then prevailing annual usage and maintenance fee. Three monthly payments of \$8268 made toward use of Easytrieve products will be credited against invoice due this fiscal year. This will reduce current invoice \$24,804. Total amount of invoice for 2002-03 fiscal year is \$155,196 (\$180,000-\$24,804). Funding in the amount of \$284,506 will be planned for in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 budget requests. Funding for software license renewals was identified and planned for in the Technology Services current expense budget.

BOARD'S COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

The Community Relations Committee had a discussion on Wake Education Partnership Public Education Community Assessment and WCPSS Surveys. WEP's Public Education Community Assessment was a poll conducted to provide an independent snapshot of citizens' perceptions about the school system. The assessment is a tool to guide the work of WEP and to assist elected officials.

The Finance Committee continued its discussion on alternative funding sources. Some ideas that were discussed were cellular phone towers at school parking lots or stadiums, sponsorship of naming rights, companies ability to buy rights to exclusively market supplies to schools, corporate sponsorships, and public telethon. Recommendation will ultimately be made to the full board.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. Resolution: Funding for Cary Park Elementary

Resolution requested funds for Cary Park Elementary. This request will provide start-up funds to begin design work. Total of this appropriation request is \$330,823. Funding in the amount of \$5,500,000 is available from a local developer (Panther-Creek Raleigh) through the Town of Cary.

Jeff York made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

2. Deed Transfer, Lease, Rehabilitation Agreement and Tax Certificate: Broughton High QZAB

(Exhibit B)

In order for Wake County to issue Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) to supplement the PLAN 2000 funding for the Broughton High renovations project, the county must temporarily own land and improvements on that campus. Under this arrangement, the school system would lease Broughton High School from the county for the term of the bonds (approximately 14 years) for one dollar per year. At the end of the lease, the school property and improvements will be deeded back to the Wake County Board of Education. The rehabilitation agreement and tax certificate specifies that the QZAB funds the County borrows will be spent to renovate and improve Broughton High School facilities that support the school's business partnership with the Wade Edwards Foundation. Qualified Zone Academy Bonds reduce financing costs to Wake County for the school building program.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was unanimous.

3. Resolution: Funding for PLAN 2000 School Building Program

Resolution requested funding for the PLAN 2000 School Building Program previously approved by the Board. This request will provide Start-Up Funds for H2 High School "Heritage" and H4 High School "Panther-Creek". Total of this appropriation request is \$3,111,583. Appropriations for PLAN 2000 to date total \$494,717,683. The total PLAN 2000 appropriations including this request, equals \$497,829,266.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was 7 "for" and 1 vote "no" by Beverley Clark.

4. Resolution: Long-Range Building Program Funding Reallocation

Resolution requested reallocating funds from the PLAN 2004 Start-Up Project to H2 New High School "Heritage" and H4 New High School "Panther-Creek). Total reallocation amount is \$3,111,583.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Tom Oxholm. The vote was 7 “for” and 1 vote “no” by Beverley Clark.

PROGRAM

1. Opening of Year-Round Schools

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations to designate the timeline and usage for new and renovated schools in Western Wake County. These recommendations include year-round schools, traditional schools, and any change in building usage after a major renovation. More concise transportation patterns can reduce the travel time for students. The addition of year-round schools will offer additional building capacity gains.

Opening of schools in Western Wake County

- *In 2004 Turner Creek Elementary will open as a year –round school with a population selected through the application process. The school will serve only K-4 the first year.*
- *In 2004 Salem Middle will open on a traditional calendar.*
- *Carpenter Elementary will open as an Interim 9th Grade Center for Green Hope High School in 2004.*
- *East Cary Middle School site will be the 9th Grade Center for Cary High School in 2004.*
- *Highcroft Elementary School will open as a traditional elementary school in 2004.*
- *In 2005, Turner Creek Elementary School will add grade 5.*
- *In 2005, Cary Park Elementary and Cedar Fork Elementary will open on a traditional calendar.*
- *Carpenter Elementary School will continue to serve as the 9th Grade Center for Green Hope High School in 2005.*
- *East Cary Middle School will continue to operate as the 9th Grade Center for Cary High School in 2005.*
- *East Cary Middle School will remain at Reedy Creek site and a 9th Grade Center for Cary High School until the school becomes a year-round multi-track in 2006.*
- *In 2006 East Cary Middle School will become the site of the year-round middle school.*
- *Carpenter Elementary will become a multi-track year-round elementary school in 2006.*

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

2. Modification of Calendar for Wake Forest Elementary School

In order to best facilitate Wake Forest Elementary School’s move to Jones Dairy Elementary School, Wake Forest Elementary requests that December 19 and 20, 2002 be changed from student days to teacher workdays. The student school year will be extended to include May 26 and May 30, 2003 in order to comply with the requirement for 180 student days.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION

LEGISLATIVE

1. Proposed Legislative Agenda for 2003

(Exhibit C)

The proposed 2003 Legislative Agenda has been reviewed by the Legislative Committee of the school system and is presented for information.

FACILITIES

1. New School Planning Schedule

(Exhibit D)

Staff presented information on the schedules for new school projects that include the planning, design, and construction process.

Closed Session

Susan Parry made a motion to go into closed session at 5:56 p.m. to establish or instruct the Board's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the board in negotiation of (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. G.S.143-318.11(a)(5).

The Board Reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Twelve students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners.

<i>Frankie Shipman, Wake Forest-Rolesville High</i>	<i>Latarsha Lucas, Zebulon Elementary</i>
<i>Jimmy Evans, Apex Elementary</i>	<i>Taylor Ellington, East Cary Middle</i>
<i>Roland Ruutel, Brentwood Elementary</i>	<i>Kathleen Jackson, Ligon Middle</i>
<i>Ashley Scott, Rand Road Elementary</i>	<i>Kelsey Jefferies, Swift Creek Elementary</i>
<i>Maria Arulraja, Baucom Elementary</i>	<i>Hannah Kearney, Jeffrey's Grove Elementary</i>
<i>Nathan Baker, A.B. Combs Elementary</i>	<i>Will Pittman, Timber Drive Elementary</i>

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

Jeff York made a motion to amend the agenda to add two items to the action agenda under Facilities: "Resolution and Order of Condemnation and Acquisition and Funding Resolution –New Holly Springs High, Middle and Elementary Site," seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. Resolution and Order of Condemnation

Approximately 92.5 acres of land located at the intersection of Avent Ferry Road and Cass Holt Road, Holly Springs, NC has been identified for a new high school to open in 2006. The site will provide additional land for a future middle and elementary school. Negotiations with the property owners to determine fair market value have been unsuccessful. To complete construction for a 2006 opening, ownership is required at this time through condemnation. A deposit will be made with the court system upon filing of the condemnation action based upon formal appraisal of the property. The estimated initial deposit is \$2,777,000.

Jeff York made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

2. Acquisition and Funding Resolution –New Holly Springs High, Middle and Elementary

Staff acquired approximately 92.5 acres of land at the intersection of Avent Ferry Road and Cass Holt Road. Holly Springs, North Carolina an acquisition and funding resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners was required. The property is to be developed as a future tri-school campus. Estimated land cost \$2,777,000.

Jeff York made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair