



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Tuesday, May 16, 2006

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Bill McNeal	Michael Evans
Carol Parker, Vice Chair	Del Burns	Jo Baker
Lori Millberg	Mark Winters	Danny Barnes
Beverley Clark	Mike Burriss	Chuck Dulaney
Rosa Gill	Donna Hargens	Maurice Boswell
Eleanor Goettee	Bev White	
Horace Tart	Jonibel Willis	
Susan Parry	Kathy Chontos	
	Don Haydon	
	Linda Isley	
	Janice Shearin	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	Lloyd Gardner	Rod Malone
	Julye Mizelle	

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INFORMATION

#### Chair's Comments

- Patti Head shared that on May 4 several Board members attended the PTA Council Awards where individuals and schools were recognized for their contributions. Special thanks to this year's PTA Council President, Derrick Byrd, for his hard work. The Board looks forward to working with the new PTA Council President, Cindy Smith, in the coming year.
- On May 4, other Board members traveled with the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce on an inter-city visit to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Board member Eleanor Goettee reported on the three factors discussed: geography and climate, innovation, and strategic community action. Mrs. Goettee also reported there were two areas of education discussed. The ESL program is called English Language Learners and there are no "pull outs." ESL teachers work with students in the regular classroom. Also, this district supported Small Learning Communities for high school students.
- Patti Head informed the public that the Board is very much a part of the Blue Ribbon Committee, organized by County Commissioners, with 65 business and community leaders. This committee will be examining growth and infrastructure, and will issue a report to the County Commissioners. A sub-committee of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommended a ten-cent property tax increase, which would generate \$70 million, and would provide an extra \$700 million in potential bond funding. The sub-committee did not recommend any dollar amount for the bond, nor did they take a stand on year-round conversions. They did, however, recommend multi-track year-round as an option.
- On May 9, most Board members attended a High Five dinner to discuss educational issues. Becky and Rick Dufour discussed the leader's role in developing a Professional Learning Community.
- On May 10, Patti Head and Del Burns attended the NCAE Regional Assembly to share with teachers the Capital Improvement Plan and to answer questions.

- Also, on May 10, Superintendent Bill McNeal was honored at the Superintendent's Scholarship Awards. Each scholarship is worth \$5,000, given to seventeen high school seniors.
- Wake Education Partnership sponsored a summit on May 11. Bill McNeal and Del Burns gave a state of the schools address. Tony Gurley, David Cooke, Mr. McNeal, Patti Head, and Dr. Burns were available to answer questions.
- The Teacher of the Year Banquet was held on May 11 at the Embassy Suites in Cary. The 2005-06 Wake County Teacher of the Year is Ms. Gladys Madauss, a first grade teacher at Brentwood Elementary School.
- The Board presented the WCPSS operating budget to County Commissioners on May 15. The budget includes a \$21.4 million increase over last year's request.
- County Commissioners and Board of Education members will have a joint meeting on May 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the WCPSS Board Conference Room.

### Superintendent's Comments

- The Superintendent's Leadership Scholarship campaign was a grassroots, communitywide effort to raise more than \$85,000 to establish seventeen one-time scholarships in honor of Superintendent Bill McNeal on his retirement June 30. Each student received a scholarship of \$5,000. The scholarships were presented to the following students:  
 Maria Guillermo-Salinas of Apex High  
 Lindsay Bryant of Athens Drive High  
 Kathryn Miller of Broughton High  
 Melinda George of Cary High  
 Jill Ann Adams of East Wake High  
 Elizabeth Gilliam of Enloe High  
 Leslie Moore of Fuquay-Varina High  
 Lauren Cox of Garner High  
 Jelyse Dawson of Green Hope High  
 Rinchen Lama of Leesville High  
 Lauren Bauer of Middle Creek High  
 Annie Dela Vergne of Phillips High  
 Alexandra E.L.A. Zagbayou of Sanderson High  
 Yolonda Tia Hodges of Southeast Raleigh High  
 Jamial Delwan Black of Wake Forest-Rolesville High  
 Maria Lopez of Wakefield High
- Gladys Madauss is Wake County's 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year. Gladys is a first grade teacher at Brentwood, who holds several leadership roles at her school and has been teaching for eleven years. She is the grade level chair, leadership team chair, and a member of the School Improvement Team. Brentwood Elementary principal Myrna Pagan said, "Madauss has demonstrated strong learning skills and creativity. Gladys joined the Brentwood staff in August 2002 and ever since then she has become a shining star. Her students have improved academically and socially. She emphasizes positive interactions among students and her positive reward system helps students feel good about their learning." Madauss grew up in El Salvador, lived in several countries and found everything was so new when she first arrived in NC. "My first year was a powerful learning experience," said Madauss. "As I taught the children each day, I was also learning along with them. Each day I learned to love them, respect them and value the gifts they had to offer. It took courage, adaptability, creativity, determination, commitment and passion for teaching. I believe these are some of the essential qualities teachers should possess in order to be successful."
- Project Graduation will be Saturday, May 20, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Dorton Arena.

Patti Head congratulated Bill McKemey, a WCPSS bus driver, who was named best in the state at the bus driver's rodeo and will represent North Carolina in the national competition in Lake Tahoe. Jeff Mellen was the third place winner.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Lori Millberg reported that on May 4 she attended a forum sponsored by Progress Energy entitled “Plugged In.” Economists were discussing the economic outlook in the Southeast and reported that salaries for college educated people are increasing. Mrs. Millberg felt this information was important so that the school system could continue to prepare students for higher education.
- Beverley Clark reported that she had very positive feedback from teachers who had attended the two-day professional development sponsored by the Dufours. These teachers were very excited about the concept of professional learning communities.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*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 special recognition and board advisory reports for their comments.*

- **Graham Satsky, former teacher.** She is against mandatory year-round schools.
- **Barry Schwartz, representing Jewish community.** He felt children would miss summer experiences.
- **Amy Leinfelder, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools because of different schedules.
- **Caroline Monson, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools because her family would lose their summer vacation, doesn’t want multi-track high schools, and is afraid the school system would lose wonderful teachers.
- **Jimmy Talton, parent.** He is against mandatory year-round schools.
- **Hope Carmichael, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools and believes in excellence in WCPSS.
- **Juliana Pattisall-Williams, parent and high school teacher.** She is against mandatory year-round schools because she would be on a different schedule than her children and her childcare costs would increase.
- **Laura Gunter, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools. She moved here because of the quality of life, jobs, and schools and will help in getting the bond passed.
- **Kim Whitley, citizen.** She was speaking for her minister. Vacation Bible School would be impacted. Family mission trips would be impossible.
- **Dave Duncan, parent.** He is against mandatory year-round schools and feels that year-round success is based on choice. He will support the bond.
- **Amy Snow, parent.** She is concerned about the impact of changes on Eastern Wake magnets with mandatory year-round schools.
- **Lib McGowan, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools. She feels it would be an inequitable system and will support the bond.
- **Ed Gehringer, parent.** He is against mandatory year-round schools. He feels a smaller 2-year bond proposal will pass and would like more time to reach the public.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **1. 2004-2005 STATE TREASURER’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The Wake County Board of Education is the winner of the 2004-2005 State Treasurers Award for Excellence in Accounting and Financial Management in the category of School Units with Average Daily Membership of 12,000 and over. This awards program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize the Wake County Public School System and share with others its innovative approach to responsible fiscal management and improvements to current operations. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: None.

Mrs. Head introduced Eddie Burke with the N.C. Association of CPA's and Vance Holloman, Deputy Treasurer with the State Treasurers Office, who presented the award. Dr. Burns accepted the award on behalf of the Board and recognized the Budget and Finance staff.

### BOARD ADVISORY REPORTS

- **District 1 – Rhonda Alderman.** District 1 consists of twenty schools: thirteen elementary, four middle, and three high schools. Issues addressed by District 1 include anticipated growth, the opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade center in Wake Forest, the maintenance of older schools, teacher recruitment and retention of highly qualified teachers, and ESL support. Members would like to see a ‘no tolerance’ policy in relation to the gang situation with education starting in elementary school. They also recommend school uniforms.
- **District 3 – Val Stevens.** District 3 has fifteen schools: nine elementary, four middle, and two high schools. Issues addressed by District 3 are reassignment, mandatory year-round schools, and the bond. Members suggested that parents be informed about planned reassignment in advance and how new schools will be populated.
- **District 4 – Christine Kushner.** District 4 has sixteen schools, predominately magnet. Issues addressed by District 4 are the bond and growth and the role magnet schools play in managing growth and providing equity in education.
- **District 7 – Suzy Nisbet.** District 7 consists of fourteen schools: eleven elementary, one middle, and two high schools. Issues addressed by District 7 are growth management and reassignment, Board Advisory Council policy, transition issues pertaining to grade changes, suspensions, ESL, and the bond.
- **District 8 - Glenn Astolfi.** District 8 consists of nineteen schools. Issues addressed by District 8 are education and communication about the bond, reassignment with mandatory year-round schools, middle school transition, community schools, ESL, and the desire for central office administration to assist schools in communicating their successful programs to students, parents, and local areas.
- **District 9 - George Wait.** Issues addressed by District 9 are transition, roles of the Board Advisory Council, the growing ESL population, reassignment, and challenging high-performing students.

Districts 2 and 5 did not present an oral report, but provided written reports.

Patti Head expressed the Board's appreciation for the Board Advisory Council work and the feedback from each district's chairperson.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Derek Bombien, parent.** He is against mandatory year-round schools and feels there are two tracks that are favorable to most parents, and would not be fair to those on the remaining tracks. He wants the Board to propose the bond without mandatory year-round schools.
- **Daniel Coleman, Raleigh Wake Citizens Association.** He spoke in support of the school construction bond and growth in the southeastern area of the city.
- **Carole Marcotte, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools. She asked that Board members consider other alternatives.
- **Jennifer Lanane, teacher and incoming NCAE President.** She expressed teacher concerns and wanted Board members to know that the NCAE supports the bond issue, and they are committed to making it pass.
- **Louise Lee, parent.** She is against mandatory year-round schools.
- **Casey Bombien, parent.** She is not against year-round schools, but wants a choice. She wants a higher bond without the mandatory year-round attached.
- **Caroline Huffman, parent.** She feels that mandatory year-round is experimental and expensive.

- **Charlotte Turpin, NCAE President and teacher.** She feels teachers should not have to work second jobs. Growth is not going away and the NCAE is backing the Board and will support the bond.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Patti Head received a request from Beverley Clark to amend the meeting agenda to move the Program Committee Information item, Competitive Grant (#1071): US Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program Central Office, Magnet Programs, to the Action agenda because of prior committee approval. Carol Parker made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2006 – Facilities Committee Minutes

April 18, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes

April 19, 2006 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education Minutes

April 27 & 28, 2006 – Board Quarterly Planning Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

May 2, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes

May 3, 2006 – Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education Minutes

## **FINANCE**

### **1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

These authorization forms designate the persons authorized to sign vouchers for the payment of money on behalf of West Millbrook Middle. 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 April 2006. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: Not applicable.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. UTILITY EASEMENT: WAKELON ELEMENTARY**

For the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, Progress Energy requests that Wake County Board of Education grant to Progress Energy Carolinas a 10-foot easement to construct, maintain, and operate electric and/or communication facilities consisting of poles, cables, wires, underground conduits, enclosures and other pertinent facilities within the easement, upon land known as Wakelon Elementary. The requested easement will accommodate utility service to the elementary school and will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval to grant Progress Energy an easement on the Wakelon Elementary School property for electrical service benefiting the Wakelon Elementary School.

**2. UTILITY EASEMENT: PANTHER CREEK HIGH**

For the sum of two hundred thirty-nine thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$239,800), Wake County Board of Education grants Progress Energy Carolina, Inc., its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and easement for a 70 x 1574.34 foot utility easement upon the land deeded to Wake County Board of Education located adjacent to the proposed I-540 Outer Loop in the Town of Cary. The requested easement is located in a 100-foot Thoroughfare Overlay and will not interfere with the Wake County Public School's present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat is attached which indicates the areas of the easement. Fiscal Implications: Progress Energy Carolina, Inc., to make payment of \$239,800 upon execution. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**3. RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT: EAST MILLBROOK MIDDLE**

Wake County Public School System desires to encroach on the right-of-way of the public road designated as Route SR 2041 (Spring Forest Road) 800 feet from the intersection of SR 2041 and US 1. The purpose is the construction of approximately 90 linear feet of curb and gutter as shown on the plans prepared by CLH Design, P.A. dated 3/31/06. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff request Board approval.

**4. BIDS: MODULAR AT HIGHCROFT DRIVE ELEMENTARY**

Bids were received on April 25, 2006, for the site set-up of one six-classroom modular complex for Highcroft Drive Elementary. Staff and Gurel Architecture, PA, recommend award of the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company in the amount of \$126,800. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the project budget of \$4,635,000 for the leasing and set-up of one hundred and three (103) mobile/modular classroom units, which are part of the \$5,385,000 Crowding Solution budget for 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**5. BIDS: MODULAR AT WAKEFIELD HIGH**

Bids were received on May 9, 2006, for the site set-up of one eight-classroom modular complex for Wakefield High. Staff and Brown & Jones Architecture, PA, recommend award of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis Construction in the amount of \$193,908.39. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the project budget of \$4,635,000 for the leasing and set-up of one hundred and three (103) mobile/modular classroom units, which are part of the \$5,385,000 Crowding Solution budget for 2006. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**6. BIDS: PAVING OF BUS AND EMPLOYEE PARKING LOTS AT CENTRAL SERVICES COMPLEX**

Bids for the paving of the bus and bus employee parking lots at Wake County Public Schools Central Services Complex were received on March 23, 2006. Staff recommends award of the single-prime contract to Eastern Services, LLC d/b/a Raleigh Paving in the amount of \$125,488.22. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from PLAN 2000 Priority Needs project budget of \$145,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**7. BIDS: YORK ELEMENTARY BOILER REPLACEMENT**

Bids for the York Elementary Boiler Replacement were received on April 26, 2006. Staff and Heery International, P.C., recommend award of the single-prime contract to Watco Corporation in the amount of \$118,330. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the PLAN 2004 System-Wide Improvements budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**8. BIDS: LONGVIEW ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

Bids for the asbestos abatement at Longview were received on April 12, 2006. Staff and Childress Environmental Consultant, Inc. recommend award of the single-prime contract to Janezic Building Group, LLC in the amount of \$111,045. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total project

budget of \$11,216,478, all of which is from the PLAN 2000 School Building Program.  
 Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**9. COMMISSIONING SERVICES AGREEMENT: PANTHER CREEK HIGH**

The Board recently selected firms to provide commissioning services. Negotiations have been completed with EMC Engineers Inc. to provide commissioning services for Panther Creek High in the amount of \$142,165 in accordance with the attached Master Commissioning Agreement and Individual Project Proposal Agreement. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the total budget of \$42,675,185, of which \$1,546,945 is from PLAN 2000 Start-Up funds, \$17,856,530 is from PLAN 2000, \$66,500 is from PLAN 2000 Modernization, \$6,591,219 is from Phase IIIB, and \$16,613,991 is from PLAN 2004 School Building Program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**10. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1: RELOCATION OF WCPSS MOBILE UNITS/PACKAGE B-3**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. 1 to C. Blake Lewis Construction. This change order, in the amount of \$484,200 is for the relocation of (15) mobile classroom units and (1) toilet facility to various schools to shift capacity at various campuses. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the PLAN 2004 Mobile Relocation Budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**11. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-03: WAKELON ELEMENTARY**

Board approval is requested for Change Order No. GC-03 to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for their Construction Management at Risk contract for construction of the new Wakelon Elementary in Zebulon. This change order, in the amount of \$3,317,681 is to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the last of the work packages needed to accomplish the construction of this project. A list of the bid packages is attached. The total of all GMPs is \$18,645,960. The final GMP includes bid alternate #3 for the Town of Zebulon's park development in the amount of \$147,905. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$22,073,088, of which \$14,983,080 is currently available from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program. The Town of Zebulon is contributing \$73,952 and Wake County Parks and Recreation is contributing \$122,953. A reallocation of \$6,893,103 is required because of escalating construction costs and is provided on a separate précis at this meeting. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**12. RESOLUTION: LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution requests reallocation of project funds from PLAN 2004 Program Contingency to East Garner Elementary (E-13), Wakelon Elementary (E-15), and Holly Grove Elementary (E-18). This is necessary to fund the cost escalation on the projects previously approved by the Board. Total reallocation amount is \$15,754,903. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

**1. GRANT PROPOSALS**

1. Competitive (#1069): Wake County Human Services, Community Partnership Funding/Project Enlightenment.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.  
 Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

**2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND SCHOOL WAIVERS**

- Board Members can access School Improvement Plans online. Instructions for accessing plans online are attached. Paper copies are also available in the Board Library.
- The six (6) schools that opened during the 2005-06 school year recently completed School Improvement Plans including waivers. The six schools are Cedar Fork Elementary, Forest Pines Elementary, Harris Creek Elementary, Wakelon Elementary, River Oaks Middle, and East Wake School of Health Science.

- Eight (8) schools opening during the 2006-07 school year requested a waiver to be utilized at the beginning of the school year. These schools include Barwell Road Elementary, Carpenter Elementary, Brier Creek Elementary, River Bend Elementary, Holly Grove Elementary, Panther Creek High School, Holly Springs High School, and East Wake School of Integrated Technology.
- In addition, several schools submitted a waiver related to class size not included in their initial plan.
- One waiver submitted by high schools in 2005-06 was approved for one year only, requiring approval for continuation.
- Copies of waivers requiring Board approval are attached.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting approval for School Improvement Plans and two (2) waivers.

### **3. AMENDMENT TO MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC., CONTRACT**

Our agreement with Maxim also includes services of habilitation specialists. This year, because of the needs of students entering the county, we utilized this service more than previous years. Fiscal Implications: We are requesting that the original contract of \$95,000 be increased by \$30,000 for a total of \$125,000 to meet these needs. Funds are in 02.5200.032.311.0136.0820.000. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the amendment.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **1. REQUEST(S) FOR LEAVE (Exhibit A)**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS**

### **Policy Committee**

Susan Parry reported that minor adjustments had been made to Policy 2550, and the committee will determine at a later date if a meeting is needed in June.

### **Community Relations Committee**

Rosa Gill reported that the committee had discussed the bond referendum and the Capital Improvement Plan. Staff suggested methods to inform the public. Over 600 faith-based organizations and several radio stations will help. The committee will have a June meeting.

### **Human Resources Committee**

Eleanor Goettee reported that Terri Cobb from the OCIPD talked with the committee about School Improvement Plans. The committee identified areas of focus for next year.

### **Instructional Program Committee**

Beverly Clark reported the committee was given a presentation on high school achievement. The number of high school students taking Advanced Placement courses and exams has increased, and Level 3 students can be successful on Advanced Placement exams. The other issue discussed was the magnet grant, which will follow on the Action agenda.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

### **1. COMPETITIVE GRANT (#1071): US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CENTRAL OFFICE, MAGNET PROGRAMS**

The United States Department of Education conducts the discretionary Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant competition. The purposes of the grant program include:

- Supporting the elimination, reduction, or prevention of minority group isolation in schools with substantial proportions of minority students, assisting in the efforts of the United States to achieve voluntary desegregation in public schools.

- Help school districts improve their capacity, including through professional development, to continue operating magnet schools at high performance level after Federal funding for the magnet schools has ended.
- Support instruction in magnet schools that substantially strengthens students' knowledge of academic subjects and attainment of tangible and marketable vocational, technological, and professional skills.

Staff with the WCPSS Magnet Programs office are actively considering preparing an application to submit in the fall of 2006. If awarded, funding would begin with the 2007-08 school year for a three-year period. Fiscal Implications: None initially. Continuation of grant activities after the grant funding ends may require additional funding at that time. Recommendation for Action: Presented for information at this meeting. Staff will present for Board approval at the June 6 meeting.

Beverley Clark made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ken Branch presented the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to the Board. He reviewed the grant parameters, the selection of magnet schools to participate, identification of magnet schools, overarching purpose and significant enhancements. Enloe, Garner and Southeast Raleigh High Schools are recommended to be part of the program. Board member Lori Millberg expressed the idea of possibly having a magnet high school in Eastern Wake County. Jo Baker reported that this grant is being pursued to enhance existing programs and that the decision to add magnet schools is another issue, not part of this particular grant. The vote was unanimous to pursue this grant.

## **FACILITIES**

### **1. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Chuck Dulaney provided information and answered questions concerning costs and tax implications associated with the various proposals regarding mandatory year-round schools and the bond referendum. Mr. Dulaney told Board members that two plans will need to be in place, based on whether the bond referendum passes or fails.

Board members further discussed the shortage of seats for 2007-2008. When asked about the addition of more mobile units for overcrowded schools, Mike Burriss reminded Board members that playing fields and other areas would be compromised. Rosa Gill expressed her concern about equity and choice for all students who are mandated to attend year-round schools. Susan Parry reminded Board members that students are already being assigned to year-round schools as their base school, not just through the application process. After much discussion, Rosa Gill made a motion to accept the Capital Improvement Program as presented, seconded by Susan Parry. With a vote of 2-6, the motion did not pass. Opposing votes were Lori Millberg, Horace Tart, Carol Parker, Beverley Clark, Ron Margiotta, and Eleanor Goettee.

Horace Tart made the following motion.

Add to the Capital Improvement Program:

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| \$50 million | Two additional year-round elementary schools to open in 2009   |
| \$6 million  | To accommodate crowding at middle schools either through the purchase of additional mobiles or through conversion of middle schools or a combination of both |
| \$2 million  | For additional swing space   |

The New CIP assumes the conversion of enough elementary schools to year-round to accommodate an additional 3000 students with the understanding that we will make every effort possible to accommodate families that cannot make year-round work where seats are available.

\$58 million	Additional – new CIP \$1,055,874,837
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Eleanor Goettee seconded the motion. Ron Margiotta expressed his concern about making year-round mandatory and would like attendance to be a choice. Patti Head also wanted to clarify that year-round in Mr. Tart's motion is referring to a four-track year-round. The motion passed by a 5-3 vote. Opposing votes were Susan Parry, Ron Margiotta, and Rosa Gill.

Patti Head stated that with the Board of Education's decision to approve a Capital Improvement Plan, the school system has started a new phase in a journey to provide students, teachers, and staff with schools so desperately needed to accommodate tremendous growth that is already here and yet to come. We want to provide facilities that are conducive to teaching and learning and support our mission of educating all children in a safe and appropriate environment. This process has been on-going for months and indeed for years, as a trend with our tremendous growth. Growth has been addressed in our community engagement meetings as well as growth committees in several of the advisory boards. Teachers, principals, students, and parents have been asked to adapt to teaching in areas that are not meant to be classrooms. The Board has had to create a crowding solution plan and funding for 2006-07. WCPSS is now at its limit and has been working diligently with County Commissioners and have come to an agreement on assumptions around which the Capital Improvement Plan can be planned. This plan does not address many of the issues in those assumptions, like reducing the number of students in modular units. Larger schools have been incorporated, and the Board has carefully analyzed and identified the critical renovations needed for health and safety issues in addressing some of the forty-year-old schools. The Board has also been very cautious in reducing costs and bringing to the public a bond package that allows critical needs to be addressed for seating for the next three years while taking into account the ten-year long-range plan to deal with continued growth, which will require additional bond packages in the future. The Board, through thousands of emails, telephone calls, and personal conversations, has listened to staff, parents, community, polls, and teachers. The Board believes the Capital Improvement Plan will address the most critical needs for renovation and capacity, that families wanting year-round will now have increased options, that families wanting traditional calendars will have increased options, and teachers will have options, also. The Board is committed to allowing teachers, our most valuable asset in the teaching and learning component, the choice in accommodating their needs. The Board is very sensitive to the issue of presenting the bond package to the public and asking for increased funding. Most importantly, the Capital Improvement Plan has not compromised academic excellence. The plan will now be taken to County Commissioners to begin the formal process of converting this plan to a bond package that the entire community can understand. This is a community investment and one that must be made to continue success in Wake County, not only educationally, but for the economic health of the entire community.

## **POLICY**

### **1. APPOINTMENT TO WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

In accordance with NC General Statute 115D-12, the Board of Education appoints four of the trustees on the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees. Terms are for four years and are staggered. The term for one of the Board's appointees, Jim Perry, expires June 30, 2006. Attached is a spreadsheet showing the current appointees of the Board of Education as well as a biographical profile of Mr. Jim Perry, President & CEO of Waste Industries, Inc., who is being considered for reappointment by the Board. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Presented for reappointment by the Board.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Parker. The vote was unanimous.

### **2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board of Education and the Board of County Commission have agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to evaluate the WCPSS capital improvement program, school design criteria, construction management and/or delivery methods, and communicate its findings to both boards and the public. Membership is by a nomination process developed by both boards. The slate of nominees will be presented at a future Board meeting for approval. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested for the establishment of the Independent Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

## INFORMATION

### HUMAN RESOURCES

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR CAREER STATUS**

##### **CLOSED SESSION**

Carol Parker made a motion to go into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319 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 pursuant to G.S.143-318.11 (a) (3). The motion was seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)**

#### **FACILITIES (cont'd.)**

Beverly Clark made a motion, seconded by Horace Tart, to amend the Action agenda to add a Facilities item: Lease Agreement - Lease for Administrative Space for Wake Early College High School.

#### **1. LEASE AGREEMENT – LEASE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE FOR WAKE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Terms and conditions of a Lease Agreement have been reached with Board of Trustees of Wake Technical College to lease a suite within a building on their Wake Med campus (containing approximately 2,180 square feet of space) on Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh, under a two year lease beginning July 1, 2006, with opportunities for annual renewals thereafter. The projected use is as the administrative space for the Wake Early College High School located on the Wake Technical College campus at Wake Med. Fiscal Implications: Rental rate is \$1 for the entirety of the initial two year term of the lease, and \$1 per year thereafter for any annual renewals. Funding for this lease would come from the Operating Budget. Recommendation for Action:

Staff requests Board approval of a Lease Agreement with Board of Trustees of Wake Technical College to lease administrative space approximately 2180 square feet of space on Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh, for a two year term.

A motion was made by Lori Millberg, seconded by Rosa Gill to approve the above lease. The vote was unanimous.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following administrative appointments, seconded by Rosa Gill.

- Kristin Atkins Cuilla, Ph.D., Senior Administrator, High School English Language Arts, to Principal at East Wake School of Intergrated Technology, effective date July 1, 2006
- Daryl T. Fisher, Principal at Wilburn Year-Round Elementary School, to Senior Director of Prevention Services, effective date June 15, 2006
- Wade Martin, Assistant Principal at Broughton High School, to Principal at Martin Middle School, effective date June 15, 2006
- Edye Morris Bryant, Assistant Principal at Carroll Middle School to Principal at Centennial Middle School, effective date June 5, 2006
- James Barnes, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Daniels Middle School, effective date June 19, 2006

- Kengie Bass, Assistant Principal Intern at Knightdale High School, to Assistant Principal at Knightdale High School, effective date July 1, 2006
- DeShawna Gooch, Assistant Principal Intern at Leesville Road Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Holly Springs High School, effective date June 12, 2006
- Jamie Merckle, Assistant Principal Intern at Hunter Elementary/Cary Elementary School, to Assistant Principal at Cary Elementary School, effective date May 17, 2006
- Arrica Moseley, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Yates Mill Elementary School, effective date May 17, 2006

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

Eleanor Goettee read into the record the Administrative Transfer(s) of Terri Cobb, Senior Director in Staff Development-OCIPD, to Chief of Staff, Superintendent's Office, effective date May 22, 2006, and Debbie Everett, Assistant Principal at Davis Drive Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Morrisville Elementary, effective date June 1, 2006.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Rosa Gill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Parker. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teresa B. Moore, Recording Secretary

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Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education