

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN MINUTES –BOARD MEETING Tuesday, December 3, 2002

Board Members

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

Staff Members Present

Jo Baker
Karen Banks
Danny Barnes
Del Burns
Mike Burriss
Donald Haydon
Michael Evans
Linda Isley
Cindi Jolly
Ray Massey
Ernie Reddish
Janice Shearin
Walt Sherlin
Jonibel Willis

Board Attorney Present

Ann Majestic

Kathryn Watson Quigg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INFORMATION

Chairman's Comments

- *Kathryn read the names of the new Healthy School Task Force. This 28-member committee will examine a variety of educational issues that will affect the future of public education in Wake County. Dick Daugherty and Dudley Flood have agreed to co-chair the task force which will hold its first meeting on December 12. The task force will examine a list of issues including academic success for all Wake County students; Diversity in schools; capacity utilization of existing and future facilities; and community expectations of the public school system. The members of the task force are Nadine Baccellieri, Becky Brady, Roxie Cash, Wanda Denning, Barbara Freedman, Patti Gillenwater, Ricki Grantmyre, Dr. Tony Habit, Debra Horton, Janet Howard, Jim McClure, Lori Millberg, Doug Miskew, Mike Mitchell, Dr. Tammie Moore, Liz Parry, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Ervin Portman, Rev. Marion Robinson, Joel Rosch, Curt Stangler, Keith Sutton, Ralph Thompson, Gerorge Wait, Reuben Young, Marco Zarate, and Walt Sherlin, as staff liaison.*
- *Ms. Quigg introduced former Chair of Wake County Commissioners, Gary Pendleton. Mr. Pendleton asked the board to consider a military school within Wake County.*
- *Superintendent Bill McNeal is attending the Superintendent's Conference in Southern Pines, North Carolina.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- *Susan Parry made a motion to add a closed session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege to discuss pending litigation, Sullivan vs. Wake County Board of Education G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.*
- *Jeff York made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, seconded by Bill Fletcher. The vote was unanimous.*

Jeff York also introduced Donald Haydon, the new Associated Superintendent for Auxiliary Services.

PUBLIC HEARING NONE

CONSENT ITEMS

Beverley Clark made a motion approve the consent agenda, seconded by Amy White. The vote was unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 7, 2002 – Open Meeting
 August 6, 2002 – Open Meeting
 August 20, 2002 – Open Meeting
 October 16, 2002 – Facilities Committee
 November 12, 2002 – Community Relations
 November 12, 2002 - Finance Committee

FACILITIES

1. Bids: Rand Road Elementary Heat Pump Replacement

Bids for the replacement of heat pump units at Rand Road Elementary were received on November 12, 2002. Staff and Padia Consulting, Inc. recommended awarding the mechanical contract to Climate Control, Inc., in the amount of \$429,000. Funding is available from the total project budget of \$1,638,810 of which \$1,550,000 is from PLAN 2000 School Building Program, \$57,250 is from Fund 2 Operating Funds and \$31,560 is from Deferred Maintenance.

2 Resolution: Designer Selection-Heritage High H2 (PLAN 2004 Start-Up Project)

A Resolution was presented to waive the traditional designer selection process and to select Boney, PLLC for the design of Heritage High H2 - PLAN 2004 High School. This request is in accordance with NCGS 143-64.32, which allows the exemption of the statutory designer selection process. The specific reason for this exemption is that this is a reuse of the Knightdale High prototype. This will shorten design time, reduce cost, and help expedite the project.

3. Form of Agreement For Design Consultant Services

Modifications to the Agreement For Design Consultant Services was made with the concurrence of the Board's attorney. (*Exhibit A*)

FINANCE

1. Gifts To The System

Thirteen gifts were donated to the Wake County Public School System. The approximate value of the gifts is \$12,554 (*Exhibit B*).

2. Renewal Of Oracle Technical Support For Year 5

Original purchase of Oracle business applications was presented to and approved by the Board in November 1998 following a resolution approved by the County Commissioners on November 2, 1998. At that time, cost of software and first three years of technical support were added together and financed over a three-year term. Year 4 renewal was brought before the Board and approved on January 8, 2002. Year 4 cost was \$181,341. Renewal for Year 5 is due which will extend support services through November 19, 2003. Support consists of updates and patches as well as telephone and other support services. Cost of renewal is \$208,438. Total amount of

renewal for Year 5 is \$208,438. Funding for contracted services was identified and planned for in the Technology Services current expense budget.

3. Budget Amendments And Transfers, 2001-2002

To report changes in the budget resolution resulting from transactions processed during the prior year, 2001-2002. These are the final adjusting entries included in the Annual Financial Report.

Adjust State Public School Fund	+	\$692,199
Adjust Local Current Expense Fund	+	\$197,082
Adjust Federal Programs Fund	+	\$0
Adjust Capital Outlay Fund	+	\$95,500
Adjust Multiple Enterprise Fund	+	\$11,459
Net Changes	+	\$996,240

PROGRAM

1. 2003-2004 Carver Elementary Calendar

As part of the Carver Elementary School Improvement Plan, a waiver of Board Policy 5030.0 is requested for students to begin school on July 21, 2003. This request was first brought to the Board for the 1998-1999 school year. Students' first day of school is July 21, 2003 and the last day of school is May 26, 2004. Spring Break is the week of April 5, 2004. If for any reason the school district must close schools, this adopted 2003-2004 calendar may be amended by the Board of Education to provide additional days the first week of fall break, the second week of spring break, and at the end of the year to meet legal requirements.

2. ABC Accountability Components for Alternative Schools

Alternative and special schools are included in the 2002-2003 ABCs under a special policy adopted by the North Carolina Board of Education. The evaluation of alternative schools will be based on state mandated achievement-based components and three local options. Options suggested by the state include attendance, suspension/dropout rates, graduation rates, reduction in incidents of violence, customer satisfaction, transition to a regular program, improvement in GPA, promotion rates, and parental involvement. Schools will be evaluated on all five components. Schools achieving five of the five components will be determined to have made exemplary gain, at least three of the five will be expected gain, at least two of the five will be no recognition, and one or none of the five will be low performing. As part of their school improvement plans for 2002-2003, the alternative schools identified three local options that reflect their school's mission. The local options selected by the schools have been approved by the school improvement teams and must be approved by the local school board. ABC incentive funds will be received from the state for the system's three alternative schools: Longview School, Mt. Vernon School, and Phillips High School.

3. Millbrook High School Chorus Trip to Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA

The Millbrook High School chorus is planning a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia to participate in a music performance festival sponsored by Heritage Festivals. In addition to performing for judges and receiving feedback for improvement, they will have an opportunity to listen and critique other performances at the festival. The awards ceremony for this festival occurs inside the Busch Gardens theme park. The anticipated student cost will be approximately \$400.00 per student. Funding will be secured through various fund raising activities throughout the year to offset costs for students. Otherwise, parents pay for expenses.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Recommendation for Employment (*Exhibit C*)

BOARD ADVISORY NOMINATIONS

New nominations to Board Advisory Council are: Cathy Jurgensen, Root Elementary School, and Susan Ricks, Daniel Middle School.

BOARD'S COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

- *Finance Committee continued its discussion on alternative funding sources. Committee plans to present recommendations to the board in January, 2003.*
- *Community Relations continued its discussion on the effectiveness of the WCPSS website.*
- *Bill Fletcher gave a brief report on the NCLB and Accountability Issues. (*Exhibit D*)*

ACTION ITEMS

PROGRAM

1. Assignment of New Subdivisions to Schools

The staff of the Office of Growth Management presented recommendations for the following subdivisions: Downing Glen (phase 5), Enclave at Falls River, Hunters Mark (phase 1, map 3) and Savannah. Transportation costs will increase due to travel time. Other facilities-related costs will be avoided.

Rosa Gill made a motion to approve, seconded by Patti Head. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION

FACILITIES

1. EnergySavers™ Update

Staff reported results of the 2001-2002 fiscal year operations of the EnergySavers™ Program and provide a utility savings analysis. Based on the 2001-2002 budget cuts, payments of incentive rebates will not be made to schools where energy consumption decreased from the base year. (*Exhibit E*)

Susan Parry made a statement:

Ms. Parry wanted to say just a few words about the issue that was raised by several speakers at the public hearing at the last board meeting concerning the Phillip Morris grant. Several citizens, some of them medical professionals, but especially several high school students spoke about their concern regarding the use of this money to fund programs. " This is, indeed, the kind of issue that in a highly motivated and well-run school system, like ours, merits consideration. It is the kind of dilemma that we are likely to find ourselves confronting more rather than less frequently as we deal with limited resources and look for ways to fund programs that will help our students meet the high expectations we all have for them. The decisions won't be easy. There is no denying, that the end will not always justify the means, and that out of respect for the students we teach and the integrity of the system we work in, we can't shirk our responsibility to think through these things. I want to request that we make every effort as a board and administrators working together to ensure that we define and carefully consider areas of potential conflict or inconsistency as we make decisions. This will require that we not only notify each other of issues deserving of attention, but that we allow time in the planning process to weigh the costs and benefits inherent in those decisions. The dignity and the thoughtfulness of

these students, our students, who spoke on this issue, impressed me. I would hope that the process we use to guide and shape the school system is good enough to be a model for them.”

Closed Session

Susan Parry made a motion to go into closed session at 4:15 pm to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the board in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege to discuss pending litigation, Sullivan vs. Wake County Board of Education. G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Amy White.

Bill Fletcher made a motion to amend the closed session to consider confidential student information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and G.S. 115C-402, seconded by Beverley Clark.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn Watson Quigg adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Elwanda K. Farrow, Recording Secretary

Bill McNeal, Superintendent, WCPSS

Kathryn Watson Quigg, Chair