

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Board Members

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

Staff Members Present

Bill McNeal, Superintendent
Jo Baker
Karen Banks
Del Burns
Danny Barnes
Maurice Boswell
Michael Evans
Donald Haydon
Ann Hooker
Linda Isley
Cindi Jolly
Toni Patterson
John Ringo
Janice Shearin
Walt Sherlin
Beverly White
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 Northstars of Northwood's Elementary School. The Northstars performed several songs and dances under the direction of Ms. Melba White.

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *Ms. Quigg and Ms. Parry attended the Inter-City Visit & Leadership Conference in Sacramento, California, on March 26-30.*

Superintendent's Report

- *Eight seniors from Wake County Public Schools have earned NC State's prestigious Park Scholarship worth \$12,000 per year. They are Mitchell Danforth & Mary Williard, Enloe High School; James Hassinger & Caitlin Kelleher, Broughton High School; Joel Mikkelsen, Cary High School; Danielle Speller, Millbrook High School; Anita Unnithan, Apex High School; and Saket Vora, Green Hope High School.*
- *Two Wake County seniors were among 40 young leaders from high schools across the nation to earn UNC's Morehead Scholarship. They are Damian Cannon and Zack Clayton of Broughton High School.*
- *Garner Senior High School will host the April 15 Board Meeting.*
- *Valedictorian Luncheon will be April 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the NC State University Club.*
- *Joint Luncheon on April 16, 12 Noon, with the County Commissioners and the Board of Education.*
- *Board Retreat on Student Assignment, April 23 & 24 at the NC School Boards Association.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Jeff York made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to pull from the Consent Agenda Facilities-Resolution: Long Range Building Program Funding Reallocation and Design*

Consultant Agreement: H2 "Heritage" High School, seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

- *Susan Parry made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add to the Consent Agenda- Approval of Minutes- December 3, 2002-Closed Session, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Tim McBrayer-parent. *Concerned that Wake County Public School System is not building enough schools for the growth of Wake County. Rapid development and growth are taking a toll on schools and the school system is installing mobile units to keep up with the growth.*

CONSENT ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 5, 2002 – Closed Meeting
 December 3, 2002- Closed Meeting
 December 17, 2002 – Closed Meeting
 January 7, 2003 – Closed Meeting
 January 21, 2003 – Closed Meeting
 February 4, 2003 - Closed Meeting
 February 11, 2003 – Community Relations Committee
 February 18, 2003 – Open Meeting
 March 11, 2003 – Finance Committee
 March 11, 2003 – Community Relations Committee

FACILITIES

1. Bids: Vance Elementary Gymnasium Renovation

Bids for the Phase II gymnasium renovation at Vance Elementary were received on February 25, 2003. Staff and Moseley Wilkins & Wood recommended awarding of the single-prime contract to A & M Construction Co. in the amount of \$332,754. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$341,306. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$2,264,631 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

2. Bids: Willow Springs Elementary Gymnasium Renovation

Bids for the gymnasium renovation at Willow Springs Elementary were received on February 27, 2003. Staff and Moseley Wilkins & Wood recommended awarding the single-prime contract to R.P. Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$424,000. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$429,785. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$890,058 as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.

3. Bids: Carpenter Elementary

Bids for the new construction at Carpenter Elementary were received on February 4, 2003. Staff and Small Kane Architects, P.A. recommended awarding the single-prime contract to Skanska USA Building, Inc. in the amount of \$8,764,770. The total of the low multi-prime bids was \$9,000,134. The original low bid single-prime contractor, Bordeaux Construction, made an error

in their bid and requested their bid to be withdrawn. Staff recommended their bid bond be returned in accordance with N.C. Statutes 143-129-1. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$10,678,855, of which \$10,662,555 is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$16,300 is from Wake County Parks and Recreation.

4. Design Consultant Agreement: H4 “Panther Creek” High

The proposed PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes a new high school. Negotiations have been completed with Boney, PLLC for the reuse of the prototype used at Knightdale High. This is the first reuse of this prototype. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. The total proposed project budget is \$41,996,538, of which \$1,613,445 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program and \$40,383,093 will be required from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$1,586,000. A contract will be issued for the design phase only for \$706,070.

5. Design Consultant Agreement: H5 “Holly Springs” High

The proposed PLAN 2004 School Building Program includes a new high school. Negotiations have been completed with Cherry Huffman Architects, P.A. for the reuse of the prototype used at Wakefield, Green Hope and Middle Creek. This is the third reuse of this prototype. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. The total proposed project budget is \$41,996,538, of which \$1,546,945 is currently available from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program, and \$40,449,593 will be required from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The current total project budget includes proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$1,428,098. A contract will be issued for the design phase only for \$732,549.

6. Dedication of Right of Way – Ligon Middle

Renovation of Ligon Middle requires the dedication of 0.134 acres of right of way to the City of Raleigh for a turn lane along MLK JR. Blvd. Staff requested Board approval to grant the City of Raleigh 0.134 acres of right of way at Ligon Middle for a new turn lane.

7. Meal Prices for 2003-2004 School Year *(Exhibit A)*

Child Nutrition recommended that meal prices for breakfast and lunch remain the same as last year. Breakfast: Elementary \$.80, Middle\$.90, and High\$1.00 Lunch: Elementary \$1.75, Middle \$1.85 and High \$2.00. The meal prices are comparable to the other large school systems in North Carolina; see attachment A. Attachment B shows a history of meal prices for Wake County. A la Carte prices will be re-evaluated based on the market rate and food bids received in July 2003.

FINANCE

1. Gifts To The System *(Exhibit B)*

Fourteen gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$29,054.06.

PROGRAM

1. Grant Proposals

Competitive (#725): Wake County Solid Waste Management / Conn Elementary School.

Competitive (#759): The Starbucks Foundation / Root Elementary School. Competitive (#760):

Sam’s Club Foundation / Smith Elementary School. Competitive (#761): Wal-Mart Foundation / Smith Elementary School. Entitlement (#762): PRC 111- U.S. Department of Education, N C

Department of Public Instruction, Significant Increase in Immigrant Children / Central Office.

Entitlement (#763): PRC 310 - U.S. Department of Education, Indian Education, / Central

Office. Entitlement (#764): PRC 104 – U.S. Department of Education, NC Department of Public Instruction, Language Acquisition Grant / Central Office. Competitive (#765): PRC 443 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NC Department of Public Instruction, Refugee Children School Impact Grant / Central Office. Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program. Board approval is requested.

2. Fuquay-Varina High School Field Trip to Busch Gardens Williamsburg, VA

The Fuquay-Varina High School orchestra is proposing a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, to perform in the "Fiesta-Val" Music Festival on April 25, 26, 27, 2003. Fifteen students in grades 9-12 and three chaperones will participate. A judged performance will be held on April 25 at a local high school and an awards ceremony will be held at Busch Gardens on April 26. The student cost will be \$170 per person. The Fuquay-Varina High School Orchestra Boosters will fund this trip.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendations for Employment *(Exhibit C)*

2. Request for Leave

- *Rita Hagevik, Ligon Middle School*
- *Diane Keith, Wakefield Middle School*
- *Vonda Martin, Middle Creek Elementary*

3. Recommendations for Administrative Appointment

- *Sherry Schiesser, teacher to assistant principal at Kingwood Elementary School.*
- *Christopher Clayton, assistant principal intern at Green Hope High School to assistant principal at Green Hope High School.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

- *Policy Committee will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, Board Conference Room.*
- *Healthy Schools Task Force had its 3rd meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2003.*

ACTION ITEMS

FACILITIES

1. Schematic Design: Northwoods Elementary

Staff presented the schematic design documents prepared by Arcadis G & M of North Carolina, Inc. for the renovation of Northwoods Elementary. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$4,191,600, as provided in the PLAN 2000 School Building Program. A commitment of \$1,600,000 will be required from the next building program, PLAN 2004, for the construction costs associated with the bid alternate for modernization of the classrooms.

- *Phase I of the renovation process will include HVAC system, electrical system, fire alarm, sprinklers, ceiling, lights, flooring, asbestos removal, ADA accessibility, and new roofing for the 1994 wing and administration area. It will also include improvements to the parking areas and will correct drainage problems.*
- *Phase II renovations will include new windows, ADA accessible doors, technology, casework, furniture, and remaining finishes. It will also include improvements to traffic and pedestrian flow.*

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

PROGRAM

1. Growth Management Reassignment Plan for 2003-2004 *(Exhibit D)*

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the 2003-2004-reassignment plan. Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facilities-related costs will be avoided.

Susan Parry made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was 7 to 1 with Jeff York voting “no.”

2. Resolution for Capped Schools *(Exhibit E)*

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented alternative schools for Olive Chapel Elementary, Brassfield Elementary, and Pleasant Union Elementary. Transportation costs will increase due to travel time.

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

INFORMATION

1. Presentation of Superintendent’s Budget Request, 2003-2004 *(Exhibit F)*

Staff presented the Superintendent’s Budget Request for 2003-2004. This document establishes the Superintendent’s budget request for fiscal year 2003-2004.

CLOSED SESSION

Susan Parry made a motion to go into closed session at 5:50 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319, seconded Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.

Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION (cont’d.)

HUMAN RESOURCE

1. Recommendations for Career Status

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation of Carol Fratello, West Cary Middle School, for tenure, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Fifteen students were recognized as Spotlight on Students award winners. They are:

*Alan Youngblood, Garner Sr. High
Thomas Anderson, Davis Drive Middle
Dexter Davis, Longview Middle
Addie Brantley, Longview High
Meghan Strickland, Vandora Springs Elementary
Olivia Wells, Wendell Elementary
Matthew Prusik, Apex High
Edna Kabisa, North Ridge Elementary
Joanna Meyer, Stough Elementary*

*Todd Pride, Cary Elementary
Lilly Huff, Vance Elementary
Anna Mangum, Enloe High School
Rodney Tsasa, Root Elementary School
Kyle Gibson, Wakefield Middle School
Rachel Park, Moore Square Middle*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair