



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2007**

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Rosa Gill, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Donna Hargens
Beverley Clark, Vice Chair	Terri Cobb	Don Haydon
Eleanor Goettee	Danny Barnes	David Holdzkom
Kevin Hill	Maurice Boswell	Ann Hooker
Anne McLaurin	Mike Burriss	Julye Mizelle
Ron Margiotta	Marvin Connelly	Bev White
Lori Millberg	Chuck Dulaney	Mark Winters
Horace Tart	Michael Evans	<b>Board Attorney Present</b>
	Lloyd Gardner	Ann Majestic

Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chair's Comments**

- On December 6, Chair Gill and Kevin Hill had the opportunity to address the Teaching Fellows at North Carolina State University. Chair Gill and Mr. Hill enjoyed the opportunity to answer questions and talk about schools in Wake County.
- Ms. Gill recently attended a conference co-sponsored by the Mattie C. Steward Foundation and Executive Women International. Dr. Shelley Steward originally founded the Mattie C. Steward Foundation after his mother, who believed that a child needed a good education. The purpose of the conference was to address the issues of high school dropouts. The conference included a documentary entitled "Inside-Outside".
- The Board recently completed the last session of new Board Member Orientation. Ms. Gill thanked the staff for their commitment to the process and thanked Kevin Hill and Anne McLaurin for their attendance.
- Ms. Gill had an opportunity to attend the Boys and Girls Club Holiday Celebration. The theme for the celebration was "40 Years for Kids". A performance involving students from the Wake Forest Elementary, Brentwood Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Raleigh sites was showcased; however, the celebration did include all of the area Boys and Girls Clubs.
- On December 13, Ms. Gill attended a Wake Education Partnership Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting included a presentation related to the curriculum audit. Ms. Gill was able to share the progress that the Board has made at the last work sessions regarding the Curriculum Management Audit.
- Ms. Gill announced that Student Assignment Hearings will be held on January 15, January 17, and January 24. Additional information about sites for the hearings will be announced prior to the next meeting and will be posted on the WCPSS home page.

## **Board Member Comments**

- Ms. Clark shared that she participated in a trip to Boston to visit a school called “University Park Campus School”. The new schools project is an initiative of the Gates Foundation in North Carolina which sponsored the trip. The project focuses on two things; redesigning schools so that they are effective for all students, and looking at early colleges and smaller school initiatives. University Park is a smaller school and is a project with Clark University. The real take-away message was the power of persistence, the power of relationships, and the power of setting high expectations for students.
- Mr. Hill shared that it is an honor and a privilege to sit on the Board of Education. He shared that he and his wife appreciated the support that they have been given during the time of their family situation.
- Eleanor Goettee shared that she attended the “Cool Yule” holiday celebration at Northwoods Elementary with a guest appearance by Jackie Gore.
- Ms. Millberg shared that she had the opportunity to go to Rolesville Elementary the morning of December 18 and participate in a special celebration where a local Rolesville resident won a drawing that was sponsored by General Mills. A school of her choice could be awarded 500,000 box tops which equated to \$50,000. The winner of the contest chose her alma mater, Rolesville Elementary School.

## **Superintendent’s Comments**

- Superintendent Burns shared that the community really came out and supported the special event that occurred at Rolesville Elementary. Elected officials were in attendance, as well as graduates from Rolesville School. Ms. Sharron was one of those present, and her husband, Vasser Sharron, was associated with Wake County for many years. The school will be able to use the funds in any way they deem appropriate to support teaching and learning. Dr. Burns congratulated the school, the staff, and the community.
- Dr. Burns congratulated Gretchen Krueger, a counselor at Green Hope High School. Ms. Krueger has been named a national finalist for the 2008 American School Counselor of the Year Program. The ASCA School Counselor of the Year Program honors the best of the best. Only 10 counselors have been named as finalists. Criteria for selection include running a top-notch, comprehensive school counseling program. Finalists will travel to Washington, D.C. in February 2008 where they will participate in a congressional briefing and tour the Washington, D.C. area.
- Dr. Burns congratulated Pauline Hardy-Evans, counselor at East Wake Middle School, Carol Breckenheimer, counselor at Reedy Creek Middle School, and Susan Sigmon, counselor at East Millbrook Middle School. The schools’ counseling programs have been recognized for meeting the criteria to become “Recognized ASCA Model Programs” by the American School Counselor Association. Presently, there are 120 schools in the nation that have received the recognition. The schools will be recognized at the American School Counselor Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 30.

- Dr. Burns congratulated Ana Rodriguez, a teacher at West Cary Middle School. Ms. Rodriguez recently received a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund to support a program that she created entitled, “Good Stewards of the Environment”. Ms. Rodriguez was awarded \$60,000 for one year to begin the program and can reapply for a possible three year extension. The program has two goals; to provide an interest and bring awareness of science as a career to Hispanic students, who otherwise would not be exposed to the opportunity and to teach students the process of scientific investigation through research, experimentation, and discussion of the current environmental concerns of our water and atmosphere.
- Dr. Burns congratulated Joe Peel and Steve Bingham with the Triangle Leadership Academy, and Camille Miller, Assistant Principal at Willow Springs Elementary. They presented a workshop at the National Staff Development Conference last week in Texas. The title of their presentation was “A Framework for Leadership Succession Planning”. The presentation was well received.
- For the seventh year, Sanderson High School won the annual Food Drive sponsored by the NC Food Bank. The students and staff collected 7,959 pounds of food and \$33,000. If you convert the money to food, their entire collection was 176,000 pounds of food.
- Sanderson also won \$1,000 for the “Got Milk” award. Only 25 schools in the nation are recognized annually through the program. The award is based on promoting healthy food choices.
- Last week, Central Services Administrators met. Dr. Burns thanked Michael Evans, the Communications Department, and James Overman, President for the Principals’ and Assistant Principals’ Association, for the presentation related to “A Day in the Life of a Principal”. Administrators engaged in a follow-up discussion from their October meeting related to becoming a learning organization. The discussions were extremely beneficial. Dr. Burns thanked all administrators for their commitment to the process.
- Approximately 400 Wake County employees attended the High Five DuFour conference on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Rick and Becky DuFour’s conference is an overview of the fundamentals of an effective PLC.
- 53 elementary Social Studies Teacher Leaders were recently introduced to a process for identifying the cognition level of objectives in the Standard Course of Study. The initial session was to prepare teacher leaders to work with IRT’s as they work with all teachers in developing a better understanding of the different levels of cognition.
- Project Enlightenment has scheduled a workshop that will be conducted several times during second semester. The workshop is entitled “Off to a Good Start – As Your Child Enters Kindergarten”. The workshop is free for parents of rising kindergarteners.
- Marvin Connelly and his staff have been working closely with Shaw University to implement a pre-school program that will be housed on Shaw’s campus. The program will start in the fall.

- On December 18, Dr. Burns had the opportunity to discuss the vision, Graduating on Time Prepared for the Future, with 120 third graders at Conn Elementary. Dr. Burns shared that their insight was interesting and remarkable.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Mr. Margiotta inquired about the attorney-client privilege item on the Closed Session Agenda. Ms. Gill responded that it pertained to a condemnation and other items that may need to be discussed.

Ms. Gill requested to have the second paragraph removed regarding the second reallocation from the Action Agenda, under Facilities, Item number 4.

Beverly Clark made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. LITERACY COACH IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

#### (1) Focus on Teaching and Learning

- Assess literacy skills of students to determine levels of proficiency
- Provide on-site professional development in differentiated literacy instruction
- Model research-based instructional practices

#### (2) Retention, Recruitment and Training of High Quality Employees

- Coach and provide feedback to teachers
- Provide on-site professional development based on teacher surveys

#### (3) Fiscal Accountability

- Wake County has received four full time literacy coaches funded through Governor Easley's office

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: none.

Ruth Steidinger presented information to the Board regarding Literacy Coaches in middle schools. In 2006, our state implemented a literacy coach initiative which placed 21st Century Literacy Coaches in 100 middle schools across the state. The program brings coaches into middle schools to implement the latest 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching techniques to help students in reading, writing, comprehension, and speaking. Ms. Steidinger shared a DVD with the Board, from Governor Easley who initiated the North Carolina 21<sup>st</sup> Century Middle School Literacy Coach which was funded by the North Carolina General Assembly. Wake County Public Schools has 3 middle school literacy coaches; Iris Sutton at North Garner Middle School, Lynn Flood at East Garner Middle School, and Jo Poythress at East Wake Middle School.

The middle school literacy coach is a member of the school faculty who works with the elected School Improvement Team to develop a Literacy Improvement Action Plan. The responsibilities of the literacy coach include assessing literacy skills, conducting professional development in literacy teaching strategies, modeling effective classroom instruction, and coaching and providing feedback to teachers.

Ms. Goettee asked when do the Literacy Coaches have an opportunity to work with the classroom teachers. Ms. Sutton responded that they work with the teachers during planning time, and early release days. Literacy coaches plan professional development training collaboratively with the classroom teachers during planning time as well.

Mr. Tart inquired if there were plans to increase the number of coaches in the future. Ms. Flood responded that “yes” they were looking at increasing the numbers.

Ms. Goettee asked the literacy coaches to explain their work versus an Instructional Resources Teacher’s. The coaches stated that Literacy Coaches work with the school’s literacy team to determine the school’s strengths in the area of literacy; they support teachers by providing reading, writing, and communication skills. Literacy coaches observe and provide feedback to teachers on instruction related to literacy development. They model effective research-based instructional practices, and collaborate with teachers to integrate literacy-rich content instruction.

Ms. Clark asked how many elementary schools had literacy coaches. Ms. Steidinger responded that WCPSS has 84 schools.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **1. RECOGNITION OF THE FALL SPORTS SEASON ATHLETIC STATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) recognizes athletic accomplishments by providing state championships in 22 sports throughout the school year. Several other areas of sport competition also award state championships. The spring sports season is complete, and Wake County schools have received the following state championships. They are:

- Broughton High School Boys’ Soccer team won the State Championship and National Championship
- Broughton High School Boys’ Cross Country won the State Championship

Resolutions for each school recognizing these accomplishments will be presented to the head coaches for each of the respective teams. Fiscal Implications: None.

Recommendation for Action: For recognition only.

Bobby Guthrie recognized and presented a resolution to the Broughton High School Boys Cross Country Team and head coach, Dave Christian, for being state champions. Mr. Guthrie also recognized and presented a resolution to the Broughton High School Boys Soccer Team and head coach, Izzy Hernandez, for being state and national champions. Watt Williams was recognized as being the North Carolina Player of the Year, named by the North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association. He has also been named to the National Soccer Coaches of America Association All-American Team.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – 4:00 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.*

No one signed up to speak at Public Comment.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2007	-	Closed Session Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2007	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2007	-	Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2007	-	Board of Education Meeting Minutes

## **FINANCE**

### **1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Rolesville Elementary. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records. Recommendation for Action: Approval of Authorization Forms.

### **2. 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, 2007. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT FOR SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 6.659 ACRES OF SURPLUS LAND IN CARY**

The Board of Education owns 6.659 acres of land in Cary located on the northwestern side of Kildaire Farm Road adjacent to Hemlock Bluffs State Park. The property is not contiguous to other tracts owned by the Board of Education, and is too small for cost effective conventional school uses. The property is covered by stream buffers, floodways, floodplains, and 100 year flood zones. The Board of Education declared it as surplus property and ordered its sale on December 5, 2006. At its March 12, 2007 meeting, the Wake County Board of Commissioners declined to purchase the property at fair market value. Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached to

sell the property to Town of Cary at a purchase price of thirty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty-four (\$39,954) dollars that is supported by an MAI appraisal. The property is further identified as having Wake County PIN # 0761.07-58-3636, and Wake County Tax Account #0102464. The precise area has been confirmed by survey. Fiscal Implications: Estimated income to the Board of Education is \$39,954. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to sell the property to Town of Cary for \$39,954.

**2. SEWER EASEMENT DEDICATION: APEX FIRST DEVELOPMENT, LLC (APEX HIGH)**

Board of Education previously approved dedication of a sewer easement to the Town of Apex to serve Apex High. An adjacent property owner, Apex First Development, LLC (“AFD”), requests a temporary construction easement (approximately 3,339 sq. feet) and the dedication of a sewer easement (approximately 2,738 sq. feet) that runs from the common boundary line to the existing sewer easement to allow tie-in to the existing sewer line. AFD will absorb and bear all costs associated with the construction, installation, maintenance, recordation and conveyance of the sewer easement and the tie-in to the sewer line. The proposed sewer easement and tie-in to the existing sewer line will not interfere with the Wake County Public School’s present or future use of the property. A copy of an Easement Plat is attached with the area of the proposed sewer easement identified thereon. Fiscal Implications: The Board will be compensated by the adjacent property owner, AFD, in the total amount of \$4,328 for the above mentioned easements. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

**3. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-09: MILLS PARK ELEMENTARY (E-22)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No.GC-09 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of Mills Park Elementary. This change order, in the amount of \$1,665,683, is primarily to provide for the costs associated with regulatory and permitting changes required on the off-site road to the school. In order to meet the opening schedule for this school, the initial bidding of the project was done with preliminary documents. The off-site road construction component of this change order is \$1,479,218, which is to be divided equally with the Town of Cary. The other \$186,465 will be paid fully by WCPSS. Fiscal Implications: The total revised project budget is \$27,575,030, of which \$745,000 is from PLAN 2004, \$330,823 is from funds passed through Wake County from the developer in fiscal year 2004-2005, \$17,892,872 is from CIP 2006, \$1,718,579 is from CIP 2006 Offsite Improvements, \$1,718,579 is to be provided by the Town of Cary, and \$5,169,177 is to be provided by the developer. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**4. CHANGE ORDER CM-CO-08: HOLLY GROVE ELEMENTARY (E-18)**

Board approval is requested for Change Order CM-CO-08 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Manager at Risk contract at Holly Grove Elementary School. This change order, a reduction of \$248,309.61, is to reconcile unused earthwork allowances. Fiscal Implications: Savings will be applied to the total project budget of \$19,866,068, all of which is from PLAN 2004. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

## **5. BIDS: MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR CLEANING**

Bids for Master Service Agreement for Cleaning were received on December 4, 2007. These services will be utilized in preparing schools for occupancy at the end of the construction process. Staff recommends award of a Master Service Agreement to RTP Building Maintenance Co., Inc. and Facilico, Inc., with contract duration from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Fiscal Implications: Cost for each project will be paid by individual project budget. Estimated cost per project will range from \$250 to \$15,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

## **6. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: LACY ELEMENTARY**

Staff has reviewed the construction documents for the new construction and renovations for Lacy Elementary School, prepared by Skinner, Lamm, & Highsmith Architects, PA, and requests Board approval and authorization to advertise for bids. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$21,781,995, of which \$525,000 is from PLAN 2004 Start Up and \$21,256,995 is from CIP 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

### **1. THIRD MONTH K-3 INDIVIDUALIZED CLASS SIZE WAIVER REQUESTS**

Chapter 4, section III B of The School Attendance & Student Accounting Manual states in part

- Local boards of education are responsible for assuring the class size and teacher daily load requirements set forth in G.S. 115C-301 are met.
- The superintendent shall immediately determine whether the requirements have in fact not been met. If the superintendent determines the requirements have not been met, he/she shall make a report to the next local board of education meeting.
- The local board of education shall take action to meet the requirements of the statute (*area superintendents have worked with individual schools to correct all overages to the extent possible*). If the local board cannot organizationally correct the exception and if any of the conditions set out below are met; it shall immediately apply to the State Board of Education for additional personnel or waiver from the standards set above.
- Within 45 days of receipt of the request, the State Board, within funds available, may allot additional positions or grant waivers for the excess class size or daily load if the exception resulted from exceptional circumstances, emergencies, or acts of God; large changes in student population; organizational problems caused by remote geographic location; or classes organized for a solitary curricular area and if the local board cannot organizationally correct the exception.

Fiscal Implications: None at this time. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested to submit K-3 class size waivers to the State Board of Education

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

- A. Professional
- B. Support



## COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Mr. Tart reported that the Facilities Committee met on December 11, 2007. The committee reviewed the use of CIP 2006 reserve funds for land banking, Wake Forest-Rolesville High School Renovations, and the construction documents for Smith Elementary. The Facilities Committee also reviewed the CFAC recommendations for reviewing land acquisition processes. The CFAC Report recommended that members from the Board of Education, Board of County Commissioners, and the Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee form a new committee to advise in land acquisitions. Mr. Tart reported that the next Facilities Committee meeting would be held on January 15, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### FACILITIES

##### **1. NAME FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CARY (E-30)**

On or about August 28, 2007, the Board of Education acquired approximately 19 acres for use as an elementary school. The elementary school site for the E-30 target area to be located thereon has a scheduled opening date of 2009. Naming of the new elementary school facility is now required. The following names are proposed for consideration (1) Bradford Elementary, (2) Alston Ridge Elementary, and (3) Northwest Cary Elementary.

Bradford Elementary is proposed in recognition of the Town of Cary's origins in 1750 as a settlement called Bradford's Ordinary. (The Town's founder, Allison Francis "Frank" Page, a Wake County farmer and lumberman, acquired property around the railroad junction in 1854, and named his development "Cary".) Alston Ridge Elementary is proposed as the school site is located along the ridgeline upon which Alston Avenue is located, and as a variation of the road name upon which the school is located, will help to identify the location of the site. Northwest Cary Elementary is proposed it identifies the area of Cary within which the school site is located, will help to identify the location of the site. Staff recommends name selection of Alston Ridge Elementary. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

Betty Parker presented information to the Board regarding the name of the new elementary school in Cary (E-30). Staff recommended the name Alston Ridge Elementary.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to name the new elementary school Northwest Cary Elementary. The motion was seconded by Horace Tart. The Board voted 3 to 4 with Ron Margiotta, Horace Tart, and Eleanor Goettee voting "yes", and Kevin Hill, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, and Anne McLaurin voting "no". The motion failed.

Lori Millberg made a motion to name the new elementary school Alston Ridge Elementary. The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. The Board voted 6 to 1 with Kevin Hill, Horace Tart, Lori Millberg, Beverley Clark, Eleanor Goettee, and Anne McLaurin voting "yes" and Ron Margiotta voting "no". The motion passed.

## **2. RESOLUTION: PHASE IIIB, PLAN 2000, AND PLAN 2004 FUNDING REALLOCATION**

This resolution requests reallocation of funds as follows:

Phase IIIB: savings of \$343,189 from Middle Creek High to Land Acquisition.

Plan 2000: savings of \$7,535,595 from 10 projects to Land Acquisition.

Plan 2004: savings of \$7,474,563 from 7 projects to Property Acquisition Phase 2.

All of these funds will be reallocated to the Property Acquisition fund of the appropriate capital plan. An estimated \$14,975,195 is needed to complete the CIP 2006 land purchases [E-19(River Bend), H-7 (southwestern area), and M-14 (Fuquay) were not included in the CIP 2006 budget] and based on current land prices, it is anticipated that remaining sites will exceed the current CIP 2006 land budget. The remaining \$378,152 will be used for a land banked site (M-16 in Cary). With these reallocations, all 18 of the attached projects are closed or are close to closure and available funds can now be reallocated. Project savings from sales tax refunds, unused project contingencies, and program contingencies. Fiscal Implications: the Phase IIIB program will be closed once the money relocated to the land acquisition account is paid out. There will still be remaining funds in PLAN 2000 and PLAN 2004 resulting from projects not yet closed as a result of this action. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Burriss stated that as building programs continue in the long-range Capital Improvement Program, there are opportunities to “sweep” and close out old projects. The funding reallocation that is requested totals \$15,353,347 of which \$343,189 is a savings from Phase IIIB Middle Creek High to Land Acquisition, \$7,535,595 is a savings from PLAN 200 10 projects to Land Acquisition, and \$7,474,563 is a savings from Plan 2004 7 projects to Property Acquisition Phase 2. An estimated \$14,975,195 is needed to complete the CIP 2006 land purchases and based on current land prices, it is anticipated that remaining sites will exceed the current CIP 2006 land budget. The remaining \$378,152 will be used for a land banked-site (M-16 in Cary). The Phase IIIB program will be closed once the money relocated to the land acquisition account is paid out. There will still be remaining funds in PLAN 2000 and PLAN 2004 resulting from projects not yet closed as a result of the action.

With no questions from the Board, Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Beverley Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

## **3. RESOLUTION: APPROPRIATION OF CIP 2006 PROGRAM CONTINGENCY**

This resolution requests \$2,065,000 in Program Contingency funds. This request will provide funding of the swing space for the Root Elementary renovation and addition project. A separate Précis at this Board meeting will reallocate these funds. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$2,065,000. Appropriations for CIP 2006 to date total \$714,771,055. The total CIP 2006 appropriation, including this request, will equal \$716,836,055. This leaves a balance of \$339,038,782 to be appropriated from the total Building Program sum of \$1,055,874,837. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mike Burriss presented information to the Board. Mr. Burriss shared that the resolution requested \$2,065,000 in Program Contingency funds. The request will provide funding of the swing space for the Root Elementary renovation and addition.

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

#### **4. RESOLUTION: CIP 2006 FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution requests two reallocations in the total amount of \$6,960,024. The first reallocation of \$2,065,000 is from Program Contingency to Root Elementary to provide swing space during the renovation of the Root campus. The original plan was to use the Spring Forest Modular School as swing space for Root, with a start of summer 2008 and completion fall of 2009. The Spring Forest campus is currently being used by River Bend Elementary and, due to its delayed start/completion, the Spring Forest campus will not be available to allow the Root project to start. The current proposed swing space solution for Root is to erect a temporary modular campus on a portion of the North Hills East property for a term from April 2008 to December 2009. The property will be leased to WCPSS at no cost. At the completion of the Root project, the modular campus will be relocated to another site. If another site is unavailable at that time, additional funds will be needed to remove the modular campus from the North Hills property. This modular swing space solution is less expensive than the alternative of delaying the Root project until the Spring Forest Modular School would be available.

The second reallocation of \$4,895,024 is from Reserve to Land Purchase. This is additional funding for the offer to purchase approved by the Board on October 16, 2007, for a land bank site in Cary (M-16). This purchase was not in the original CIP 2006 budget for land purchases. Although the purchase price was more than this amount, this is the estimated amount needed to complete the original CIP 2006 land purchases plus M-14 (Fuquay) and M-16 (Cary). Approximately \$12.5 million of reserve funding was previously appropriated and therefore is available for this reallocation. Fiscal Implications: The revised project budget for Root Elementary is \$21,928,650, of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and \$21,695,017 from CIP 2006. The revised project budget for CIP 2006 Land Purchase is \$47,846,524. When it is combined with the available balances for land in Phase IIIB, PLAN 2000, and PLAN 2004, the planned CIP 2006 land purchases, in addition to M-14 and M-16, will be fully funded.

Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Mr. Burriss presented information to the Board regarding a resolution for funding reallocation for the Root Elementary swing space. Mr. Burriss shared that the original plan was to use the Spring Forest Modular School as swing space for Root, with a start of summer 2008 and completion by fall of 2009. The Spring Forest campus is currently being used by River Bend Elementary and, due to its delayed start, the Spring Forest campus will not be available for Root. The current proposed swing space solution for Root is to erect a temporary modular campus on a portion of the North Hills East property for a term from April 2008 to December 2009.

Staff requested that the resolution for reallocation for the revised project budget to Root for \$21,928,650 of which \$300,000 is from PLAN 2004 and the remaining balance from

CIP 2006.

Beverley Clark made a motion to reallocate \$2,065,000 from Program Contingency to Root to provide swing space during the renovation of the Root campus, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **POLICY**

### **1. POLICY 6011- ENTRANCE TO WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Revised: First Reading. Request Waiver of Second Reading.*

Board Policy 6011 was last revised in 1993. House Bill 150 modified admission requirements for students entering kindergarten. The legislation states that a child can be enrolled in kindergarten if the child reaches or has reached the age of 5 on or before August 31, rather than October 16 of the school year. This new cut off date will become effective in the 2009-2010 school year. This revision will align policy 6011 with policy 6201-School Admissions which already reflects the changes required by House Bill 150. Revisions have been made with the input of staff, and have been reviewed by Ann Majestic. The Policy Committee reviewed and approved the recommended revisions on 12.11.07. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Chuck Dulaney presented information to the Board regarding Board policy 6011. Mr. Dulaney shared that Board policy 6011 was last revised in 1993. Last July, the General Assembly approved House Bill 150 which modified admission requirements for students entering kindergarten. The legislation states that a child can be enrolled in kindergarten if the child reaches or has reached the age of five on or before August 31 rather than October 16 of the school year. The new cutoff date will become effective in the 2009-2010 school year. The revision of policy will align policy 6011 with policy 6201 on school admissions, which already reflects the changes required by House Bill 150. Revisions have been made with the input of staff, and have been reviewed by Board counsel. The Policy Committee has reviewed and approved the recommended revisions.

With no questions from the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to approve Board Policy 6011 with the request to waive the second reading, seconded by Lori Millberg. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **2. POLICY 8640- FIDELITY BONDS**

*Revised: First Reading. Request Waiver of Second Reading.*

Board Policy 8640 was last revised in 1977. Senate Bill 772 states that the local Board of Education shall increase the minimum amount at which it bonds its finance officer(s) from \$10,000 to no less than \$50,000. It also removed the capping of the bonding, which was previously set at \$250,000. Revisions have been made with the input of staff. The Policy Committee reviewed and approved the recommended revisions on 12.11.07. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Curtis Grogan presented information to the Board regarding Board Policy 8640. Mr. Grogan shared a change in Board Policy 8640 Fidelity Bonds for the Finance Officer. Senate Bill 772 was ratified by the General Assembly in June 2007. The Bill states that the

local Board of Education shall increase the minimum amount at which it bonds finance officers from \$10,000 to \$50,000. It also removed the capping of the bonding, which was previously set at \$250,000.

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

Ron Margiotta made a motion to go into Closed Session at 4:22 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, to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), 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 Lori Millberg.

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

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve the following Administrative Appointments.

(1) Carol Jenkins, Director, Policy and Entitlements, Employee Relations, effective date January 7, 2008 (Permanent position).

(2) Charles Rose, Retired Principal, to Interim Assistant Principal at Broughton High School, effective, January 7, 2008 through June 7, 2008 (converted; interim position).

The motion was seconded by Horace Tart. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

(1) Gail Turner, Principal at Oak Grove Elementary School, to Principal at Laurel Park Elementary School, effective date February 1, 2008 (Permanent position). The Board recognized Administrative Transfers.

On a motion by Beverley Clark, seconded by Kevin Hill, the Board returned to Open Session at approximately 4:40 p.m.

On a motion by Eleanor Goettee, seconded by Lori Millberg, the Board returned to Closed Session at approximately 4:50 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business coming before the Board, Beverley Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Millberg. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 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