



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### November 7, 2006

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>	
Patti Head, Chair	Superintendent Del Burns	Michael Evans
Rosa Gill, Vice Chair	Chuck Dulaney	Lloyd Gardner
Ron Margiotta	Maurice Boswell	Kathy Chontos
Beverly Clark	David Holdzkom	Danny Barnes
Carol Parker	Mike Burriss	Julye Mizelle
Eleanor Goettee	Don Haydon	Ann Hooker
Susan Parry	Marvin Connelly	
Lori Millberg	Jonibel Willis	
Horace Tart	Mark Winters	
	Donna Hargens	<b><u>Board Attorney Present</u></b>
	David Neter	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 warmly welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to Board members for taking time from their Election Day duties to be present at the meeting. She also gave a reminder that the Committee of the Whole meeting for today had been cancelled.
- On October 18, there was a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners. A notebook prepared by WCPSS staff outlining the *Blueprint for Excellence 2006* was distributed. This reference guide included Capital Improvement Plan criteria for year-round conversion, guidelines set by the Board to address family continuity and teacher issues, information about the extended application process, and future school sites information. The guide was designed as a means to have all the necessary information in one place when addressing questions from the public.
- On October 24, there was a meeting of the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee. Patti Head commented on the dedication and on-going hard work of this group in order to provide direction, counsel, and advice to both the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in moving forward with the capital improvement plans.
- On October 31, Patti Head attended the Wachovia officers' meeting that had approximately 200 attendees, as well as the Wake Tech North Campus Groundbreaking. At both of these events, business leaders emphasized the importance of public education.
- On November 3, Patti Head and Superintendent Burns attended the Daniels Middle School Ribbon Cutting and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Head was delighted to bring greetings from the Board. Many alumni were in attendance. Senator Neal Hunt was present and spoke of his personal experiences at Daniels. Ms. Head noted the continued academic success at Daniels, and she expressed the gratitude felt by the Daniels school community for the renovations and continued support for public education from the Board and WCPSS.

- Patti Head shared with the Board a resolution sent to her by Mayor Ernie McAlister and the Cary Town Council supporting the bond. Ms. Head made mention that Ronnie Williams, Mayor of Garner, and Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker had sent similar resolutions.
- A monthly newsletter for parents with children in the schools converting to year-round is being developed by the Communications Department. It will follow the topics on the year-round plan developed by Caroline Massengill. The purpose will be to help parents understand how the school is preparing for the conversion. Ms. Head felt this will be a wonderful resource for parents as well as the faculties.
- Michael Evans has completed a DVD for schools related to year-round conversion. This was also completed with the assistance of Caroline Massengill. The DVD addresses many questions for school staffs, including the list of questions compiled by NCAE. It will soon be available to the 22 schools converting to year-round.
- On October 28, the Annual Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk was held. There were 956 walkers with over 100 schools and/or departments participating. The walk raised approximately \$65,000. Ms. Head gave kudos to all of those who attended and participated.
- Many schools participated in Red Ribbon Week from October 23 through October 28. Red Ribbon Week is a celebration of being drug-free. Ms. Head offered thanks to the many PTAs and community organizations for their support of this event.
- Ms. Head asked that Board members reserve the following dates on their calendars beginning at 6 p.m.: January 16, 18, 24, and 25. More information will follow.
- Ms. Head reported that there will be a Board work session on January 30 relating to student assignment/reassignment issues.
- Ron Margiotta made mention of a formal resolution presented last month by the Town of Apex opposing the bond, and Ms. Head publicly acknowledged this resolution.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- On October 26, the Principal of the Year/Assistant Principal of the Year Celebration was held at Exploris. Superintendent Burns expressed thanks to Maurice Boswell and the Human Resources staff for once again providing an opportunity to celebrate “what is right” in WCPSS. Principals, assistant principals, members of the Leadership Team, and Board members were present to celebrate. Superintendent Burns congratulated Jamie Lynch, principal at Hodge Road Elementary School for being named Principal of the Year. He also congratulated Gloria Jones, assistant principal at Centennial Magnet Middle School, for being named Assistant Principal of the Year. In addition, Dr. Burns recognized principal and assistant principal finalists as follows:
  - David Ansbacher, principal at East Millbrook Magnet Middle School
  - Freda Cole, principal at Forest Pines Elementary School
  - Jan Hargrove, principal at Turner Creek Year-Round Elementary School
  - Cathy Moore, principal at Sanderson High School
  - Elizabeth Battle, assistant principal at Sanderson High School
  - Debbie Edwards, assistant principal at Salem Elementary School
  - Trent Evans, assistant principal at Reedy Creek Elementary School
  - Gail Zadell, assistant principal at Holly Springs Elementary School
 Dr. Burns expressed his pride in all of these outstanding administrators.
- Dr. Burns offered congratulations to Dee Bostick, a counselor at Baileywick Elementary School on recently being named the North Carolina Elementary School Counselor of the Year. Ms. Bostick is a shining example of the excellent employees in WCPSS. Dr. Burns commended her commitment to children and stated that she represents Wake County and North Carolina at the highest level.
- Davis Drive Elementary School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. A school is eligible for this recognition every five years, and this is the second time that Davis Drive Elementary has been recognized. Dr. Burns congratulated Principal Pat Andrews and the entire staff at Davis Drive Elementary on their achievement.

- On October 20, the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals held their Annual Achievement Conference at McKimmon Center. This conference focuses on promoting education among Hispanic youth. There were attendees from across the state. Six sessions were conducted by WCPSS employees, and Dr. Burns was proud to be present. He commented that this is just one more way for WCPSS to collaborate with other districts and to explore all possibilities of “teaching and learning” for all WCPSS students.
- The Annual Support Staff Conference was held at McKimmon Center on October 30. This event is a joint effort between the Office of Continuous Improvement and Professional Development, the Human Resources Department, and the Support Advisory Committee. Dr. Burns publicly thanked Rosa Gill for providing the welcome on behalf of the Board in Patti Head’s absence. About 650 employees, representing schools and departments, attended the conference. Dr. Burns shared that events such as this are important in the effort to retain, recruit, and train high quality employees.
- On October 26, Dr. Burns attended the quarterly meeting of superintendents from North Carolina. This meeting was planned to coincide with the National Conference of Teachers of Gifted and Talented. At the meeting, Dr. Burns saw Laurene Madern, who serves as the president of the North Carolina Association of Gifted and Talented. Ms. Madern is also a WCPSS employee who is a new hire in the Growth Management Department. Dr. Burns shared his pride in knowing that WCPSS has employees serving in state and national leadership positions.
- Dr. Burns extended congratulations to Don Haydon and the Auxiliary Services Department. The EnergySavers Program has been selected as the North Carolina District of the Year and as a finalist for the National District of the Year for 2006. This award is sponsored by the National Energy Education Development Project.
- Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker proclaimed October 17 to be Brentwood Elementary School Day in Raleigh. The mayor and city council honored Brentwood Elementary School for receiving Wake County’s first “Watershed Stewardship School Award” during its Clean Water Celebration.
- The Broughton High School renovation project received a Sir Walter Raleigh Award for the Community Appearance on October 26. This award comes from the City of Raleigh, and Dr. Burns congratulated staff for a job well done.
- On October 20, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) made a site visit for the purpose of discussing emergency preparedness. There were WCPSS representatives from many departments in attendance as well as many WCPSS partners from the community. Dr. Burns reported that it was an outstanding visit.
- Dr. Burns spoke of the events leading up to this Election Day in regards to the development of the Capital Improvement Plan. He shared his pride in the hard work of WCPSS staff - the many hours devoted to providing information, attendance at countless meetings, and response to countless requests for information. Dr. Burns thanked staff for their tireless efforts in this regard, and Patti Head added the Board’s thanks as well. Ms. Head also expressed thanks to Board members for all their hard work.

Other Board members shared the following comments:

- Susan Parry shared that she attended the last meeting of the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee at Lacy Elementary. She felt it was very helpful to hear the issues that principals and teachers are facing at their schools.
- Susan Parry reported that she attended the School-to-Career Fair at Triangle Towne Center. Over 3,000 WCPSS students interacted with over 100 business employers in the area regarding potential future jobs and careers. It was a huge benefit for the students that attended.
- Susan Parry reported that she and Carol Parker attended a forum hosted by the North Carolina Policy Watchers entitled, *Financing Our Children’s Future: The School Construction Crisis*. Former Governor Jim Martin spoke about his role in helping to “pick up the pieces” in response to the failed bond in Charlotte, and he shared some very interesting comments. Ms. Parry felt this forum was a great opportunity for those involved with policy making in the state to discuss the serious issues they face.

- Susan Parry shared that the Magnet Fair held at Southeast Raleigh High School on Saturday was a wonderful event. It was very well attended, and Ms. Parry expressed how rewarding it was to see the various programs that are provided at the magnet schools.
- Susan Parry attended the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Edge Luncheon at which the Chinese Ambassador was hosted. He talked with community leaders from across the region about the fact that this area is emerging as a global trading area and the importance of educating and preparing a workforce that is well equipped for this.
- Susan Parry had the opportunity to visit a second grade class at Middle Creek Elementary. Ms. Parry gave kudos to the teacher, Suzanne Clark, for the way she met the needs of every child. Ms. Parry was most impressed with Ms. Clark's teaching ability and style.
- Eleanor Goettee reported that she and Dr. Burns attended the first Triangle Leadership Academy Advisory Board meeting on October 27. Ms. Goettee shared the history of the Triangle Leadership Academy and its purpose. She provided Board members and others who were interested with a brochure. Ms. Goettee stated that the purpose of the advisory board is to offer input and to become advocates in the community. The advisory board will be meeting twice annually. Ms. Goettee shared that she was pleased to see the public-private partnership as a strong point with the Triangle Leadership Academy.
- Carol Parker also extended congratulations to the Career and Technical Education staff for the wonderful career fair at Triangle Towne Center.
- Carol Parker added to Ms. Goettee's report on the Triangle Leadership Academy by sharing that she and Susan Parry attended the Wake Education Partnership Roundtable, where the topic of the Triangle Leadership Academy was on the agenda. Several principals were in attendance, and these principals will be attending a conference in Washington, DC to explain the accomplishments of this public-private partnership that has been forged in a multi-district region. Ms. Parker has asked for a report to come to the Board on what has actually happened for Wake County in the way of the leadership training.
- Ann Majestic shared good news about her law firm, Tharrington Smith. Ms. Majestic reported that her colleague, Carlyn Poole, received the Justice Joseph Branch Professionalism Award, which is the highest honor in the Wake County Bar Association. Ms. Poole is the third member of Ms. Majestic's law firm to receive this award. Ms. Majestic stated that it is her hope that her firm continues to be reflective of the high caliber of WCPSS. Patti Head offered congratulations and thanked Ms. Majestic for her comments.
- Patti Head expressed sincere thanks to Rosa Gill for "stepping up to the plate" at numerous events while Ms. Head was out of town.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Horace Tart made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by moving the October 17, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda.

Donna Hargens clarified that a corrected Grants Submission Cover Sheet pertaining to the Grant Proposals on the Consent Agenda had been placed at each Board members' seat at the Board table. Since this correction did not change the spirit of the grant proposal (Competitive (#1117): Target Stores/Douglas Elementary School), Patti Head stated that this item would be left on the Consent Agenda.

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

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### FACILITIES

#### **1. RECOGNITION OF THE RECEIPT OF THE FACILITIES MASTERS AWARD**

The Wake County Public School System has received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Facilities Masters Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year 2005-2006 school system facilities operations plan. The Facilities Masters Award Program was designed by ASBO International to recognize school districts for achievement in high standards of school facility best practices. The award, the highest recognition for school district facility operations offered by ASBO, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the program. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the award, and recognize the Maintenance & Operations Department for this achievement.

Don Haydon made a presentation to the Board. He displayed the Facilities Masters Award plaque that had been received by WCPSS and introduced Joe Desormeaux to share further information about the program. Mr. Desormeaux outlined the checklist for determining winners of this award. He introduced and recognized the following staff members whose efforts played a key role in receiving this honor: Denise Boughton, Gary Haithcock, Bob Bittner, and Greg Clark (absent).

Patti Head congratulated Mr. Haydon, Mr. Desormeaux, and staff on receiving this outstanding honor. She thanked them as well for keeping the schools operational and healthy for the children of WCPSS.

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

#### **1. FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

For many years, WCPSS high schools have welcomed and been greatly enriched by international students sponsored by approved foreign exchange organizations. Secondary staff will share the procedures for accepting the students, the support provided to them, and the benefits of their presence. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Information only.

Richard Murphy introduced Tom Huffstetler for his presentation to the Board. Mr. Huffstetler thanked the Board for its support of this program. He gave a summary of the program and spoke of the quarterly events that are held to promote the program. This year there are 43 visiting international students representing 24 different countries. Mr. Huffstetler shared the many benefits of the program, one of which is that the students that come to WCPSS serve as goodwill ambassadors and through conversations with these students, WCPSS students are privy to understanding how other people around the world view our nation and our culture. Mr. Huffstetler introduced Anne Karakash, a Spanish teacher at Southeast Raleigh High School. Ms. Karakash shared information about a new club that has been created by the foreign exchange students at Southeast Raleigh High School. Two students spoke to the Board about their experiences with the foreign student exchange program - the first was an exchange student from Portugal followed by a WCPSS student whose family has hosted foreign exchange students.

Ron Margiotta asked about the possibility of extending the deadline in response to some concerns he has received in this regard, and Mr. Huffstetler responded. Susan Parry thanked Tom Huffstetler for his work on this beneficial and important program for WCPSS. Patti Head added her thanks to Mr. Huffstetler and to the students who came to share their experiences. Ms. Head stated that she feels international understanding is the hope of the future.

### **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.*

**Lib McGowan, parent.** Ms. McGowan is opposed to adding a magnet program at Forestville Elementary School. She felt that Forestville Elementary should be left as a traditional calendar school so that families who are being converted to mandatory year-round, but need the traditional calendar, can make application to Forestville. She questioned the reason for adding a magnet theme to Forestville since it is already likely that the demand for traditional calendar seats in Knightdale is going to far exceed the supply. Ms. McGowan also felt that having a magnet school so close to the existing elementary schools in Knightdale would draw the more affluent students away from the existing schools and increase the percentage of F&R students at these schools. Ms. McGowan provided Board members with a handout outlining her comments and asked the Board to leave Forestville Elementary as a traditional calendar option for families in Knightdale.

### CONSENT ITEMS

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

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2006 – Finance Committee Minutes  
 September 5, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes  
 September 12, 2006 – Finance Committee Minutes  
 September 13, 2006 – Community Relations Committee Minutes  
 September 13, 2006 – Instructional Program Committee Minutes  
 September 19, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes  
 October 3, 2006 – Closed Session Minutes  
 October 17, 2006 – Committee of the Whole Minutes

### FINANCE

#### **1. RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE: OWNED OR LEASED REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The Wake County Public School System has maintained Property Insurance Coverage through participation in the statewide pool administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for 19 years. The annual premium is based on current total insured values of \$2,190,611,905 (6% increase) with deductibles of \$5,000/\$2,000/\$25,000 (Fire, Lightning, Extended Coverage, & All Other Perils / Theft & Vandalism / Flood & Earthquake). There is a special deductible of \$1,000 for Mobile Band Equipment, Uniforms, Laptop, and Portable Computer Equipment. And, a substantial increase in the number of modular/mobile units. Coverage was modified in 2005 to Blanket Coverage with all property being on Replacement Cost, except vacant and unoccupied property. The annual premium quoted is \$807,570 (0.6% increase). Fiscal Implications: Funds are available in the Risk Management budget for 2006-2007. Recommendation for Action: Board Approval is requested.

### FACILITIES

#### **1. CHANGE ORDER NO. GC-8: SITE SET-UP OF MOBILE CLASSROOM UNITS / PACKAGE B4**

Staff requests Board approval of Change Order No. GC-8 to contract Package B-4 dated January 3, 2006, with C. Blake Lewis Construction. This change order, in the amount of \$127,300, is for the site set-up of 5 mobile classroom units at Green Hope High. Fiscal Implications: Funding is available from the 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

#### **2. RESOLUTION: PLAN 2000 LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Resolution requests reallocation of PLAN 2000 Program Contingency funds to the Priority Needs category. Additional funds are required in the Priority Needs category for the inclusion of a project at Fuquay-Varina Middle. Due to IAQ issues caused by deterioration of the existing roof, it is proposed to

replace the existing shingle roof with a new metal roof. Total reallocation amount is \$400,000. Fiscal Implications: No additional appropriation of funding is necessary. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

### **3. LEASE AGREEMENT: WAREHOUSE SPACE**

Acquisition of mobile units, modular complexes and the renovation of existing facilities require the storage of both new and used furniture until facilities are ready for use. No warehouse space is available at our Central Services Complex. Bannister Properties is currently providing 8,100 square feet of leased space for storage of this furniture. Staff recommends renewing the lease for an additional year. Fiscal Implications: 8,100 square feet at \$3.75 per foot or \$30,375 payable in a single sum at lease inception plus utilities. Funding is available from the 2006-2007 operating budget. This is an increase of \$2,025 over the previous year's lease. Recommendation for Action: Staff requests Board approval.

### **4. STUDENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Growth and Planning Department will present the Student Assignment Agreement between Wake County Board of Education and Granville County Board of Education regarding the "Lost Colony" students that was approved by the Granville County Board of Education Monday, September 11, 2006. Under this agreement, approximately thirty-three students, who live in the geographically isolated NW boundary of Wake County, will attend Granville County Public Schools. Fiscal Implications: The Wake County Board of Education and the Granville County Board of Education agree that the basic cost per student for 2006-07 school year is \$1,368.00. Recommendation for Action: Staff is presenting for Board approval.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

### **1. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT 07-232 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (PARENTS AS TEACHERS HOME VISITING)**

- a. This amendment to the contract approved at the July 18, 2006 Board meeting increases funding for Project Enlightenment services.
- b. The contract pays for Parents As Teachers home visiting services to high needs children and their families.

Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract to increase funding to a total of \$340,664.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

### **2. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT 07-267 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (CONSULTATION AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)**

- a. This amendment to the contract approved at the July 18, 2006 Board meeting increases funding for Project Enlightenment services.
- b. The contract pays for intervention services to high needs children, their teachers and families.  
Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract to increase funding to a total of \$239,780.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

### **3. AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT 07-268 BETWEEN WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART, INC. AND WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM)**

This amendment to the contract approved at the July 18, 2006 Board meeting increases funding for Project Enlightenment to provide center-based speech, language, and hearing screening services that target hard-to-reach populations. Fiscal Implications: This is a revenue contract to increase funding to a total of \$113,057.00. No WCPSS funds are required. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

#### 4. GRANT PROPOSALS

- a. Competitive (#1117): Target Stores/Douglas Elementary School.
- b. Competitive (#1118): Autism Society of America/Lincoln Heights Elementary School.
- c. Competitive (#1119): Morehead Planetarium/Douglas Elementary School.
- d. Collaboration (#1120): University of North Carolina General Administration, North Carolina Quality Educators through Staff Development and Training/WCPSS Central Services with the School of Education at UNC Chapel Hill serving as the fiscal agent.
- e. Collaboration (#1121): US Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, Education Research Grants/WCPSS Central Services with the School of Education at UNC Chapel Hill serving as the fiscal agent.
- f. Collaboration (#1122): University of North Carolina General Administration, North Carolina Quality Educators through Staff Development and Training/WCPSS Central Services with the College of Education at North Carolina State University serving as the fiscal agent.

Fiscal Implications: Any required cash and/or in-kind matching contributions vary by grant program.

Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

#### POLICY

##### 1. Policy 2570-NAMING OF SCHOOLS

*Revised: Second Reading*

Language was added to provide clarification regarding the criteria used in naming of schools. This policy was presented to and approved by the Policy Committee.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

##### 2. Policy 5536/6536-FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

*New: Second Reading*

In 2002 the North Carolina State Board of Education approved a policy requiring Local Education Agencies to develop a policy which specifies the process students shall follow to demonstrate foreign language proficiency. This policy establishes criteria for how students can demonstrate how they have fulfilled the State's requirement to successfully acquire 2 units of the same foreign language or its equivalent. This policy was presented to and approved by the Policy Committee.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Staff is requesting Board approval.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

##### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT (Exhibit A)

- a. Professional
- b. Support

##### 2. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (Exhibit B)

#### BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This represents new nominations to the Board Advisory Councils. The nomination forms are attached for the Board's review and consideration. Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

The Board approved the following nominations:

Rich and Joy Ruhmann, Joyner Elementary School, District 6

Scott Sinor, Green Year-Round Elementary School, District 6

Kathy Tobin, Brier Creek Elementary School, District 7

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS**

There were no committee chairs' reports to be given.

### **Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee**

Horace Tart reported that the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee held a meeting at Lacy Elementary on October 24. WCPSS staff shared information about facility plans and architectural procedures. The DeJong group reported on the study they are doing. A report on this study will be given out in January. Good discussion took place at the meeting. The principal at Lacy reported on a number of health issues and hazards at the school, as well as problems with security around the building. There was a tour of the building, and Mr. Tart spoke of the rooms at Lacy that had been closed because of health hazards. He also reported that handicapped access is a problem. At the meeting, a question was asked regarding whether or not there is any growth in the Lacy area, and the answer to that question was "yes." Lacy grows by about two classrooms per year. Many older citizens are moving out of the area, and younger families with children are moving in. Mr. Tart reported that because of the numerous health hazards and concerns, the plan for Lacy is to tear down the building and build a new facility on the existing tract of land. The next Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee will be held on November 28 at Salem Middle School.

Mr. Tart reported that the next Facilities Committee meeting will be held on November 14 at 9:30 a.m. At that meeting, the committee will receive information from staff about public-private partnerships. He invited all Board members to attend.

### **Audit Committee**

Carol Parker gave a report on the Audit Committee organizational meeting. Audit Committee members include: Gary Ashworth, Gordon Brown, Cam Frazier, Ben Goldstein, Gray Hutchison, Tom Oxholm, and Phyllis Pearson. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a chair and vice chair of the committee. Gordon Brown was elected as chair, and Phyllis Pearson was elected as vice chair. The first official meeting will be November 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room. The external auditing firm, Cherry, Baekert, & Holland, will be attending the meeting to present the financial report to the Audit Committee. The committee will be reviewing the report and will give a recommendation/analysis to the Board in December. Ms. Parker expressed thanks to the individuals who have agreed to serve on the Audit Committee.

Patti Head gave a reminder that Carol Parker is the Board liaison for the Audit Committee, and David Neter is the staff liaison. Ms. Head welcomed Board members and the public to attend the next Audit Committee meeting, but she clarified that because this is an independent group functioning as an Audit Committee in accordance with Board policy, attendees other than Audit Committee members would be seated on the sidelines.

### **Calendar Updates**

- Susan Parry reported that the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for November 14 has been canceled.
- Beverley Clark gave a reminder that the Instructional Program Committee will be meeting on November 8 at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Clark shared that the committee will be looking at mathematics testing, and she encouraged everyone to attend.
- Patti Head reported that the Community Relations Committee will be meeting on November 8 at 10:30 a.m.
- Eleanor Goettee reported that the Human Resources Committee will be meeting on November 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Before proceeding to the action agenda, Eleanor Goettee requested that Betty Parker look into renaming the “Lost Colony,” which pertains to the student assignment agreement between Wake County and Granville County. This was duly noted by Ms. Head, and another name will be selected.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Eleanor Goettee. Horace Tart pointed out a correction that needed to be made to the October 17, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes. On page 8 under Facilities Committee/Committee of the Whole, the next to the last sentence read incorrectly as: “Mr. Tart reported that the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee road trip to visit a Johnston County school was canceled by the visiting school.” The word *visiting* should be replaced with the word *hosting*. The corrected sentence will now read: “Mr. Tart reported that the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee road trip to visit a Johnston County school was canceled by the hosting school. The vote was unanimous to approve the amended minutes with the correction stated above.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **1. BUDGET APPROVAL FOR CONVERSION OF FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO FORESTVILLE MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The budget for the magnet conversion of Forestville Elementary School includes an increase in staff positions with the addition of a magnet coordinator, academic data manager, and a magnet model teaching position for an additional recurring 25 MOE. There will be an initial staff development cost for all staff the first year. This cost will be reduced the following two years as staff gain experience and begin to implement training and mentoring programs within the school. Fiscal Implications: The cost for teaching positions each year totals \$127,000. The total cost for 2007-2008 for training and materials is \$54,000, and the recurring cost for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 is \$8,000. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is recommended.

Lori Millberg made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Ken Branch presented the board with the budget proposal for converting Forestville Elementary School to Forestville Leadership Magnet Elementary School. Dr. Branch gave an overview of the budget sheet contained in the Board packets that identified the projected costs from 2007-2010. Ron Margiotta asked Dr. Branch to address questions raised earlier by Ms. McGowan during Public Comment, and Patti Head clarified that the decision had been made and voted on by the Board in September. She stated that the question before the Board today is whether to approve the funding for the conversion. Carol Parker expressed her concern over making this decision before looking at the whole magnet program. It was Lori Millberg’s understanding that the Board had already voted at previous Board meetings to convert Forestville and to make it a Leadership Magnet school, so she felt that the only question on the table today was whether or not to approve the budget. Ron Margiotta questioned whether or not a delay would cause insufficient time to put the program in place, and Dr. Branch responded. Carol Parker suggested delaying the decision on the Leadership Magnet Program at Forestville in order to give the Board time to look at other equity magnets. Eleanor Goettee was not in favor of delaying or suspending decisions that the Board has made. Rosa Gill questioned what the outcome would be if the Board voted down this motion or delayed the funding, and discussion ensued. Lori Millberg reiterated and emphasized the need to move forward with this funding. Susan Parry voiced her opposition based on the fact that she felt there had not been a thorough, systematic decision-making process, and she is concerned about the precedent this will set for the future. The vote was 3 to 5 with Lori Millberg, Eleanor Goettee, and Horace Tart voting “yes,” and Susan Parry, Rosa Gill, Ron Margiotta, Carol Parker, and Beverley Clark voting “no.” The motion failed.

Following the vote, there was discussion of the urgency to study the entire magnet program, and Dr. Branch answered clarifying questions from the Board.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **1. PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

The week of November 12-18, 2006, is American Education Week. The 2006 theme is “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.”

- American Education Week was first observed December 4-10, 1921.
- Since then, American Education Week has been observed the first full week before Thanksgiving.
- In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly called for one week each year to spotlight education.
- In its original resolution, NEA called for: “An education week...observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs.”

This proclamation was developed in support of the intent of the original resolution and to recognize educators, support professionals and other staff who will lead the charge of ensuring that every child educated in the Wake County Public School System graduates on time, prepared for the future.

Fiscal Implications: None. Recommendation for Action: Board approval is requested.

Ron Margiotta made a motion to approve, seconded by Rosa Gill. Superintendent Burns read the proclamation aloud. Patti Head offered the highest praise to WCPSS staff for their hard work and commitment to the education of the children of Wake County. Ms. Head publicly thanked Dr. Burns for bringing this proclamation to the Board. The vote was unanimous.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Eleanor Goettee made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:45 p.m. to consider confidential personnel information protected under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and 115C-319, and to consider confidential student information protected under G.S. 115C-402 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g. The motion was seconded by Rosa Gill. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 4:52 p.m.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

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

- Michael Applewhite, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Cary High School, effective November 27, 2006
- William H. Stocks, Applicant, to Assistant Principal at Carnage Middle School, effective November 12, 2006

The motion was seconded by Ron Margiotta. The vote was unanimous.

### **2. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER**

Eleanor Goettee read the following administrative transfer:

- Dixie U. Frazier, Principal at Reedy Creek Elementary School, to Principal at East Cary Middle School, effective date January 2, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Board, Ron Margiotta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Parker. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie A. Upton, Recording Secretary

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Del Burns, Superintendent, WCPSS

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Patti Head, Chair, Wake County Board of Education