

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

Thursday, June 25, 2009

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Kris Cooke, Carlvena Foster, Paul Daniels, Alan Duncan, Deena Hayes, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh. Board members Amos Quick and Darlene Garrett were absent. Also present were Superintendent Maurice Green and Attorney Jill Wilson.

Call to Order

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session

At 4:34 p.m. *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Nancy Routh to go to closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege and to discuss student matters protected by state and federal law. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

Board returns to open session at 6:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Sandra Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

Moment of Remembrance and Silence

Chairman Duncan led and a moment of silence in honoring the following students who passed away during the 2008-09 school year: Darren McNairy, a student at Gateway Education Center and Cristian Ayala-Martinez, a student at Hairston Middle.

Recognitions

A. Northwest High School 'We the People' Recognition

The board recognized Northwest High's "We the People" team for its state and regional championship. For the 13th consecutive year, Northwest High School's "We the People" team won the North Carolina state championship. After winning the state title, the team traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent the state and compete nationally. The team went through a rigorous competition in front of national legal and judicial leaders. The group, led by social studies teacher Ray Parrish, received a first-place finish in the Southeast Region. "We the People" is a program in which educators at elementary, middle and high schools teach a curriculum on the foundations of the U.S. Constitution as well as current issues.

B. Outgoing GCAE President Mark Jewell Recognition

The board recognized Mark Jewell, the outgoing president of Guilford County Association of Educators (GCAE). Mr. Jewell has served as the president GCAE for the last five years, and has tirelessly advocated for the advancement of public education. Mr. Jewell, a 22-year veteran teacher, finishes his term as President, but continues to serve as an important voice for the county. He serves on many community boards and is the educator liaison for the Guilford County Council of PTAs and the Guilford Education Alliance. Board member Kris Cooke presented Mr. Jewell with a certificate of recognition.

Public Comments

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

Dortch Mann, 2622 Beechwood Street, Greensboro, NC 27403
Laurence Aiknes, 3503 Regents Park Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455

Mary Alice Austin, 3713 Parkwood Drive, Greensboro, NC 27403
Bill Eckard, 2621 Beechwood Street, Greensboro, NC 27403
Cardes Brown, 6001 Long Branch Court, Pleasant Garden, NC

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked board members to review the meeting agenda and called for a motion to approve or amend it. A request was made to move Item J, Activity Bus Replacement Fee, from the consent agenda to the staff reports and make it new Item F. A request was also made to reconsider the board's vote with respect to Craven School. That item would become the new letter C under staff reports and move the Construction Update to letter E under staff reports after the budget update.

*Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Nancy Routh, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed upon majority straw vote of 7-2 as follows: **Ayes:** Sandra Alexander, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Jeff Belton and Garth Hebert.*

Consent Agenda

Superintendent Maurice Green presented the following consent agenda items:

A. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 19 special called meeting and May 28 regular meeting were presented for approval.

B. Personnel Action Reports

The consent agenda included personnel actions and addendum as noted in the monthly personnel action report requiring board approval.

C. 2008-09 Budget Amendments/Transfers Report

The consent agenda included a recommendation that the board approve the State, Local, Federal, Capital Outlay and After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) budget amendments/transfers for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

State Public School Fund Amendment #9 reflects:

- the required reversion of Non-Instructional Support funds (-\$2,003,718)
- the substitute reimbursement for March, 2009 (\$15,365)
- Reversion of Driver Training funds based on projected spending through 06/30/09 (-\$350,000)
- School Technology Fund interest for March, 2009 (\$539)
- the transfers due to site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures

Local Current Expense Fund Amendment #9 reflects:

- the receipt of:
 - More at Four start-up funds (\$47,000)
 - Donation from the Weaver Foundation for sponsorship for the Weaver Academy Information Technology Program (\$2,000)
 - Clearwire Wireless Broadband lease payments (\$1,600)
- the freeze of 80 percent of the available balance in all non-personnel account codes, transfers for school allotments, site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures.

Federal Grant Fund Amendment #9 reflects:

- the adjustment to Abstinence Education grant (\$2,043)
- the receipt of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) IDEA VI-B Handicapped funding (\$7,871,111)

- the transfers due to site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures

Capital Outlay Fund Amendment #9:

- reflects the receipt of allotment from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for installment payment for the lease/purchase of replacement school buses (\$781,410)
- the transfer of available funds within the Northwest High School project from construction to furniture and equipment (\$2,077)
- the transfer of available funds within the Union Hill Elementary School project from construction to technology (\$200,507)
- reflects the transfers due to site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures

Child Nutrition Fund Amendment #1 reflects:

- the transfers due to site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures

After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) Fund Amendment #9 reflects:

- the transfers due to site-based requests and year-to-date expenditures

D. Approval of Produce Contract for 2009-10 School Year

The consent agenda included a recommendation to reject the bid submitted by R & H Produce Co. and award a contract to Foster Caviness, Inc. for produce for the 2009-10 school year at the estimated cost of \$532,347 (estimate based on prior years' utilization/consumption). Four bids were received on May 14, 2009. The bids included an option to extend the contract for an additional four years if agreeable with both parties. This contract will be for the first year of the contract.

The low bidder, R & H Produce Co., Inc., Raleigh, N.C., bid was non-responsive due to pricing errors and lack of bid documentation. Foster Caviness, Inc., Greensboro, N.C., submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid.

E. Approval of Milk and Dairy Products Contract for 2009-10 School Year

The consent agenda included a recommendation to award a contract in the amount of \$2,368,897.25 to Pet Dairy, Chester, VA. for milk and dairy products for the 2009-10 school year. Two bids were received on May 13, 2009. Since this bid is food, three bids are not required. The "three-bid" rule only applies to the first opening of construction bids over \$300,000. The bids included an option to extend the contract for an additional four years, if agreeable with both parties. This contract will be for the first year of the contract. Pet Dairy has an excellent past performance rating with GCS.

F. Extension of Bread Contract for 2009-10

The consent agenda included a recommendation to renew a contract with Flowers Baking Company to supply bread for the school nutrition services program for the 2009-10 school year at the estimated cost of \$385,000 (estimate based on prior year's utilization/consumption). On June 10, 2008, the board awarded a contract to Flowers Baking Company, Jamestown, N.C. to supply bread for the school nutrition services program during the 2008-09 school year. The contract was for one year with an option to renew for up to four additional years. During 2008-09, Flowers Baking Company has complied with all contract terms and specifications. The price of the 2008-09 contract was \$371,852.80. The change in price is due to anticipated increase in consumption due to switching from brown wheat to white wheat. Staff consulted with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction staff who deemed this change to be an immaterial change to the contract

G. Approval of Food Alliance Bid

The consent agenda included a recommendation to award a contract to US Foodservice, Inc. for food and supplies for the 2009-10 school year. In August 2008, GCS, along with 76 other school districts, joined a purchasing alliance for the purpose of bidding food and supplies to be used in Child Nutrition programs. A universal bid document was developed for all members of the alliance including conditions specific to each District in the alliance. Seventy-seven bids were received on May 18, 2009.

An audit team comprised of 15 Child Nutrition Directors who are members of the alliance reviewed and approved the bids for compliance with bid laws and regulations.

Based on the approved audit results from the N.C. Child Nutrition Alliance Audit Committee, US Foodservice, Inc., Fort Mill, SC, submitted a responsible/responsive bid for Guilford County. Their bid, based on estimated quantities, is as follows:

Food	\$ 4,618,846.44
Commodity Handling and Storage	274,452.72
Snacks	334,249.00
Supplies	1,326,043.40

H. 2009-10 Insurance Coverage

The consent agenda included a recommendation that the board approve the following lines of insurance coverage for fiscal year 2009-10: General Liability, Garage Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Errors & Omissions, Auto & Garage Keeper, High School Catastrophic, Middle School Catastrophic, Student Athletic, Student Accident, Excess Worker's Comp & Employer's Liability and Property Insurance.

I. Approval to Submit Application for National Science Foundation Graduate Stem Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12) Grant

The consent agenda included a recommendation to approve the submission, in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, of an application for a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Stem Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12) Grant. The grant would provide funding for graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to bring their leading research practice and findings into K-12 learning settings. The total grant funding is \$600,000 per year for five years with no financial cost to the district.

J. Contractual Agreement with Turner Construction Company/ Miles-McClellan, for Pre-Construction Services at Southwest High School

The consent agenda included a recommendation to award a contract to Turner Construction Company / Miles-McClellan for pre-construction services at the Southwest High School project in the amount of \$151,882.00. On May 12, 2009, Turner Construction Company / Miles-McClellan were recommended by the Architectural Selection Committee to provide Construction Management at Risk Services for the Southwest High School project. Staff received approval from the board on May 12, 2009 to negotiate contract terms with Turner Construction Company / Miles-McClellan. Staff has successfully completed negotiations for pre-construction services, and board approval is now requested for Turner Construction Company / Miles-McClellan to provide these services for the Southwest High School project in exchange for the lump sum payment of \$151,882.00.

All items presented all the consent agenda passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

A. Consideration for the Naming of the Special Education Center West

Public comments -

Sharon Haynes, 719 W. Farris Drive, High Point, NC 27262

Joe Stafford, 4604 Forest Village Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406

Nora Carr, chief of staff, presented to the board the proposed names for the naming of the Special Education Center West. Pursuant to the board's procedure on the naming of schools (FDCA-P), the Department of District Relations is collecting input from citizens regarding the appropriate name for the Special Education Center West. The following names have been nominated by the community:

- "Keller-Sullivan Learning Center" – named for Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan
- "Bennie Lee Inman Education Center" – named for Mrs. Bennie Lee, the director of the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy School from 1950 until 1993
- "Christopher Reeve Education Center" – named for actor Christopher Reeve
- "Meredith Leigh Haynes Education Center" – named for the daughter of the family from whom the land was purchased; she attended Gateway Education Center

In keeping with the procedure, the materials, pending board approval, presented to the Department of District Relations will be posted on the district Web site for a 30-day public comment period beginning June 26, 2009.

Motion was made by Nancy Routh, seconded by Deena Hayes, for the board to study the proposed names and open a period of public comment in order to seek approval of the nominations. The motion passed upon unanimous electronic vote of 9-0.

This item will be placed on the board August 11, 2009 agenda.

B. Update on Oak Ridge Elementary

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board an update regarding Oak Ridge Elementary. The site has been closed for the summer. The administrative and custodial staffs have been relocated to Northwest High School. Staff is preparing for future removing of furniture from classrooms. On June 15, employees filed a complaint with the North Carolina Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Bureau. GCS filed its response to the complaint on June 24, 2009. Nora Carr, chief of staff, updated the board on communications efforts regarding the work that is happening at the school.

Break 8:07 p.m.

Resume 8:42 p.m.

Darlene Garrett and Amos Quick joined the meeting by phone at 8:43 p.m.

C. Craven School Update

Board member Amos Quick informed the board that since the last meeting where Craven School was discussed, he has learned of guidelines of sell is approved to Guilford Child Development by the County Commission and having heard from the community that something happen with the building.

*Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Carlvena Foster, to reconsider the issue for Craven School. The motion passes by vote of 6-5 as follows: **Ayes** - Sandra Alexander, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke and Darlene Garrett.*

Motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to sell the Craven School property to Guilford Child Development for an amount of \$1.16M.

Clarification on this matter was provided by Attorney Jill Wilson. It is not possible for the Guilford County Board of Education to sell outside the process available for upset bid on this property to Guilford Child Development. According to the resolution of the county commission, if board of education declares the property surplus and offers it to the commissioners, their methodology would allow them to avoid the upset bid process. The county commission would accept the property for an amount that they deem appropriate, if the board of education declares the property surplus. In the event that Guilford Child Development is successful in obtaining the grant to purchase the property, they will receive the property. If they do not, the county commission would own the property. The county commission would offer the net proceeds without the upset bid process to Guilford County Board of Education. According to Ms. Wilson, there is not a mechanism to do what Mr. Quick proposed.

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, provided updated information regarding some potential funding sources that could allow the board options to put the property back in service. Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), which are zero or low interest bonds, have been allocated to Guilford County Schools. The QSCBs are new bonds established as part of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009. They are for the specific use of construction, both new and additions, rehabilitation or repair of a public school, or for land acquisition for a facility. The issuance of the bonds does not require public vote. The QSCB must be issued by December 31, 2009 and the proceeds spent within three years of the issue date. The amount of the bond would be approximately, \$17,147,000.

Board discussion followed.

*Motion was made by Garth Hébert, seconded by Jeff Belton, to table this item for discussion until further information is available regarding the stimulus funds. The motion failed by majority electronic vote of 6-5 as follows: **Ayes** – Darlene Garrett, Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh and Kris Cooke; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

*A substitute motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Kris Cooke, that the board should not sell the Craven School property and not declare it surplus. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 6-5 as follows: **Ayes** - Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan and Darlene Garrett; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

Following clarification from Attorney Wilson, Mr. Quick's original motion would be to indicate an intent to declare that Craven School is unnecessary for public school purposes pursuant to NCGS 115C-518 in the future, subject to the following express conditions, all of which may be met:

1. Guilford Child Development is successful in obtaining funding to purchase Craven School for \$1.16M and agrees to do so; and
2. Guilford County School offers Craven School to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners for the price of \$1.16M which shall then be paid to Guilford County Schools.

Darlene Garrett and Amos Quick disconnect from meeting at 9:58 p.m.

D. 2009-10 Budget Update

1. 2009-10 Interim Budget Resolution

Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer presented a recommendation that the board approve an interim budget resolution in accordance with NCGS 115C-434 until such time as a continuing resolution or final budget is adopted by the State of North Carolina. This resolution is predicated upon all budget amendments/transfers being reported to the board of education on a monthly basis and entered into the board minutes.

The Guilford County Board of Commissioners adopted a budget for 2009-10 at their meeting of June 4, 2009. However, given that (a) the State of North Carolina has not yet adopted a continuing resolution or final budget for fiscal year 2009-10 and (b) the Guilford County Board of Education has an insufficient fund balance to operate the school system for fiscal year 2009-10, the following interim budget resolution was drafted for the board's consideration.

2009-10 INTERIM BUDGET RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS RESOLVED BY THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 115C-434 (Interim Budget), the Guilford County Board of Education hereby authorizes the disbursements of such amounts as may be necessary to pay salaries and wages of employees of Guilford County Schools, principal and interest of indebtedness, and all other usual ordinary expenses that may become due and payable during the interval between the beginning of the 2009-10 fiscal year and the adoption of the budget resolution for that year, such expenditures to be chargeable to the proper budget funds hereafter adopted for the fiscal year; and the Board hereby appropriates from the proper funds such amounts as may be necessary for the disbursements authorized by this resolution.

*Motion was made by Paul Daniels, seconded by Jeff Belton, to approve the presented interim budget resolution until such time as a continuing resolution or final budget is adopted by the State of North Carolina. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 8-1 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays**- Garth Hébert.*

2. School Nutrition Services – 2009-10 Lunch Meal Price Increase

Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, presented to the board information regarding a lunch meal price increase for 2009-10. In the Superintendent's 2009-10 Budget Message, the board was advised that the School Nutrition Services (SNS) Fund experienced a net loss of \$2.47M in 2007-08, of which \$2.M was attributable to the assessment of indirect cost. In 2008-09, the net loss in the SNS Fund is anticipated to be approximately \$600K. The \$600K excludes an estimated \$2.1M in indirect cost and \$503K in unpaid meal charges (\$502,841 as of 6/19/09). The impact to the local fund is \$2.6M (\$2.1M in waived indirect cost and \$503K in unpaid meal charges (the local fund must cover as SNS fund cannot write-off debt). A significant contributing factor in the anticipated \$600K loss in the SNS fund is the potential shortfall we could incur in recovering our \$1M initial investment in the SECURE (Southeast Cooperative Utilizing Resources Efficiently) Food Purchasing Cooperative ("SECURE"). Guilford County Schools (GCS) joined SECURE July 1, 2001 and withdrew from SECURE effective June 30, 2006. SECURE's Board of Directors met and voted to dissolve SECURE as a food purchasing cooperative on June 26, 2007.

Staff recommended taking the following actions in order for the 2009-10 SNS Fund operation to generate sufficient revenues to cover expenses including the assessment of indirect cost:

- Reduce menu/food choices (*i.e., offer two versus four entrees, use 25% less whole grain products*)
- Reduce amount of processing supplies purchased (*i.e., reduce use of cups for serving individual portions*)
- Reduce or eliminate breaks in serving time schedules where appropriate/possible
- Reduce number of serving lines where appropriate/possible (*determine number of lines based on participation*)
- Defer computer equipment replacement at elementary schools
- Limit other computer equipment replacement to that deemed mission critical/emergency
- Allow replacement only of small wares (*i.e., serving utensils, food thermometers, pans*)
- Purchase uniforms for new employees only (*i.e., postpone purchasing additional set of uniforms for existing employees*)
- Reduce number of van rentals (*schedule meal delivery for early/middle colleges and academies based on existing Child Nutrition schedules for traditional/satellite sites*)
- Discontinue printing/distributing menus (*menus will be available on-line or in newspapers*)
- Increase lunch prices by fifty cents at elementary and by thirty cents at middle and high school (*places GCS at five cents below Winston-Salem, Forsyth County Schools' lunch prices*)

Given the feedback received from board members, current staff recommendations do not include moving all SNS positions to 4, 6 or 8 hour positions as implementing this recommendation would result in decreases in pay for some SNS employees.

INDIRECT COST:

In the Superintendent's 2009-10 Budget Message, it was also advised that school districts in North Carolina are required to execute an Agreement to Administer the Federally-Funded Child Nutrition Program(s) in order to operate a federally funded Child Nutrition program for school year 2008-09. The agreement specifies that school districts "shall ... waive indirect cost fully or partially when the assessment of this cost contributes to a financial loss in the Child Nutrition Program." Executing this agreement is significant given that (a) federal funds comprise approximately 50% of total SNS revenues and (b) indirect cost from SNS is budgeted as a \$2.1M revenue source in the Local Current Expense Fund.

Ms. Ozment provided a comparison of 2008-09 lunch prices and proposed 2009-10 lunch prices for GCS and several other select districts –many of the districts which GCS is frequently compared. For information/reference purposes:

- GCS has raised student lunch prices twice since merger (July 1993);
 - Lunch prices increased five cents at elementary and ten cents at middle and high school in 2004-05
 - Lunch prices increased twenty cents across the board in 2007-08

- Lunch prices increases recommended for 2009-10 will not impact GCS students eligible for free or reduced meals (=approximately 50% of our student population);
- Based on current year participation data, approximately 15,050 students or 42% of the remaining student population will be impacted by the proposed lunch price increases;
- The recommended 2009-10 elementary school lunch price increase equates to +\$2.50 per week per paying student (\$0.50 x 5);
- The recommended 2009-10 middle/high school lunch price increase equates to +\$1.50 per week per paying student (\$0.30 x 5); and
- GCS raised adult lunch meal prices from \$2.40 to a la carte pricing for food items instead of setting a fixed adult meal price effective with the 2007-08 school year (no price increase is anticipated for adult meals in 2009-10).

Board discussion followed.

*Motion was made by Paul Daniels, seconded by Garth Hébert, to limit the unpaid charges made by students to \$20 per student per year. The student would not be permitted to charge and counseling would take place with the parents including finding out if the child is eligible for free or reduced lunch. The motion fails by majority electronic vote of 7-2 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander and Paul Daniels; **Nays** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

Motion was made by Garth Hébert, seconded by Paul Daniels, that if after an account balance reaches more than \$35, the amount would be charged to the school's budget. This would require the principal to review the account and remedy the situation, if possible. Ms. Ozment clarified that state and federal funds could be used in the repayment of such funds. Only local funds could be used to repayment the amount. The motion was withdrawn.

*Motion was made by Carlvena Foster, seconded by Sandra Alexander, to increase lunch prices by twenty-five cents for elementary school, and thirty cents for middle and high school. The motion failed by majority electronic vote of 4-5 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Nancy Routh, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels.*

*Motion was made by Paul Daniels, seconded by Nancy Routh, to approve the increase to 2009-10 lunch prices by fifty cents at elementary and by thirty cents at middle and high school. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 6-3 as follows: **Ayes** – Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Garth Hébert, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

3. Continued Budget Discussion

Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, led the board in a continued budget discussion. Ms. Ozment discussed with the board a comparison of where Guilford County Schools stands with the governor's budget against the senate and house proposed budgets. Different possibilities are being discussed in Raleigh, but no final budget seems to be visual in the near future.

Peggy Thompson, chief human resources officer, presented to the board an update on human resources. The workbook process has been completed. There are 118 positions that have been cut, 78 people were affected, 40 of the positions were vacant. The Human

resources department is in the process of placing probationary teachers and that process should be complete by next week.

Nora Carr, chief of staff, update the board about information regarding communications and outreach activities concerning the budget. The board and the legislative committee have taken an active role at the state and local levels. Board members have been engaged in meetings with the Guilford County legislative delegation and contacting legislature regarding the need to support funding for K-12 education. To keep our employees informed about what is happening and the potential budget cuts, various venues have been used such as emails, meetings with principals, the district web site and the district newsletter.

Superintendent Green informed the board of the need to determine what cuts we are willing to take since there are some schools beginning in July. He requested that the board be prepared to discuss those cuts at the July 7, 2009 meeting. This approach is a necessary way for Guilford County Schools to prepare for the school year. The board will need to have a richer conversation regarding the proposed cuts shortly after the July 7 meeting.

E. Construction Update

Andy LaRowe, director of facilities and construction management, presented to the board an update on the district's 2008 construction projects on the following schools: Eastern Guilford High, Jamestown Middle, Ragsdale High/Autism Wing, Special Education Center West, Southeast Middle and High Schools, Alamance Elementary, Summerfield Elementary, Southwest High, Southeast Area Elementary/Autism Wing, Allen Middle, North Greensboro Area Elementary, Grimsley High, Airport Area High/Autism Wing, Northwest High and Middle, Allen Jay Middle, Dudley High, High Point Central High, McLeansville Elementary. Also included were heating and air conditioning, mobile classroom relocations and athletic facility projects. Other projects included Union Hill Elementary, Southern Middle School track and Vandalia Elementary parking lot.

F. Activity Bus Replacement Fee

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board a recommendation to approve to reserve \$366,115 in fund balance in the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 for the purchase of activity buses. On October 11, 2005, the Board of Education voted to approve an increase of twenty-five cents to the activity mileage fee to generate an activity bus replacement account. Since that date, no action has been taken to reserve funds for that purpose and the fee has become a part of the district's undesignated fund balance at the end of each fiscal year.

Reservations/designations of fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements represent amounts that are not available for appropriation for subsequent year's expenditures because management has identified a specific purpose for these funds in the subsequent fiscal year. In order for these funds to be available to purchase activity buses from the capital outlay fund, the Board of Education must take action to reserve \$366,115 in fund balance in the General Fund (Local Current Expense Fund) so as to legally segregate these funds for a specific purpose.

*Motion was made by Nancy Routh, seconded by Carlvena Foster, for the board to approve to reserve \$366,115 in fund balance in the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 for the purchase of activity buses. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 8-1 as follows: **Ayes:** Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays:** Garth Hébert.*

Amos Quick joins by phone at 11:43 p.m.

Board Discussion

A. Architect Selection Committee Update

Chairman Duncan, convener of the architect selection committee, presented to the board an update from the architect selection committee. The committee brought forth a shortlist of firms in the order and for projects for consideration by the board.

High Point Central High School

1. HH Architecture
2. Robbins Architecture
3. Clinton Gravely

Dudley High School

1. The Obsidian Group
2. Efirid Sutphin Pearce
3. Mac-Rae Joyce Assoc. Architects

*Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Carlvena Foster to approve the recommendation of the architect selection committee. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** - Paul Daniels.*

B. Governance Review Committee Update

Chairman Duncan called on board member Nancy Routh, convener of the Governance Review Committee, to present to the board an update from the Governance Review Committee. This item was deferred from the June 9, 2009 board meeting. The Governance Committee reviewed the policies and procedures governing Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics (Policy JI) and Interscholastic Athletic Coaches (Policy GBDBA and Procedure GBDBA-P). These athletic policies were developed with input from principals and athletic directors. They reflect the district's strong commitment to the benefit of student participation in middle school and high school athletics and were presented to the Board of Education for consideration and discussion.

*Motion was made by Jeff Belton, seconded by Kris Cooke, to approve Policy JI – Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics for first reading and subsequent posting for public comment. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 5-3 as follows: **Ayes** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels.*

*Motion was made by Jeff Belton, seconded Kris Cooke, to approve Policy GBDBA and Procedure GBDBA-P – Interscholastic Athletic Coaches for first reading and subsequent posting for public comment. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 6-2 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Nancy Routh, Garth Hébert, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** – Alan Duncan and Paul Daniels.*

Kris Cooke leaves 12:35 a.m. during board discussion

Reports from the Superintendent

None

Reports from the Chairman

None

Board Comments

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

Closed Session

At 12:38 a.m., motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Carlvena Foster to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege and to discuss personnel matters protected by state law, and to give advice and instruction to our staff and attorney with regards to the terms to be included in a proposed contract for the purchase of real property. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The board returned to open session at 1:18 a.m.

Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Carlvena Foster, to approve Shirley Morrison as Interim Chief Human Resources Officer. The motion passes by unanimous electronic vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Deena Hayes, seconded by Kris Cooke, to approve Gwen Willis as Interim Chief Student Services Officer. The motion passes by unanimous electronic vote of 9-0.

Adjournment

With no further business, at 1:22 a.m., *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Carlvena Foster, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*