

**GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Walter Childs, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Darlene Garrett, Deena Hayes (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Garth Hébert (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Dot Kearns, Amos Quick (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Nancy Routh and Anita Sharpe. Board member Jeff Belton was absent. Also present were Co-Interim Superintendents Sharon Ozment and Eric Becoats and Attorney Jill Wilson.

Call to Order

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Board member Nancy Routh led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Recognitions

A. GCS Employee of the Month for July 2008

The board recognized Steven Snider, Pearce Elementary teacher, as the Guilford County Schools' July Employee of the Month. Mr. Snider was not able to attend the meeting, but will be presented with a certificate of recognition from the board. In a prior ceremony, Mr. Snider received a \$50 gift card from Sam's Club, which has partnered with GCS to support the employee recognition program.

B. 2008 NEA-Saturn/UAW Partnership Award

The board recognized Susan Phillips, induction support coach; Martha Snavelly, executive director of induction and success/professional development and Mark Jewell, Guilford County Association of Educators (GCAE) president; who received the 2008 NEA-Saturn/UAW Partnership Award. This award recognizes exemplary partnership efforts with GCAE to focus on innovative teacher retention and recruitment strategies.

Started in 1997 as a way to highlight innovative partnerships, two of the nation's largest and most powerful unions sponsor the award. The National Education Alliance (NEA) is the nation's largest professional employee organization, committed to advancing the cause of public education. The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), is one of the largest and most diverse unions in North America, with members in virtually every sector of the economy.

Board member Darlene Garrett presented certificates of recognition from the board.

Public Comments

Chairman Duncan called on members of the public who requested an opportunity to address the board.

Donna Bieberman, 430 East McPherson Drive, Mebane, NC 27302

Linda Mozell, 4701 Whitby Place, Greensboro, NC 27406
Jan Hill, 1206 Alderman Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408
Joe Stafford, 4604 Forest Village Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked board members to review the meeting agenda and called for a motion to approve or amend it. *Motion was made by Dot Kearns, seconded by Nancy Routh, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*

Consent Agenda

Co-Interim Superintendent Sharon Ozment presented the following consent agenda items:

A. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 10 Regular Meeting, June 23 Special Called Meeting and June 26 Regular Meeting were presented for approval.

B. Personnel Action Reports

The consent agenda included personnel actions as noted in the monthly Personnel Action Report and addendum requiring board approval.

Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Walter Childs, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed upon unanimous roll-call vote.

Staff Reports

Title I Parent Participation in Conferences

Dr. Don Hare, executive director of federal and special programs, and Kelly Hales, director of Title I, presented information regarding Title I parent participation in conferences. As required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, the Local Education Agency (LEA) must reserve 1 percent of total Title I allocations for parental involvement with 95 percent of its reserved funds allocated to individual schools. GCS allocates 100 percent of these reserved funds to the schools.

Frazier Elementary Principal Laverne Bass and Northwood Elementary Principal Scott Winslow shared information regarding their planning process and parent involvement activities at their individual schools. Some examples of how parents have been involved include providing a full-time interpreter to help with non-English speaking parents, offering various sessions to help parents and having a social worker available to provide help to free-and-reduced lunch students' parents.

Intervention for Non-Proficient Readers in Middle School (Read 180)

Dr. Eric Becoats, co-interim superintendent and Dr. Beth Folger, chief curriculum and organizational development officer, presented to the board information regarding intervention for non-proficient readers in middle school and reviewed the cost breakdown. Several middle school principals were in attendance at the meeting.

It is the district's thematic goal for all students to be reading on grade level by the end of third grade. There were over 2,100 students at the middle school level who were not proficient on the 2006-07 EOGs in reading. To ensure that all students are reading on grade level prior to entering high school, an adolescent literacy committee reviewed several reading intervention programs and recommended the research-based Read 180 program.

Read 180 will provide the district a research-based reading intervention program for middle school students over a three-year period with projected costs as follows: year one - \$534,925, year two - \$529,900, year three - \$22,150, with the total for three years being \$1,086,975. In addition, there would be a year-one technology cost of \$170,500 for computers and networking.

This cost projection includes instructional materials for all middle school students, implementation and evaluation of the program, two on-site support teacher visits per year, on-site facilitator training, four half-day seminars for GCS reading intervention teachers per year, leadership training for new administrators and technical support/services for all servers. Scholastic, the Read 180 provider, has agreed for payment of instructional materials to be divided over a two-year period.

Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Dot Kearns, to approve Read 180 as a reading intervention program for the district's middle school students. The motion passed upon unanimous electronic vote.

Innovative Programs Update – High School Ahead and Twilight School

Dr. John Morris, chief student services officer, presented an update on the High School Ahead and Twilight School. Pandora Bell, principal of the Twilight High School and Virginia Hoover, principal of High School Ahead Academy were present to answer questions and provide additional information.

Magnet and High School Options School-by-School Review and Needs Assessment

Tony Burks, director of magnet and choice schools, presented to the board a school-by-school review and needs assessment report of the existing magnet schools and programs. The review and report collectively explored the 25 elements of world class magnet schools noting areas of strength and areas for growth. Existing magnet schools and high school options were visited by small teams over a three-week period. Team members included Christine Amos, Dr. Joanne Brower, Peggy Churn, Dr. Paul Masem, Evan Brennan and Tony Burks. Mr. Burks presented seven magnet recommendations for the board to review.

Construction Items

Contractual Agreement with Samet Corporation for Phase III of the Union Hill Elementary School

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board a recommendation to approve a contract with Samet Corporation for construction management at risk services in the amount of \$8,999,692 for Union Hill Elementary School, Phase III.

At the December 4, 2007 meeting, a contract was approved by the board for pre-construction services at Union Hill Elementary with Samet Corporation in the amount of \$72,230. On January 31, 2008, the board approved a contract with Samet Corporation for Phase I of the Union Hill Elementary School project at a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$199,460.

On May 8, 2008, the board approved a contract with Samet Corporation for Phase II of the Union Hill Elementary School project at a GMP of \$5,784,961. On April 22 and 24, 2008, Samet Corporation/SRS Inc. received bids for Phase III of the Union Hill Elementary School project. Phase III is for final building trade packages. The GMP is \$8,999,692.

*Motion was made by Dot Kearns, seconded by Kris Cooke, to award a contract to Samet Corporation for construction management at risk services at Union Hill Elementary School, Phase III, in the amount of \$8,999,692. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 7-to-3 as follows: **Ayes** – Walter Childs, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Deena Hayes, Dot Kearns, Amos Quick and Nancy Routh; **Nays** – Darlene Garrett, Garth Hébert and Anita Sharpe.*

Contracts for Smith High Gymnasium HVAC

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board a recommendation to approve a contract with Trane of Greensboro, NC for the purchase of equipment in the amount of \$149,073 and a contract with Kay Heating and Air Conditioning of Greensboro, NC for the installation of the equipment in the amount of \$440,000 for the Smith High gymnasium air conditioning project at a total cost of \$589,073.

Two bids were received on July 1, 2008 for equipment and two bids were received on July 2, 2008 for the installation of this equipment. Carrier Southeast of Greensboro, NC, submitted the lowest bid of \$146,000 for the equipment, but qualified their bid with an equipment order lead time of 11-12 weeks. Trane of Greensboro, NC, submitted a bid of \$149,073, with a four-week lead time. The project completion date is scheduled for approximately seven weeks. Kay Heating and Air Conditioning submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$440,000 for the installation.

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Anita Sharpe, to approve a contract with Trane for purchase of the equipment in the amount of \$149,073 and a contract with Kay Heating and Air Conditioning for the installation of the equipment in the amount of \$440,000 for the Smith High School gymnasium air conditioning project at a total cost of \$589,073. The motion passed upon unanimous electronic vote.

Board Discussion

First Reading – Policy JHB, Gang Education and Prevention

Chairman Duncan called on board member Nancy Routh, convener of the governance review committee, to lead the board in a discussion regarding the first reading of Policy JHB, Gang Education and Prevention.

Motion was made by Nancy Routh, seconded by Kris Cooke, to approve for first reading Policy JHB, Gang Education and Prevention and direct the administration to receive input per the board's adoption policy (BD). The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 9-to-1 as

follows: **Ayes** – Walter Childs, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Darlene Garrett, Deena Hayes, Garth Hébert, Dot Kearns, Nancy Routh and Anita Sharpe; **Nays** – Amos Quick.

Search Process for New Superintendent

Chairman Duncan reported that the superintendent search process is moving ahead. There was no new information to report.

Board Comments

Board members were each allowed two minutes to make remarks, as they deemed appropriate.

Adjournment

With no further business, at 10:35 p.m., *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Amos Quick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*