

**OPEN MINUTES –SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Members Present</b>	
<i>Susan Parry, Chair</i>	<i>Superintendent McNeal</i>	
<i>Patti Head, Vice Chair</i>	Del Burns	
Kathryn Watson Quigg	Luther Cherry	
Beverley Clark	Michael Evans	
Rosa Gill	Donald Haydon	
Carol Parker	Bev White	
Amy White	Janice Shearin	
<i>Ron Margiotta (Absent)</i>	Mike Burriss	
Bill Fletcher		
		<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
		<i>Rod Malone</i>
		<i>Ann Majestic</i>

*Susan Parry called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **INFORMATION**

### **Chair's Comments**

*Ms. Parry thanked board members for their attendance. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the GASB 34 and to discuss the progress on Barwell Road land acquisition. The main objective of the meeting was to ensure that schools will be ready next year to receive students on opening day.*

*She stated that staff and the Board are working hard to get PLAN 2004 schools up and running on schedule. The board will review its options in light of the decision of the County Commissioner's that took place on Monday, March 21, regarding the purchase the Barwell Road site. An alternative proposal regarding Barwell Road was suggested by the County Commissioners. The County did not approve funding for the purchase of the Barwell Road site from the City of Raleigh. They suggested that the county purchase the property and lease it to Wake County Board of Education. That motion failed and the item was referred back to the Board of Education to review the suggested options.*

### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

*Patti Head made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the closed session 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; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding property located on Forest Pines Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. Motion was seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

*Amy White made a motion to go into closed session at 3:20 p.m., seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

*Reconvened at 5:00 p.m.*

*Rod Malone, board attorney from Tharrington Smith gave a brief recap of GASB 34 as it relates to roles and responsibilities of both the Board of Education and the County Commissioners. Counsel suggested potential solutions to the GASB 34 accounting issues.*

*Clint Jobe reported on the progress for the purchase of the Barwell Road site. Staff presented the property acquisition of approximately 18.75 acres of land on Barwell Road, Raleigh, for a new elementary school. The project would include a new community center funded by the City of Raleigh. Mr. Jobe reported to the Board that on March 21, the County Commissioners talked about the county owning the property and leasing the site to the Board of Education for a fee. Several motions were made at the County Commissioners meeting: (1) Motion to deny the request for funding (2) motion to purchase the land and lease to the board of Education. Both motions failed for lack of sufficient votes. Staff will go back to the County Commissioners at their April 4, board meeting with the same request for funding. Mr. Jobe stated that timing is crucial if we plan to have this school opened by August 2006.*

*Patti Head made a suggestion that we prepare a resolution from the Board of Education to the County Commissioners that both boards work cooperatively to find a resolution to GASB 34 to maintain the roles and responsibilities of each board and present this resolution to the Commissioners on April 4.*

*Carol Parker made a motion, seconded by Kathryn Watson Quigg to take a resolution to the County Commissioners from the statement by Patti Head from the Board of Education requesting that the roles and responsibilities be maintained but to look for solutions for GASB 34 accounting issues. It was also suggested that the Board resubmit its request for funding for the Barwell Road and acquisition. The vote was unanimous.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Amy White, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Susan Parry, Chair, Wake County Board Of Education