GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton (arrived 5:55 p.m.), Kris Cooke, Carlvena Foster (arrived 4:27 p.m.), Paul Daniels (arrived 4:16 p.m.), Alan Duncan, Deena Hayes (via telephone 9:01 p.m.), Darlene Garrett, Garth Hébert, Amos Quick (arrived 4:40 p.m.), Nancy Routh. Also present were Superintendent Maurice Green and Attorney Jill Wilson.

Call to Order
Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Closed Session
At 4:06 p.m., *motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Kris Cooke to go into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to discuss student matters protected by state and federal law. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

Board returns to open session at 6:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Board member Jeff Belton led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Recognitions

A. GCS Employee of the Month for July 2009
The board recognized Babs Jones, a reading specialist and part-time employee at Vandalia Elementary, as the July 2009 Employee of the Month. Board member Amos Quick presented Ms. Jones with a certificate of recognition. Ms. Jones also received a $50 gift card from Sam's Club, which has generously partnered with GCS to support the employee recognition program.

B. GCS Volunteer of the Month for July 2009
The board recognized Mark Malone, volunteer at Triangle Lake Montessori, as the July 2009 Volunteer of the Month. Sonya Conway of American Express Board member Carlvena Foster presented Mr. Malone with a certificate of recognition. Sonya Conway of American Express presented Mr. Malone with a gift bag and $25 gift card from American Express. American Express recognizes the important role that volunteers play in our schools, and American Express has generously partnered with GCS to sponsor the volunteer recognition program.

C. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
The board recognized the GCS' Financial Services Department for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Financial Services Department received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. This certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Board member Nancy Routh presented Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, with a certificate of recognition.

D. American Express Check Presentation
Sonya Conway of American Express presented to the board a check in the amount of $15,000 to fund Project SERVICE (Students Experiencing Real Value in Community Effort) which will be implemented in the 2009-10 school year. Project SERVICE will involve approximately 1300

students in grades six through eight in two middle schools. Social studies teachers at these schools will integrate service learning into their curricula, making community service a value and an expectation that becomes the norm. Volunteers from American Express will work with students on service projects. In addition, American Express volunteers will visit students in their social studies classrooms to share their experiences in the community. This project and the generous grant from American Express that addresses character development, is one of the focus areas in the GCS Strategic Plan. Project SERVICE will serve as a model for the adoption of a district-wide student-service requirement to educate the whole child.

Public Comments
Chairman Duncan called on members of the public who requested an opportunity to address the board.
Brandon Reinbold, 3501 Easterwood Road, Greensboro, NC 27405
Leon Faison, 5507 John Washington Road, Brown Summit, NC 27214
Lisa Fields, 206 Country Park Road, Greensboro, NC 27455
Vickie Bridges, 6402 Lake Brandt Road, Summerfield, NC 27358
Naomi Bate, 4547 Peeples Road, Oak Ridge, NC 27310
Richard Tuttle, 3329 Colony Drive, Jamestown, NC 27282
Matthew Ishee, 1004 Browning Road, Greensboro, NC 27410
Leon Nuntz, 214 Peach Orchard Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455
Frank Carroll, 1389 Forsyth Road, Kernersville, NC 27284
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. A request was made to have the budget update presented after the closed session following the break.

Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Carlvena Foster to approve the agenda as amended, with the exceptions stated. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda
Superintendent Maurice Green presented the following consent agenda items:

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

Motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Carlvena Foster to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed upon majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: ***Ayes****: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Paul Daniels, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett;* ***Nays****: Amos Quick.*

Staff Reports

A. Update on Oak Ridge Elementary School
Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board an update on Oak Ridge Elementary. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will conduct a tour and investigation of Oak Ridge on July 14-16, 2009. Three committees have been formed to address ongoing facility concerns. Those committees are Communications, Facilities and Plan B. Plan B will provide a plan should the facility not be ready for students by the beginning of the school year. The committees consist of staff members and parents. The work on the facility will not proceed until NIOSH concludes its visit.

B. Contractual Agreement with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. for Phase 3A-Jamestown Middle School

Leo Bobadilla, chief operations officer, presented to the board a recommendation to approve increasing the scope with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc., for Phase 3A construction management at risk services at the Jamestown Middle in the amount of $3,289,235. Arthur Bolick, legal counsel who works on our construction matters, was present

At the August 28, 2008 board meeting, a contract was approved by the board for pre-construction services at Jamestown Middle School with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $130,000.

At the October 14, 2008 board meeting, a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) was approved by the board for Phase 1 Site-work at Jamestown Middle School with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $2,780,798.

At the January 13, 2009 board meeting, a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) was approved by the board for Phase II-A Concrete foundations and structural steel at Jamestown Middle School with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $3,975,681.

At the February 26, 2009 board meeting, a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) was approved by the board for Phase II-B Building package at Jamestown Middle School with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $17,701,554.

On June 11, 2009, New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. received bids for Phase III-A Site-work and utilities at Jamestown Middle School project. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is $3,289,235. The construction budget for this portion of the project is $3,305,353. The total for all contracts issued for this project is $27,877,268.

Motion was made by Garth Hebert, seconded by Amos Quick to approve increasing the scope with New Atlantic Contracting, Inc., for Phase 3A construction management at risk services at Jamestown Middle School in the amount of $3,289,235. The motion passed upon unanimous electronic vote of 10-0.

At 8:03 p.m., *motion was made by Darlene Garrett, seconded by Amos Quick to go into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to discuss personnel matters protected by state law. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

Break 8:03 p.m.
Resume 9:00 p.m.

Deena Hayes joins meeting via telephone (9:01 p.m.)

C. Preliminary End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) Test Results

Dr. Gongshu Zhang, chief accountability and research officer, presented to the board a report on the preliminary EOG and EOC test results. DPI will be verifying our result during the first three weeks of July. A final report should be available by August 6. The EOG results show that reading and math scores increased at all grade levels, 3-8. There was an 11.3 percentage point gain district-wide in reading and a 9.6 percentage point gain in math. There was an increase of 13.4 percentage points in grade 5 in science and 10.1 in grade 8. 87 or 89 elementary and middle schools made positive gains in reading and math. The achievement gap between African America and white students has narrowed. The EOC results show that 18 out of 25 high schools made positive gains. In composite scores for 10 EOCs, there was a 1.6 percentage point gain.

Dr. Folger, chief academic officer, shared some next steps. The district will continue working on the K-12 balanced literacy approach and the intervention. In math, we will continue focusing on conceptual understanding at the elementary level and mastery learning at the middle and high school level.

D. Budget Update

Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, presented to the board an update on the budget. Staff recommendations for different budget scenarios were provided.

Budget cuts based on House Committee Proposal:		
Tier 1 (Superintendent's/Board's Budget)		$(12,585,925.00)
Tier 2		$(12,893,056,96)
Tier 3		$(11,364,899.31)
		$(36,843,881.28)
Staff recommendation based on House Budget:		
Tier 1 (Superintendent's/Board's Budget)		$(12,585,925.00)
Tier 2		$(12,893,056.96)
Tier 3		
Increase K-12 class size by +1	$(8,032,604.64	
	$ (663,104.00)	$(8,695,708.64)
		$(34,174,690.60)
Cuts from Administrative Support Services (45%)		$(15,224,541,25)
Cuts from Schools (55%)		$(18,950,149.35)
		$(34,174,690.60)

The board will discuss the recommendations further at a budget session on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

Board Discussion

Nomination of the GTCC Board of Trustees

Chairman Duncan led the board in a discussion regarding approval of the nomination to the Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) Board of Trustees. The Board of Education was notified by Shirley Frye, chair of the GTCC Board of Trustees, that Watts Carr has resigned his appointment to the board and that Jim Bryant be appointed to fill his term that will expire on June 30, 2011.

Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Nancy Routh, to approve the nomination of Jim Bryant to the Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees. The motion passed by majority electronic vote of 10-1 as follows: ***Ayes****: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hebert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett;* ***Nays****: Paul Daniels.*

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.

Adjournment
With no further business, at 11:33 p.m., *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Jeff Belton, to adjourn the meeting*. *The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*