



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2006

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Michael Evans
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Ann Hooker	Lloyd Gardner
Ron Margiotta	Maurice Boswell	Julye Mizelle
Beverley Clark	Linda Isley	Danny Barnes
Carol Parker	Mike Burriss	Kathy Chontos
Eleanor Goettee	Don Haydon	
Susan Parry	Terri Cobb	
Lori Millberg	Jonibel Willis	
	Mark Winters	
	Donna Hargens	Board Attorney Present
	Bev White	Ann Majestic

Patti Head called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION

Chair's Comments

- Patti Head thanked Lori Millberg for the chocolate candy she brought back to Board members from Germany.
- Ms. Head welcomed everyone back from family time and vacations that had taken place since the June 20 meeting.
- Student transfer appeal hearings have taken place.
- On June 26 and July 10, the Blue Ribbon Committee met. Ms. Head thanked Rosa Gill for attending these meetings in her absence. The committee gave a preliminary final report, but the actual final report has not yet been published. Board members will receive copies of the report once it is published. Ms. Head expressed her gratitude to the 65 business and community leaders who have come together to identify the growing needs of the community, and Ms. Head shared statistics on the enormity of the expected growth in Wake County over the next 25 years.
- July 10 was the opening day for 20 year-round schools with 5 of those being new elementary schools. Ms. Head thanked the Facilities Department staff for their hard work and effort in getting the new schools open on time.
- On July 12, there was a reception for Superintendent Del Burns at St. Matthew AME Church. Rosa Gill, Patti Head, and Susan Parry were in attendance, and Ms. Head shared that it was a wonderful celebration.
- Ms. Head invited everyone in the audience to remain for the Swearing In Ceremony for the new superintendent, Dr. Del Burns, at 5 p.m. with a reception to follow.
- Focus group sessions regarding year-round conversion criteria were held on Thursday, July 13. The first session included the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council and the Board Advisory Council Chairs. The second session included the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council as well as principals and teachers. Ms. Head thanked the Board members who were able to attend these very informative sessions.

- On July 26, the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee will have its first meeting. Ms. Head gave an overview of the wide variety of professionals that make up the committee.
- The next Board of Education meeting will be held on August 8 with Committee of the Whole beginning at 12 noon and the board meeting beginning at 2 p.m. Ms. Head reported that this time change is being implemented to accommodate both the Board and staff. This time change is being done as a pilot for July, August, and September.
- The next joint meeting with County Commissioners will take place on August 24 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. (location to be determined).
- Committee assignments for 2006-07 are in Board notebooks. Ms. Head thanked Board members for their willingness to serve, and she asked committee chairs to provide Carol Parker or Eleanor Goettee, before August 1, any other suggestions for board work, particularly for their respective committees. Finalizing the Board Work Plan will be a focus at the August 8 meeting.
- Patti Head provided handouts of a resolution passed by the Wake County Bar Association at their June 20 meeting. She read the following excerpt from the resolution: *Now therefore be it resolved that the Wake County Bar Association hereby affirms its continued support of the Wake County Public School System with the creation of a Task Force to be known as "Wake County Lawyers for Wake County Schools" whose responsibility it will be to recommend to the Board, and subsequently to the general membership of the Association, appropriate levels of support for the Wake County Public School System and the Bond Referendum in the 2006-07 year.*
- At Ms. Head's request, Ann Majestic introduced Adam Mitchell, a rising 3rd year law student at Berkeley Law School and member of the East Palo Alto School Board in California, who was in the audience.

Superintendent's Report

- The first day of the 2006-07 school year for all 20 year-round schools was July 10. Each school was visited by a member of the Leadership Team, and Superintendent Burns had the opportunity to visit the five new schools. He shared his praise of the work of the Facilities Department for having the schools ready for opening. Teaching and learning began on the very first day.
- The first day for modified calendar schools was July 26, and track 4 of year-round begins on July 31.
- The summer has been very active with professional development. Since June 19 and continuing through August 18, approximately 500 courses will be offered to employees. Currently, 6,000 attendees are registered for different courses involving approximately 600 administrators, 4,000 teachers, 200 teacher assistants, and 1,200 support staff.
- An AVID Conference was held July 9-13. Twenty-two middle schools attended. The purpose of AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is to target study skills, to have someone monitor the progress of children, and to help children strive to achieve at higher levels and take higher level courses.
- The Clerical Support Training Institute will be held on July 24 at Crossroads. The institute is the combined effort of several departments, and 250 staff members are registered at this time.
- On July 1, the conversion of the Oracle 11i database was accomplished. Oracle is the underlying financial software used for WCPSS business applications. This was a great undertaking lead by Technology Services and many people who use Oracle, and the conversion was extremely successful.
- Beginning this school year, teachers will be able to access, for the first time, instructional materials from home. This includes focused lessons, pacing guides, and the standard course of study. It is available to teachers in year-round schools now. Dr. Burns commended the Instructional Services Division along with the Technology Department for making this possible for teachers.
- Freshman Camps are being offered by the high schools for ninth graders so that the voyage that the Class of 2010 begins will start smoothly. Each high school has developed its own camp to help personalize school for students and allows them to make connections with faculty and staff members. The camps began as early as July 10 and go through the first two weeks of August.

- In the July/August issue of *Cary Magazine*, WCPSS School-to-Career Program was highlighted. This program was begun 12 years ago with the business community to foster good relationships with individual students and schools, and the article is on the WCPSS Internet.
- Representatives from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Professional Development and the Curriculum and Instruction Department, along with several other districts, presented at the Public School Forum on July 17 on how to successfully implement and track high quality professional development according to No Child Left Behind standards.
- The 2nd cohort for the WCPSS Institute for Teacher Leaders will begin this year. Currently, schools and teachers are being identified to participate with the help of area superintendents. This is a combined effort of the Instructional Services Division, Human Resources, and the Triangle Leadership Academy. It is a two-year program to help develop good leadership skills.
- Three schools in the Southern area are going through the Middle Years Program (MYP) authorization process: Garner Senior High, East Garner Middle, and North Garner Middle. They are in the planning stage now and will receive an on-site visit in the fall.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Patti Head shared that Horace Tart was not in attendance at today's meeting because he was on a mission trip in Louisiana. He is helping with the dire need of people in that area affected by Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Hart asked that Ms. Head let the Board and Superintendent Burns know how sorry he was that he could not be present for this special occasion, and he sends his congratulations to Dr. Burns.
- Susan Parry commented on the opening of year-round schools on July 10. She expressed how impressed she was with the "can do" attitude and the extraordinarily positive attitude of everyone involved.

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 agenda for their comments.

- **Ethan Miller, student.** He is opposed to the reassignment of his node and three other nodes from Athens Drive High School to Southeast Raleigh High School. He felt there was no benefit to anyone; it is a dangerous commute; and he asked the Board to reassign his node back to Athens. He asked what the Board was getting from his sacrifice.
- **Glenn Miller, parent.** He provided a handout to Board members. He felt his son, Ethan, deserved a response. He opposed the reassignment of his node and three other nodes from Athens Drive High School to Southeast Raleigh High School and felt there were no benefits to the school or valid reasons to impose disruptions into the lives of these students. He asked the Board to reassign the nodes back to Athens.
- **Louise Lee, parent.** She is opposed to mandatory year-round conversion. She feels that many of those who are most educated about year-round are the most opposed to mandatory year-round. She noted the negative impact that it would have on autistic children and showed a picture from a summer camp that will no longer be able to operate if schools are on a mandatory year-round calendar.

Before proceeding to the approval of the meeting agenda, Patti Head gave a timeline of the agenda. At 4:30 p.m., the meeting will recess to prepare for the Swearing In Ceremony at 5 p.m. and for the reception that follows. If there is more business before the Board after the reception, the Board will reconvene at the end of the reception or at 6:30 p.m., which ever comes first.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move Consent Item #4 under Finance, “Plan to Retain Middle School Resource Officers” to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move the minutes of the Student Transfer Appeal Hearings on June 1, June 5, June 7, June 14, June 19, and June 29, 2006, from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move the Annual Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2006, from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Lori Millberg. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT ITEMS

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

Beverly Clark recognized the Enloe High School students on the Envirothon team who won the NC competition and are now going on to compete at the international level in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada. This trip is an item on today’s Consent Agenda. Deborah Massengill and Beth Cochran from Enloe were in the audience, and Ms. Clark thanked them for coming.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2006 – Special Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

June 20, 2006 – Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

1. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

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

2. AUTHORIZATION FORMS

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

3. GIFTS TO THE SYSTEM (Exhibit A)

Seventy-five gifts have been donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$69,714.54. Fiscal Implications: Not applicable. Recommendation for Action: No action is required.

4. RENEWAL OF WCPSS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE COVERAGE

The estimated cost to operate a self-insured workers’ compensation program for 2006-2007 is \$1,439,488. In comparison, the estimated standard premium for commercial insurance for 2006-2007 would be \$2,430,258. There continues to be substantial savings realized for WCPSS by self-insuring. It is recommended that coverage continue with Key Risk Management Services based on claim handling fees

remaining unchanged for the fifth consecutive year and since Key Risk Management Services is the Third Party Administrator of State Board of Education Self-Insured Workers' Compensation (state funded positions). This provides efficient coordination of claims activities for workers paid from multiple funding sources. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available in 2006-2007 in the amount of \$1,226,715. Funds will be appropriated from reserved fund balance as required to pay claims incurred in excess of the 2006-2007 budgeted amounts. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested

5. CHANGE ORDER 3: MCNATTON TECHNOLOGIES LLC SERVICE AGREEMENT

As a result of a Request For Proposal (RFP) released in March 2005, McNatton Technologies was chosen to provide Unix systems administrative support services. Last June, a one-year contract with the option of renewal for a second and third year was approved by the Board to begin July 1, 2005. Services are being renewed for a second year. Change order 2 allowed services to continue uninterrupted until Change order 3 could be taken before the Board for approval. Change order 3 will increase funding \$672,000 and extend contract term for the remainder of the fiscal year through June 30, 2007. Fiscal Implications: Total amount of change order is \$672,000. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2006-07 operating budget request. Funding will be contingent upon approval of the Technology Services current expense budget allotment. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of change order.

6. RENEWAL OF NOVELL SITE LICENSE

WCPSS utilizes a network operating system licensed under a renewable School License Agreement with Novell, Inc. This software is one of our basic requirements in providing network access throughout the district. Our annual enrollment fee is calculated at \$2 per license. The enrollment fee for WCPSS is reviewed each year to determine appropriate level of license and the total cost is adjusted if necessary. Renewal for 2006-07 will remain static at \$200,000. The use of Microsoft Server 2003 at seventeen school sites is the main factor in the level of license not requiring an increase. Additional school sites will utilize Microsoft Server 2003 in the future. Fiscal Implications: Total amount for renewal is \$200,000. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services 2006-07 operating budget request. Funding will be contingent upon approval of the Technology Services current expense budget allotment. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval of license renewal.

FACILITIES

1. BIDS: RELOCATE MODULAR UNIT TO GARNER HIGH

Bids were received on June 22, 2006 to relocate one eight classroom modular complex from Longview to Garner High. Work includes the tear-down, relocation, block, level, tie-down and trim out of the complex. Staff and H. S. Annis Architecture, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to C. Blake Lewis Construction in the amount of \$114,046.63. This précis ratifies the contract that the Board previously approved by email. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the current 2007 Crowding Solution budget of \$7,896,677, of which \$910,350 is for the Garner High 9th Grade Center. Recommendations for Action: Board approval is requested.

2. BIDS: SITE SET-UP OF MODULAR UNITS AT GARNER HIGH

Bids were received on June 29, 2006 for the site set-up of one eight classroom modular complex and one six classroom modular complex at Garner High School. Staff and H. S. Annis Architecture, PA recommend award of the single-prime contract to Beau Chene Company in the amount of \$184,500. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the current 2007 Crowding Solution budget of \$7,896,677, of which \$910,350 is for the Garner High 9th Grade Center. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

3. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: CARY HIGH ADDITION

The proposed Capital Improvement Program 2007-2010 includes a Cary High project, to construct a new three-story addition to the school. This contract provides for the design of the addition using PLAN

2004 Ninth Grade Crowding funds, with construction to be funded from the CIP. By advancing the project schedule, the new addition will expand the school's capacity and take the place of an additional 9th grade center. Negotiations have been completed with Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee PA for the design of this project. The form of agreement is the standard form approved by the Board attorney. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the current 2007 Crowding Solution budget of \$7,896,677, of which \$500,000 is for the Cary High 9th Grade Center solution. The total project budget includes total proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$572,000. However, since the design consultant is only authorized to provide services through the permitting and bidding/negotiation phase, this agreement is only for \$314,600. The remaining amount will be authorized after passage of the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

4. DESIGN CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: RIVER BEND ELEMENTARY (E-19)

The next school building program includes the construction of a new elementary school designated as River Bend Elementary which will open in 2008. Negotiations have been completed with Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee, PA for the reuse of the prototype used at East Garner Elementary and the form of agreement is the standard form approved by the board attorney. Fiscal Implications: The total proposed project budget is \$21,736,051, of which \$2,292,654 is from the PLAN 2004 School Building Program and, \$19,443,397 is from the next building program. The total project budget includes total proposed compensation for the design consultant of \$698,500. However, since the design consultant is only authorized to provide services through the permitting and bidding/negotiation phase, this agreement is only for \$304,175. The remaining amount will be authorized after passage of the next building program. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

5. EASEMENT: PANTHER CREEK HIGH

The Town of Cary requires a riparian buffer for development of property. The development of Panther Creek High encroached into the required riparian buffer thereby requiring a variance with the condition that an equivalent, or larger, parcel of land serve as "substitute riparian buffer" to mitigate the effects of the encroachment. The area to be set aside will not interfere with the Wake County Public School System's present or future use of the property. A copy of the plat is attached which indicates the areas of the easement. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval requested.

6. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Resolution requests an appropriation from the restricted fund balance to Morrisville Elementary (\$12,285.74), Barwell Road Elementary (\$1,600,560), Holly Springs High (\$368,964), Brier Creek Elementary (\$790,477.10), Heritage High (\$88,385.76), and Cary Park Project (\$330,823). These are municipal collaboration funds that were closed into a restricted fund balance at fiscal year end June 30, 2006, and must be allocated for the new fiscal year 2006-2007. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$3,191,495.60. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

7. RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR SPECIAL PROJECT – FUEL OIL TANKS

Resolution requests an appropriation from the restricted fund balance for completion of a Special Project for Fuel Oil Tanks for the Transportation Department. These are funds that were closed into a restricted fund balance at fiscal year end June 30, 2006, and must be allocated for the new fiscal year 2006-2007. Fiscal Implications: Total of this appropriation request is \$230,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO WINNIPEG, MANITOBA CANADA

- Students participating will be representative of grades 10-12.
- Approximately five students will participate and six chaperones.
- Students will depart from RDU on Friday, July 21, and return on Sunday, July 30, 2006. No school will be missed as this is over summer break.

- The students won the North Carolina competition and now are going to compete at the international level.

Fiscal Implications: The trip will be funded by the NC Soil and Water Conservation District so there is no cost to the students. Recommendation for Action: This item is recommended for consent.

2. CONTRACT 07-267 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (CONSULTATION AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

This continuation contract provides funding for Project Enlightenment to provide intervention services for at-risk children through consultation, resources, and support for their teachers and families. Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$231,780.00. No Wake County Public School System funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

3. CONTRACT 07-247 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN)

1. This continuation contract funds Project Enlightenment to coordinate transition services that promote success of kindergarten students entering the Wake County Public School System.
2. Up to seven elementary schools in partnership with 28 pre-kindergarten programs serving large numbers of high-risk children will receive grants to implement approved transition activities.

Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$98,214.00. No Wake County Public School System funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

4. CONTRACT 07-232 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (PARENTS AS TEACHERS HOME VISITING)

1. This continuation contract funds Project Enlightenment's Parents As Teachers services for at-risk children in school nodes served by the East Wake Education Foundation and provides coordination for these services in other areas of Wake County.
2. Research shows a direct relationship between Parents As Teachers services and children's academic and social success in school.

Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$330,403.00. No Wake County Public School System funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

5. CONTRACT 07-268 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SPEECH/LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM)

This contract extends SmartStart funding for Project Enlightenment to provide center-based training and speech, language, and hearing screening services that target hard-to-reach populations. Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract in the amount of \$110,364.00. No Wake County Public School System funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract to receive funding from Wake County SmartStart, Inc.

6. PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, INC., MEDICAID BILLING SERVICES

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) has contracted with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) for the past nine years for the provision of Medicaid-billing processes compliant with federal and state requirements. PCG works with the WCPSS staff and the state Medicaid-billing agency to develop forms and reporting format, and provides training for staff. PCG will submit two invoices, one in December 2006 and the other in May 2007 for their fees. Fiscal Implications: Contract totals \$125,000

and will be funded by Medicaid revenues received in 2006-2007, projected to total \$1.2 million dollars.
 Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR EMPLOYMENT (Exhibit B)

- (a) Professional
- (b) Support

2. REQUEST(S) FOR LEAVE (Exhibit C)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

There were no committee reports to be given.

Carol Parker mentioned the Finance Committee meeting on August 15. She would like to add citizens with financial background to the Finance Committee, and she requested that each Board member give her the name of a citizen who would be interested in serving on this committee. Ms. Parker gave a reminder that the Audit Committee policy will be discussed in August at the Policy Committee meeting. This will allow the Audit Committee to be established and have a meeting prior to the financial report being given in November.

Ron Margiotta complimented the State Legislature on passing recent legislation, one being public-private partnerships. He warned the public that this is not the panacea for building schools; this is just an aid that can be used to perhaps speed up construction of schools. Mr. Margiotta also commented on recent legislation regarding the Pledge of Allegiance Bill being passed. He complimented the Apex High School student that originated this initiative as well as Russell Capps who kept the ball moving in the House. The Pledge of Allegiance will now be recited daily in all schools, and Mr. Margiotta commended the State Legislature for passing these two bills along with others. Patti Head commented that one of the recommendations that the Board will perhaps be looking at is having the public-private partnership studied either by the Finance Committee or the Facilities Committee.

Eleanor Goettee shared that a bill was passed that mandates that school improvement teams will write into their plan provisions for guaranteeing that teachers have duty-free lunches and a planning period per day. There are no funds tied to that, which is problematic, but progress is being made in this effort.

Patti Head shared that Susan Harrison will be bringing updated legislative information to the August 8 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. STUDENT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARINGS MINUTES

June 1, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

June 5, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

June 7, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

June 14, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

June 19, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

June 29, 2006 – Student Transfer Appeal Hearings Minutes

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for approval by the Board.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ron Margiotta commented on a recent newspaper article containing a headline and inference that some people outside the school board had an influence on the reassignment plan. He specifically mentioned the tie to the Enchanted Oaks Subdivision, which was reassigned and then assigned back. Mr. Margiotta has received concerns from citizens in his district as to how many others were influenced in that same manner. He stated that this raises a question in his mind as well as in that of the public.

Ms. Head shared that this concern did not relate to the approval of the minutes. Mr. Margiotta stated that it was a means of bringing discussion of this issue to the Board table, and he also mentioned discussion of the inequities of the transfer appeal process. Ms. Head clarified that minutes are just the written documentation of the proceedings of the meeting. She further stated that according to Board policy, if two Board members wish to have something added as an information item, it may be added to the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous.

2. JUNE 20, 2006 - ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: This item is presented for approval by the Board.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ron Margiotta requested that the minutes be amended to accurately reflect his questions and comments pertaining to the nomination and vote for vice chair. Ms. Majestic recommended pulling the minutes until they could be reviewed and his comments incorporated; the minutes would then come back to the Board for approval. The amended minutes will be on the next Board agenda.

Mr. Margiotta voiced a strong objection to moving the Board meeting times in July, August, and September to 2 p.m. He believes that the meetings should be held in the evening to accommodate public involvement. Beverley Clark offered a rebuttal because she has heard from parents who have shared that 2 p.m. is a better for their schedules than 4 p.m. Patti Head stated the both City Council and the County Commissioners meet at 2 p.m., and the Board Chair felt changing the Board of Education meeting time to 2 p.m. for July, August, and September, was a worthy pilot program. Susan Parry emphasized the Board's efforts to solicit public feedback in many different forms from the public. Ms. Head stated that Mr. Margiotta's objections are duly noted, and this will be reassessed as the meetings continue.

FINANCE

1. PLAN TO RETAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Wake County Sheriff's Department and the Wake County Public Schools entered into a partnership in January 2001 to place deputies in seventeen (17) middle schools as school resource officers through a COPS in Schools Grant. The WCPSS agreed to a retention plan funding (\$188,000) for salaries at the end of the grant. The grant expired in April 2005. Board Approval is requested. Fiscal Implications: Budgeted funds are available through the Security Department. Recommendation for Action: Approval is requested.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Margiotta. Russ Smith made a presentation to the Board. Staff is recommending continuation of the partnership with the Wake County Sheriff's Office to ensure that all of the middle schools have school resource officers assigned on campus. Ron Margiotta asked for clarification as to how long the remainder of the grant will stay in effect. Mr. Smith explained that the grant itself has expired, and he provided further information as to the conditions of the grant. The recommendation is to continue the partnership with the Sheriff's Office with WCPSS providing a portion of the cost. In response to a question posed by Ron Margiotta, Mr. Smith stated that the Sheriff's Office portion of the cost is approximately \$659,000. Mr. Margiotta asked for clarification as to who supplies the resource officers at the high schools, and Mr. Smith responded that each jurisdiction (community) handles the actual placement of high school resource officers, but WCPSS does enter into

partnership contracts with each of them, with the funding coming from the state. The vote was unanimous.

2. CONTRACT: SECURITY SERVICES FOR 2006-2007

Board approval is requested for contracted security services for the Alarm Monitoring Center, night patrol, administration buildings, bicycle patrol officers, and security officers on elementary school campuses. Staff recommends that AlliedBarton Security Services be awarded the contract for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. The annual value of this contract is approximately \$1,303,400.00 (\$1,291,500.00 after 1% discount option). The rates will remain the same for the next two years. Fiscal Implications: Funds are available through budgeted security contract services in the amount of \$1,118,900.00. Additional funds from savings identified and potential changes to the local budget will be required to support the contract. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Russ Smith made a presentation to the Board. He stated that the current WCPSS security services contract for private security services is set to expire on August 9, 2006. Submittals from five security companies were received in response to a request for proposals. Staff carefully reviewed and compared the proposals and as a result, Board approval is requested to award the contract to AlliedBarton Security Services for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. Mr. Smith answered clarifying questions from the Board, and Superintendent Burns clarified budget shortfall information as well. Mr. Smith shared the rationale for not recommending the lowest bidder for the contract. Beverley Clark expressed her appreciation for the information and analysis that was provided. The vote was unanimous.

FACILITIES

1. SCHEMATIC DESIGN: WAKEFIELD HIGH 9TH GRADE CENTER

Staff will present the schematic design documents prepared by Schenkel Shultz Architecture for the conversion of an existing grocery store into the Wakefield High 9th Grade Center. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available in the current 2007 Crowding Solution project budget of \$7,896,677, of which \$6,486,327 is provided for this conversion. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Carol Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Sheri Green and Larry Sherrill made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Sherrill showed photos of the facility on the overhead screen. Handouts were provided of the site plan, floor plan, and exterior elevations, and Ms. Green gave an overview of each. The lease on the building is for 10 years with an option to renew for 5 additional years. There will be 28 teaching spaces to serve about 600 students. The building is located approximately 2 miles from Wakefield High School. Sheri Green and Chuck Dulaney answered clarifying questions from the Board. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FINANCE

1. PRELIMINARY PROJECTION OF THE LOCAL IMPACT OF STATE BUDGET CHANGES

To present the preliminary projection of the local impact of State budget changes. Fiscal Implications: Preliminary projection of adjustments to the local budget. Additional information will be provided to the Board of Education once Wake County Public School System receives initial State allotments, salary increases are applied, and 20th day average daily membership data is available. Transactions transferring budget between accounts will be reported to the Board of Education with all Budget Amendments and Transfers quarterly. Recommendation for Action: No action at this time. Administration is reporting potential changes in local expenditures.

Terri Kimzey made a presentation to the Board on preliminary projections. She gave an overview of the chart regarding the possible impacts on the local budget for 2006-07. Ms. Kimzey discussed the discretionary reduction; pay increases for teachers, administrators, noncertified staff, and central office administrators; employer matching retirement costs and employer matching hospitalization costs; and the New Schools Project High Schools. She shared that the next impact of all of these items would be a local cost of about \$400,000. Additionally, WCPSS will be applying to the State for a refund of the local portion of the sales tax paid in the last fiscal year. The preliminary projection is that the refund will be about \$1 million. This would offset the \$400,000 cost and show a positive \$600,000. Ms. Kimzey and Superintendent Burns answered clarifying questions from the Board. Ms. Head thanked Ms. Kimzey for her presentation.

FACILITIES

1. REVIEW OF RANDLEIGH FARMS CONCEPTUAL PLAN

Staff will present a review of the Randleigh Farms property draft conceptual plan for the development of a 411+ acre parcel that is jointly owned by Wake County and the City of Raleigh, and is located at the intersection of Auburn-Knightdale Road and Battle Bridge Road. The conceptual plan includes potential sites for E-28 and M-7. Fiscal Implications: None at this time. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for information.

Betty Parker made a presentation to the Board and provided handouts of the *Vision Outline* and map of the Randleigh Farms Conceptual Plan. The property is located at the intersection of Auburn Knightdale Road and Battle Bridge Road and contains approximately 411 acres along the Neuse River in an area that is suitable for environmental education and preservation. This site will contain both an elementary and a middle school, and there is interest from the core team in having an environmental focus in the educational programs at both schools. Ms. Parker gave a detailed overview of each of the focus areas listed on the *Vision Outline* handout. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Parker answered clarifying questions from the Board. Beverley Clark expressed her support of the design concept, but did want to note that what takes place in the classrooms will be a decision to be made by the Board in the future. Ms. Head thanked Ms. Parker for the presentation, and expressed that the Board looks forward to being informed of the progress.

CLOSED SESSION

Rosa Gill made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:45 p.m. to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402; to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 115C-319; to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3); and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) due to current litigation, captioned: DB & RB, for BB, minor child, vs. WCBOE. Lori Millberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Closed Session recessed at 4:35 in order to prepare for the Swearing In Ceremony for the new superintendent, Dr. Del Burns.

Closed Session reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

The Board recessed Closed Session and returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Carol Parker and seconded by Susan Parry.

ACTION ITEMS (cont'd.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to approve the following administrative appointments:

- Herbert A. Ellzey, Assistant Principal at Apex Middle School, to Principal at Salem Middle School, effective date July 19, 2006
- Therman L. Flowers, Applicant, to Principal at Millbrook International Baccalaureate Magnet Elementary School, effective date August 1, 2006
- William Holley, Assistant Principal at Fuquay-Varina Middle School, to Principal at Fuquay-Varina Middle School, effective date TBD
- Christopher E. Scott, Assistant Principal at Hunter Gifted and Talented/AG Basics Elementary School to Principal at Fuller Gifted and Talented/AG Basics Elementary School, effective date August 1, 2006
- Melda A. Smith, Applicant, to Principal, West Millbrook Middle School, effective date August 20, 2006
- Cathy Williams, Assistant Principal at Enloe High School, to Principal at East Garner Middle School, effective date TBD.
- Nancy E. Allen, Instructional Resource Teacher at East Wake Middle School, to Assistant Principal at East Wake Middle School, effective date TBD.
- Melissa Blackmon, Administrative Intern at Davis Drive Elementary School, to 50% Assistant Principal at Baucom Elementary School and to 50% Assistant Principal at Willow Springs Elementary School, effective date August 1, 2006
- Donna Donovan, Career Development Coordinator/Department Chair at Green Hope High School, to Assistant Principal at Green Hope High School, effective date July 19, 2006
- Paulette R. Fairfax, Assistant Principal Intern at Salem Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Salem Middle School, effective date July 19, 2006
- Kevin L. Granger, Administrative Intern at Wakefield Middle School, to Assistant Principal at Southeast Raleigh High School, effective date July 19, 2006.
- Jody Hinds, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Wakefield High School, effective date July 25, 2006
- Camille Hedrick, Teacher at Lufkin Road Middle School, to 50% IRT at Lufkin Road Middle School and to 50% Assistant Principal at Lufkin Road Middle School, effective date July 19, 2006
- Jonathan C. Murdock, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Davis Drive Middle School, effective date August 1, 2006
- Malcolm A. Pharr, Assistant Principal Intern at North Garner Middle School, to Assistant Principal at North Garner Middle School, effective date July 19, 2006
- John A. Rollack, Teacher at West Cary Middle School, to 50% IRT at West Cary Middle School and to 50% Assistant Principal at West Cary Middle School, effective date August 16, 2006
- Jeffrey L. Thomas, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Athens Drive High School, effective date July 19, 2006

The motion was seconded by Beverley Clark. The vote was unanimous.

The Board returned to Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. on a motion made by Susan Parry, seconded by Lori Millberg.

A motion was made by Ron Margiotta to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene Open Session at 9:37 p.m., seconded by Susan Parry.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS

Ann Majestic reported out the following Workers' Compensation Settlements:

- Shelia Christensen received a settlement amount of \$30,000.00 from local funding.
- Jo Ann Murphy received a settlement amount of \$32,500.00 from local funding.

- Judith Strother received a settlement amount of \$30,000.00 from local funding.
- Linda Lewis received a settlement amount of \$149,999.00 (\$127,499.15 from state funding and \$22,499.85 from local funding).
- Anna Mahjoub received a settlement amount of \$125,000 (\$106,250.00 from state funding and \$18,750.00 from local funding).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Parry. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education