



OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 15,2005

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	Ann Hooker
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Jo Baker	Donna Hargens
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Del Burns	
Beverley Clark	Luther Cherry	
Rosa Gill	Julye Mizelle	
Carol Parker	Michael Evans	
Amy White	Donald Haydon	
Ron Margiotta	Mike Burriss	
Bill Fletcher	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	Board Attorney Present
	Danny Barnes	<i>Rod Malone</i>
	Toni Patterson	<i>Ann Majestic</i>

Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair’s Comments

- *Chairwoman Parry and several board members attended the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Training class.*
- *Several Board members attended the Regional Education Roundtable meeting held at the DuBois Center. Two representatives from WCPSS gave a presentation on year-round schools.*
- *On Monday February 14, attended the joint work session with the County Commissioners and the Board of Education. The committee continued the discussion on the enrollment growth model and also discussed the process the school board used to determine where to place modular campuses. Cost exultations and the timing of the next bond referendum have been placed on the agenda for the next work session.*
- *Superintendent and Chairwoman Parry gave a presentation to Wake County Delegations on the Legislative Agenda for Wake County Public Schools.*
- *Ms. Parry also had the opportunities to interview (Regional) applicants for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship.*

Superintendent’s Report

- *Superintendent McNeal announced that Jose Zintzun, Durant Road Middle School student was killed while sitting in his father’s car with his older brother. The car overheated and the father pulled the car off the road on to the median, while waiting, another car hit their car and Jose died instantly. The father was report in the hospital with two broken legs and the older brother, a Millbrook High School student was treated and released from the hospital.*
- *Superintendent McNeal announced that Cary High School Wrestling Team won the State 4A dual team wrestling championship.*
- *He also announced that Enloe High School Boy’s Swim Team won the State 4A championship, making this their 7th year receiving this award.*
- *The Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing honors the Wake County Purchasing Department with the Sustained Professional Purchasing Award.*

- *The Superintendent’s Parents Advisory Council (SPAC) had their first meeting on February 11, 2005.*
- *WCPSS is partnering with Wake County Human Services, EdStar, ReEntry, Inc., Cisco, the Poe Health Center, and Wake MED in developing the new MentonNet Program for middle school children. The program coordinator is Ann Rollins and funded by a 3-year federal grant to recruit, train, and support volunteers willing to make a 2-year commitment to a child. The group is seeking 100 mentors to work one-on-one with students focusing on interpersonal skills, academic enrichment, cultural enrichment, and literacy development.*
- *The next joint work session with the County Commissioners is Monday, February 28, 9 a.m. – Noon at the Harriett B. Webster Center.*
- *Elected Officials “Go to School,” during the week of February 22-25, 2005. All elected officials have been invited to participate in a visit to a school.*
- *Mr. McNeal reminded everyone that the rescheduled 2005 Lights of Hope Awards are Tuesday, February 22, at the North Raleigh Hilton beginning with social time from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Parker, WCPTA Council President. Ms. Parker reminded the board of Elected Officials “Go to School” on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. She stated that 65 elected officials are scheduled to visit over 50 schools on that day.

Roosevelt Farmer. President of Coalition of Concern Citizens of African American Children.

The purpose of this organization is to create and develop a partnership with BOE, to address long and short-term suspension, and to also decrease the dropout rate of African American youths. He thanked the board for the hard work they do.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Patti Head made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add under the Consent Agenda “Approval of Meeting Minutes” two additional sets of minutes January 21, 2005 – Board of Education and Wake County Legislative Delegation Breakfast Meeting and January 24, 2005 – Joint Meeting Board of Education and Board of Commissioners.

Patti Head made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to establish, or instruct 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; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The property if acquired will be used for a new public school facility and is located on Barwell Road, Raleigh, N.C., and property located on State Road 1625, Green Level, Durham Road, Cary, N.C. pursuant to G.S.143-138.11 (a)(5)

Carol Parker made a motion to move from the Consent Agenda Facilities- “Design Consultant Agreement: E9/E12 Elementary (Forest Pines Drive)” to the Action Agenda.

Beverley Clark made a motion to remove from the Action Agenda Facilities “Construction Documents: East Wake High School.”

Patti Head made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2004 – Community Relations Committee Meeting

January 18, 2005 – Open Meeting

January 21, 2005 – Board of Education and Wake County Legislative Delegation Breakfast Meeting

January 24, 2005 – Joint Meeting Board of Education and Board of Commissioners

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

1. DANIELS MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO TOKYO AND SHIWA TOWN, JAPAN

Students participating will be representative of 8th grade. Approximately eight students will participate and three chaperones. Students will depart from Raleigh on Thursday, June 2, and return on Friday, June 10, 2005. No school will be missed as this is over summer break. Purpose of the field trip is to begin a three-year exchange program with Shiwa Town Junior High School to compare and contrast school cultures.

2. ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO SCHWETZINGEN, GERMANY

Students participating will be representative of grades 9-12. Approximately ten students will participate and two chaperones. Students will depart from Raleigh on Thursday, June 2, and return on Monday, July 4, 2005. No school will be missed as this is over summer break. Purpose of the field trip is to promote German language, broaden knowledge of Germany, attend inter-cultural meetings, compare US and German cultures, and to travel and visit

FACILITIES

1 BIDS: DANIELS MIDDLE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

Bids for the Asbestos Abatement Project, in preparation for the Phase III renovations at Daniels Middle School were received on February 1, 2005. This is for the first of three phases of abatement for this project. Staff and EEC, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to NEO Corporation in the amount of \$213,200. This is less than the estimated amount. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$16,314,039, of which \$822,678 is from PLAN 2000 Start-Up funds and \$15,491,361 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL - UTILITY EASEMENT

Construction of the new Panther Creek High School requires the dedication of a 10-foot wide electrical utility easement to Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. The easement requires electric lines to be located underground and will circulate throughout the campus. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval of a 10-foot wide utility easement at Panther Creek High to Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

FINANCE

1. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVED CONTRACTS *(Exhibit A)*

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 January 2005. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable.

2. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of Baucom Elementary and Wake Forest Rolesville Middle. Fiscal Implications: These authorization forms are required for bank records.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

The Policy Committee canceled the meeting for Tuesday, February 8.

Human Resources Committee continued the discussion on Goal 2008: "Teacher Enhancement and Leadership Support."

Instructional Program Committee continued the discussion of high school redesign. The committee will continue studying this issue, which will include a discussion on the 4x4 block schedule. The next meeting will be March 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Finance Committee continued the discussion on the budget process. Dr. Burns explained how information about different issues play an important role in the development of the budget including where the funds come from and a breakdown of federal, state and local funds.

Joint luncheon with the County Commissioners and the Board of Education has been canceled Wednesday, February 16.

Facilities Committee meeting has been canceled for Wednesday, February 16, and has been rescheduled for Friday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Community Relations Committee meeting has been canceled for Wednesday, February 16, and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 3:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. NAMES FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITY – NORTH RALEIGH (E-9)

On December 20, 2004, the Board of Education approved of a contract to acquire approximately 20 acres of land on Forest Pines Drive, Raleigh, for perhaps two elementary facilities. As a result of a modular school being located in the Wake Forest area whose population may eventually reside at the Forest Pines Drive location, naming of the new permanent facility is now required. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to officially name at least one of perhaps two permanent facilities – Forest Pines Drive Elementary.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

2. NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITY – ZEBULON AREA (E-15)

On December 20, 2005, the Board of Education approved of a contract to acquire approximately 34 acres of land on Zebulon Road and Pippin Road, Zebulon, for a new elementary facility. The property represents a portion of the 300-acre Weaver's Pond development project. A significant geographic feature across Pippin Road from the school site is a large lake that will be incorporated within the Weaver's Pond development. Naming of the new elementary facility is required. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action:

Staff requests Board approval to officially name the new elementary facility in Zebulon – Lakeview Elementary.

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

Mr. Clint Jobe presented three additional names for this future school site. Mr. Jobe stated that the town of Wake Forest recommended using one of the three names "Little River Elementary School, Springfield Elementary School and Wakelon Elementary School."

After much discussion, board members addressed the pros and cons of changing the name. Mr. Fletcher called for the question. Kathryn Watson Quigg stated that she was in full support of this name change to Wakelon Elementary School.

Ron Margiotta amended the motion to rename the school Wakelon Elementary School, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was 5 to 3 with Amy White, Kathryn Watson Quigg, Beverley Clark, Ron Margiotta and Bill Fletcher voting "yes" and Patti Head Carol Parker and Rosa Gill voting "no"

3. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: WAKE FOREST ROLESVILLE HIGH

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Davis Kane Architects, PA, for the construction of Wake Forest Rolesville High Vocational Education Building. The original program specified a renovation of the existing building. Upon analysis by the architect, the best solution is the construction of a new building. This most cost effective solution will require additional funding. Fiscal Implications: The proposed project budget is \$3,040,445 of which \$2,540,445 is provided in the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. A future reallocation of \$500,000 will be required. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

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

5. BIDS: APEX ELEMENTARY ROOF TRUSS REPAIR

The existing roof trusses of the 1952 building have cracked or split in a few areas. Investigations by our consultant have found the original wood in the trusses did not meet the specifications of the original design. Repairs will involve reinforcement of all trusses. The gymnasium has been closed for the past month and will remain closed until repairs can be completed. Bids for the roof repair at the Apex Elementary Gymnasium were received on February 10, 2005. Staff and Ramsay GMK recommend award of the single-prime contract to Scotia Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$124,000. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the Deferred Maintenance component of PLAN 2000 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. CHANGE ORDER NO. G-4: PANTHER CREEK HIGH

Change Order No. G-4 to D. H. Griffin Construction Co. is presented for informational purposes only. The change order, in the amount of \$97,947 is for the removal of debris off the Panther Creek High site. This debris was discovered in the early stages of site work and the decision at that time

was to dispose of it on site at an estimated cost of \$58,615. It has recently been determined that there is too much debris to dispose of on site and the best solution is to remove it off site. The debris encountered is apparently debris from Hurricane Fran that was placed on this site without the approval of the previous property owner. The total estimated cost of removing the debris off site is \$156,562. Efforts are being made to recover these additional costs from the previous property owner. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project budget of \$42,075,185, of which \$1,546,945 is from the PLAN 2000 Start-Up funds, \$14,359,539 is from PLAN 2000, \$66,500 is from PLAN 2000 Modernization, \$4,900,000 is from Phase IIIB, and \$21,202,201 is from PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: No action required.

CLOSED SESSION

Bill Fletcher made a motion to go into closed session at 6 p.m., to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319; to establish, or instruct 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; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The property if acquired will be used for a new public school facility and is located on Barwell Road, Raleigh, N.C., and property located on State Road 1625, Green Level, Durham Road, Cary, N.C. pursuant to G.S.143-138.11 (a)(5); and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board. G.S.143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

Reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS(cont'd)

Bill Fletcher made a motion to amend the agenda to add two Action Items: "Offer to Purchase and Contract-Barwell Road" and "Acquisition and Funding Resolution-Barwell Road Elementary." Patti Head seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT-BARWELL ROAD

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract have been reached with the City of Raleigh to acquire 18.75 acres of land on Barwell Road, Raleigh for a new elementary facility. The project will include a new community center funded by the City of Raleigh as well as future park amenities on approximately 59 additional acres of land. Fiscal Implications-Land cost \$21,067.00 per acre or \$395,000.00 and Contribution for future road construction \$43,450.00. Recommendation for Action- Staff requests Board approval of an Offer to Purchase and Contract with the City of Raleigh to acquire 18.75 acres of land on Barwell Road, Raleigh.

Rosa Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ACQUISITION AND FUNDING RESOLUTION-BARWELL ROAD ELEMENTARY

Terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase and Contract with the City of Raleigh to acquire 18.75 acres on Barwell Road, Raleigh, for a new elementary school facility have been reached. A Resolution to the Wake County Board of Commissioners approving of the acquisition and funding is required. Fiscal Implications-Land cost-\$395,000. Contribution for future road construction \$43,450.00. Recommendation for Action-Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution to Wake County Board of Commissioners to approve of the purchase and funding of 18.75 acres and future road construction totaling \$438,450.00.

Rosa Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The motion passed unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Amy White, seconded by Bill Fletcher to approve the following administrative appointments. The vote was unanimous.

- *Windell Harris, assistant principal at Middle Creek Elementary School, to principal at Holly Springs Elementary School, effective March 1, 2005.*
- *Kathleen Marynak, assistant principal at Oak Grove Elementary School, to principal at Cedar Fork Elementary School, effective March 1, 2005.*

2. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS

Information was provided to the board on the following administrative transfers.

- *Freda Cole, principal at Green Hope Elementary School, to principal at (E9) Forest Pines Elementary School, effective March 1, 2005.*
- *Vicki Perry, principal at Douglas Elementary School, to principal at Harris Creek Elementary School, effective March 1, 2005.*
- *Susanne Warren, principal at Swift Creek Elementary School, to principal at Hedingham Middle School, effective April 1, 2005.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Fletcher, Seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board Of Education