



Charlotte, North Carolina
June 13, 2000

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on June 13, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center. The meeting was televised by CMS TV - Channel 21.

PRESENT: Arthur Griffin, Jr., Chairperson;
John W. Lassiter, Vice Chairperson;
Wilhelmenia I. Rembert, Member at Large
Vilma D. Leake (District 2); George Dunlap (District 3);
Louise Woods (District 4) and Lindalyn Kakadelis (District 6)

ABSENT: James H. Puckett (District 1) and Molly Griffin (District 5)

Also present at the request of the Board were Eric J. Smith, Superintendent; James L. Pughsley, Deputy Superintendent; Frances Haithcock, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services; Greg Clemmer, Associate Superintendent for Operations; other members of the Senior Staff; James L. Clark, Executive Director of Administration; Leslie Winner, General Counsel to the Board; and Carol K. Gerber, Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Griffin, presiding, called the meeting to order and led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

High School Graduation 2000

Mr. Griffin announced that 5,001 students were graduated from CMS high schools this year. He said that there had been approximately 50,000 participants – families, friends, and staff members – at the graduations and that the ceremonies, successful in every way, had been without incident. On behalf of the Board, he thanked Vicki Hamilton, Director of Athletics, who directed all the graduation programs.

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RECOGNITION OF THE 1999-2000 HARRIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Leake recognized Siobham Summers, a K-5 resource teacher at Hawk Ridge elementary School for being named 1999-2000 Harris Teacher of the Year. Dr. Leake said that Ms. Summers, nominated by her school, has demonstrated innovative, exemplary, and effective teaching techniques. Her leadership is professional and she has the ability to inspire students with a love of learning.”

The Harris Awards, made possible by a grant from the James J. and Angelia M. Harris foundation, are presented annually by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Education Foundation. Ms. Summers received \$3,000; Hawk Ridge Elementary received \$500.

Ms. Summers will advance to the state level competition. From the state winners, a National Teacher of the Year will be chosen.

RECOGNITION OF THE 1999-2000 TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

On behalf the Board, Mr. Lassiter recognized Barbara Garret, the 1999-2000 Teacher Assistant of the Year. Ms. Garrett is a 5th grade teacher assistant at Clear Creek Elementary School. The award, presented annually by the Executive Committee of Charlotte Mecklenburg Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants (NCATA), honors the teacher who best exemplifies exceptional standards, including a keen interest in the welfare of children; supportive and sympathetic relations with, students, parents and peers; participation in workshops, courses and/or programs; and a pattern of volunteering to design, develop and implement special activities in the classroom which go beyond that normally expected.

RECOGNITION OF ALLENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS WINNER OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CHASE SCHOOL CHANGE AWARD

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Griffin congratulated Cathy Hammond, principal of Allenbrook Elementary School, which won one of six national First Annual Chase School Change Awards. Sponsored by Fordham University and the Chase Manhattan Foundation, the award recognizes the Herculean efforts that are involved in facilitating significant school change that can be maintained over time. Mrs. Hammond and the other five principals will share their success with principals from throughout the nation at the Third Annual Principal Leadership Institute at Fordham University in July. In addition, the school will receive a monetary award of \$2,500.

Mrs. Hammond expressed her thanks to the team effort at Allenbrook that has the will to accomplish change, and the support given by Beverly Moore, Regional Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Smith. Ms. Moore noted that the award reflected change brought over a three-year period.

Ms. Woods commented that leaders from Fordham University had come to Charlotte for the award presentation, and she thanked Ms. Hammond for having the courage to volunteer to lead change at Allenbrook.

Dr. Leake thanked the community for helping the students at Allenbrook, especially Mattie Marshall, who leads a program in the Washington Heights community that supports the Allenbrook students.

RECOGNITION OF CMS ATHLETIC TEAMS WHO WON HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Rembert recognized four CMS high school athletic teams who won state championships this year. The Board members congratulated student representatives from the winning teams and principals, coaches and teachers from the schools. They also expressed appreciation to Vicki Hamilton, CMS Athletic Director.

East Mecklenburg High School Boys' Indoor Track Team won the **State 4A Championship Team** in competition with 76 other high schools. Christ Martin was named Most Valuable Player for winning the 500 Meter Dash, the 300 Meter Dash, and the 55 Meter Dash, becoming the first athlete ever to win all three events at the State Championships. Jesse Lowry finished 5th in the 500 Meter Dash, and Andres Colon finished 3rd in the 500 Meter Dash and 4th in the 100 Meter Run. Principal Ron Thompson, and Athletic Director Ron Cortland were also present at the Board Meeting. Mr. Thompson expressed appreciation to Larry Macafee, recently retired track coach at East Mecklenburg High.

Olympic High School Girls' Indoor Track and Girls' Outdoor Track teams won the State 4A Championship. Student athletes, Rhonda White and Tondra White will attend the University of Kentucky next year on full scholarship. Also recognized although she was unable to attend the Board Meeting was Felicia Fant, who will attend N.C. State University on full scholarship next year. Supporting their team were Dr. Dale Lamb, principal, and Bennett King, head coach, at the Olympic High School.

Providence High School Girls Swim Team won the **State 4A Championship** for the third consecutive year. The swimmers at the school are North Carolina High School Athletic Association Scholar Athletes. Jilen Siroky was a member of the 1996 Olympic team and will be trying out for this year's team, along with Magda Dyszkeiwicz and Vanessa Everett. All three of these swimmers will attend university on full scholarship next year: Jilen at Notre Dame; Magda at Auburn University; and Vanessa at University of Kentucky. Accompanying the swimmers at the Board Meeting were Mike Matthews, principal at Providence High, and Alan Kessie, Athletic Director.

Vance High School Boys Outdoor Track won the **State 4A Championship**, the Mega-7 Conference Championship, and the Western Regional Championship. Representing Vance

High were Principal Ann Clark, Athletic Director Debby Jones, and Head Coach John Cunningham. Student-athletes present were Duan Barrino, team co-captain and Individual State Champion in the 100 meter dash; and Robert Boulware, team co-captain, and Individual State Champion in the 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. Robert said that this was Vance High School's first state championship; he promised that all members of the track team would be returning next year.

After the presentations, Mr. Dunlap suggested that when an athletic team wins a championship, then the entire team should be recognized at the Board meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS MADE TO COMMUNITY BOARDS

The Board approved several citizen appointments to the community boards, as follows:

GEORGIA J. LEWIS APPOINTED TO CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Griffin called for nominations of persons to serve on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. Sarah Williamson, presently serving on the CPCC Board, was placed in nomination by Mr. Lassiter, and Georgia J. Lewis was nominated by Dr. Rembert. **Receiving the necessary five votes was Georgia J. Lewis, who will serve a four-year term through June 30, 2004.**

MICHAEL BRUNO RE-APPOINTED TO CHARLOTTE- MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

Dr. Leake nominated Michael Bruno, who is presently serving on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, to be re-appointed. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Woods asked that the nominations be closed. **Mr. Bruno's appointment was approved by a unanimous vote.** He will serve a one-year term through June 30, 2000.

DAVID RIZZO APPOINTED TO CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY

Mr. Lassiter nominated David P. Rizzo to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Broadcasting Authority. **On motion by Dr. Leake, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Rizzo to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Broadcasting Authority by acclamation.** He will serve a three-year term through June 30, 2000.

FOUR CITIZENS APPOINTED TO THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE LONG-RANGE SCHOOL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Mr. Griffin asked for nominations to fill four seats on the new Citizen Advisory Committee for the Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan, with each candidate needing a majority vote to win. Dr. Leake nominated Joan Thompson Miller, Ms. Woods nominated Ed Schweitzer, Dr. Rembert nominated Fred Marsh, Ms. Woods nominated Randall Kincaid, and Mr. Lassiter, acting for Mr. Puckett, nominated Gary Knox. Receiving the unanimous vote of all Board members present were Joan Thompson Miller, Ed Schweitzer, and Randall Kincaid. Fred Marsh received five votes and Gary Knox, two.

Mr. Griffin announced that the four Board appointees to the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan were Joan Thompson Miller, Ed Schweitzer, Randall Kincaid, and Fred Marsh. Mr. Griffin then appointed Randall Kincaid, who presently serves as the Mayor of Cornelius, chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED IN ONE MOTION

On motion by Dr. Rembert, seconded by Mr. Dunlap, the Board voted unanimously to approve in one motion Items III. A. – K. on the Consent Agenda:

A. MINUTES APPROVED

The Board approved the following minutes:

May 9, 2000	Regular Meeting
May 23, 2000	Regular Meeting
May 30 – June 1, 2000	Special Meeting: Board Mediation

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR COULWOOD MIDDLE APPROVED

B. 1. The Board approved a construction contract for \$94,500 with Custom Paving Company, the lowest bidder, to provide for resurfacing and the installation of the running track and associated areas at Coulwood Middle School. The base bid is for \$92,000 with an alternate for \$2,500 for asphalt surfacing at the concession stand. Source of funds is \$27,834 from 1995 Bonds and \$66,666 from Capital Replacement.

ROOF REPLACEMENT CONTRACT FOR WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH APPROVED

B. 2. The Board approved a construction contract for \$218,564 with Charley Company, the lowest bidder, to replace the roof on Building D at West Charlotte High School, as follows:

Contract for West Charlotte High (continued)

Charley Company: Base Bid	\$179,920	
Alternate #1 (re-roofing main canopy)	34,644	
Alternate #2 (provide 20-year NDL Warranty)	4,000	
Alternate #3 (provide fume recovery)	_____	
Recommended Award		<u>\$218,564</u>

Source of funds is 1997 Bonds.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ALEXANDER MIDDLE APPROVED

B. 3. The Board approved a contract for \$33,663 with ASAP Contractors, the lowest bidder, to provide for roof repairs on 13 mobile classrooms at Alexander Middle School. The source of funds is Capital Replacement.

ROOFING CONTRACT FOR HARDING UNIVERSITY HIGH APPROVED

B. 4. The Board approved a contract for \$26,965 with ASAP Contractors, the lowest bidder, to provide for roof repairs on 10 mobile classrooms at Harding University High School. The source of funds is Capital Replacement.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR ALBEMARLE ROAD ELEMENTARY APPROVED

B. 5. The Board approved construction contracts with the lowest bidders to remove and replace asbestos tiles in the cafeteria and classrooms and install an ADA ramp to allow access to the existing cafeteria building at Albemarle Road Elementary School, as follows:

Contractor:	Bradshaw-Hayes, Inc.	
	Base Bid (VCT Replacement)	\$79,200
Contractor:	R.E. McMahan Construction, Inc	
	Base Bid (ADA ramp construction)	71,000
Contractor:	UAS Automation Systems, Inc.	
	Base Bid (Asbestos removal)	<u>26,026</u>
	Total Recommended Award	<u>\$176,226</u>

Source of funds is 1997 Bonds.

SITE WORK CONTRACT FOR DRUID HILLS ELEMENTARY APPROVED

B. 6. The Board approved a construction contract for \$335,000 with Blythe Development to provide construction services for the early site grading and building pad preparation at Druid Hills Elementary School. The budget is as follows:

Contract for Druid Hills Elementary (continued):

<u>Use of Funds</u>	
Recommended Award	\$ 335,000
Previous Construction Award	605,788
Remaining Construction Budget	8,296,393
Designer's Fee	514,671
Program Manager's Fee	676,551
FF&E/Fees/Surveys/Utilities	<u>1,913,651</u>
Total Use	<u>\$12,007,000</u>
 <u>Source of Funds</u>	
1996 Bond	\$ 1,700,000
1997 Bonds	<u>10,307,000</u>
Total Source	<u>\$12,007,000</u>

ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR WILSON MIDDLE APPROVED

B. 7. The Board approved an asbestos removal contract for \$16,900 with Containment Control, Inc., the lowest bidder, for removal and disposal of approximately 16,750 square feet of floor tile and mastic from Buildings B. C. and D at North Mecklenburg High School. Source of Funds is 1997 Bonds.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WEST MECKLENBURG HIGH APPROVED

B. 8. The Board approved a construction contract for \$175,000 with Lefler Electronics, Inc., the lowest bidder, to demolish the existing intercom system and to install a new intercom system for the entire campus. The base bid was \$210,000, minus \$35,000 for value engineering modifications. The source of funds is 1993 bonds.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GREENVILLE PARK APPROVED

B. 9. The Board approved a construction contract for \$21,100 with Cunningham & Associates to remove and reinstall playground equipment at the New Elementary School – Greenville Park. The budget for the project is as follows:

Budget

<u>Use of Funds</u>	
Recommended Award	\$ 21,100
Previous Design/construction award	9,169,900
FF&E/Fees/Surveys/Utilities	<u>809,000</u>
Total Use	\$11,000,000
 <u>Source of Funds</u>	
Certificates of Participation (COPS)	<u>\$11,000,000</u>
	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR WILSON MIDDLE APPROVED

B. 10. The Board approved an asbestos removal contract for \$55,527 with UAS Automation System, Inc., the lowest bidder, for removal services in Buildings A, B, C, D, E, F, and G at Wilson Middle School. Source of Funds is 1996 Bonds – Asbestos.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR WESTERLY HILL ELEMENTARY APPROVED

B. 11. The Board approved construction contracts to provide for a new media center, multipurpose room, and renovations to the kitchen/cafeteria and student services at Newell Elementary School, as indicated:

General Contractor:	JD Goodrum, Inc		
	Base Bid	\$1,995,000	
	Alternate #1	<u>70,000</u>	
	Award		\$2,065,000
Mechanical Contractor:	Climate Conditioning of Charlotte, Inc..		
	Base Bid	514,900	
	Alternate #1	<u>36,000</u>	
	Award		550,900
Plumbing Contractor:	W.R. Kisiah Plumbing, Inc.		
	Base Bid	97,700	
	Alternate #1	<u>2,200</u>	
	Award		<u>99,900</u>
Electrical Contractor:	Dallas Electrical Contractors, Inc.		
	Base Bid	283,575	
	Alternate #1	<u>12,250</u>	
	Award		<u>295,825</u>
	Total Recommended Award		<u>\$3,011,625</u>

(Alternate #1: Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovations)

Budget

<u>Use of Funds</u>		
Recommended Award	\$4,011,625	
Designer's Fee	243,400	
Program Manager's Fee	186,873	
FFE/Fees/Surveys/Utilities	<u>604,079</u>	
Total Use		<u>\$4,045,977</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>		
1996 Bonds-Variou	\$ 256,977	
1997 Bonds	<u>3,789,00</u>	
		<u>\$4,045,977</u>

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH
APPROVED**

B. 12. The Board approved a construction contract for \$42,025 with Gibson Grouting Services, the lowest bidder, to furnish and install foundation stabilization and miscellaneous repairs to K Building at West Charlotte High School. Source of funding for the entire construction project, including this contract, is 1991 bonds, 1993 bonds and 1995 bonds.

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR WESTERLY HILLS ELEMENTARY
APPROVED**

B. 13. The Board approved construction contracts for a new media center and bathroom areas at Westerly Hills Elementary School. Site improvements will also be made.

General Contractor:	Testa & Wirth		
	Base Bid	\$1,449,100	
	Alternate #2	10,400	
	Alternate #5	800	
	Alternate #6	2,500	
	Alternate #9	<u>6,400</u>	
	Award		\$1,449,100
Mechanical Contractor:	P.C. Godfrey		
	Base Bid	114,458	
	Award		114,458
Electrical Contractor:	Recore Electric		
	Base Bid	112,000	
	Award		112,000
Plumbing Contractor:	Gastonia Plumbing and Heating		
	Base Bid	<u>41,500</u>	
	Award		<u>41,500</u>
	Total Recommended Award		<u>\$1,737,158</u>

Budget

<u>Use of Funds</u>		
Recommended Award	\$1,717,058	
Designer's Fee	355,920	
Program Manager's Fee	112,055	
FFE/Fees/Surveys/Utilities	<u>4,186,967</u>	
Total Use		<u>\$6,372,000</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>		
1997 Bonds	\$ 2,272,000	
Certificates of Participation	<u>4,100,000</u>	
		<u>\$6,372,000</u>

SITE WORK CONTRACT FOR EASTOVER ELEMENTARY APPROVED

B. 14. The Board approved a site work contract for \$317,280 with Custom Paving Company for pavement demolition; clearing and grading; asphalt parking lot expansion, concrete curb, gutter and sidewalks; storm drainage improvements, retaining walls; dumpster pad and screening; electrical utility improvements; ADA improvements; and landscaping at Eastover Elementary School. The base bid was \$292,280 with an allowance of \$25,000. Source of funds is 1996 Bonds-Paving/Sitework.

SITE WORK CONTRACT FOR NATIONS FORD ELEMENTARY APPROVED

B. 15. The Board approved a construction contract for \$536,905 with Crowder Construction Company, the lowest bidder, to provide construction services for site work improvements and a bus parking lot addition at Nations Ford Elementary School, as indicated below:

Crowder Construction Company		
Base Bid	\$534,135	
Alternate C1 (\$1,385 each – 2 each)	<u>2,770</u>	
Award		<u>\$536,905</u>
(Alternate C1: Basketball goals)		

Budget:

<u>Use of Funds</u>		
Recommended Award	\$ 536,905	
Designer's Fee	146,000	
Program Manger's Fee	108,159	
FF&E/fees/Surveys/Utilities	<u>1,401,936</u>	
Total Use		<u>\$2,193,000</u>

Source of funds for the total \$2,193,000 is 1997 Bonds.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SYSTEMS AT PROVIDENCE HIGH AND SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH APPROVED

B. 16. The Board approved a construction contract for \$343,520 with Grinnell Fire Protection, the lowest bidder, to install video surveillance systems at Providence High School and South Mecklenburg High School, as follows:

Contracts for Providence High and South Mecklenburg High (continued):
Grinnell Fire Protection:

Base Bid – Providence High	\$155,720	
Base Bid – South Mecklenburg High	182,800	
Alternate #2	<u>5,000</u>	
Total Award		<u>\$343,520</u>

Alternate #1: Furnish and install four rack-mounted 12GB DDS-3 tape archives.
Alternate #2: Provide a full two-year service agreement.

Source of funds is 1996 State Bonds – Burglar Alarm Systems Expansion.

ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS WITHIN THE 1996-97 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

B. 17. The Board approved additional design services for a total of \$2,953,139 for 9 schools within the 1996/97 Capital Improvement Program, as indicated by school and architectural firm below:

Facility	Designer	
Carmel Middle School	Shook Design Group	\$246,240
Eastway Middle School	Martin Boal Anthony & Johnson	690,150
Elizabeth Elementary School	Clark-Nexsen	212,000
Highland Elementary School	Clark-Nexsen	257,918
Myers Park Elementary School	The Adams Group	254,000
New South Middle School - #2	Little & Associates	69,000
Oakhurst Elementary School	Anthony V. Hunt	551,081
Piedmont Open Middle School	Gantt-Huberman	430,000
Selwyn Elementary School	Martin Boal Anthony & Johnston	<u>242,750</u>
Total Award		<u>\$2,953,139</u>

Budget:

<u>Source of funds</u>		
1996 Bonds	\$1,745,389	
1997 Bonds	<u>1,207,750</u>	
Total Source		<u>\$2,953,139</u>

SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZED TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND SERVICES UNTIL NEXT BOARD MEETING

B. 18. The Board authorized the Superintendent and deputy Superintendent in consultation with the Board Chairperson, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairperson, to award construction contracts and additional construction services until the next Board of Education Meeting scheduled on June 27, 2000. The awards are to be made providing that the amounts are within the approved project budgets and

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meet certain criteria, attached and made a part of these minutes. Projects awarded will be brought back to the Board for information and ratification at the next regular scheduled meeting.

C. EUCLID CENTER RELOCATIONS APPROVED

The Board approved the closing of Euclid Center because of its overall poor condition and environmental and safety concerns. Staff from the Telecommunications and Media Services departments will be moved to new locations.

Additionally, all 23 telecommunications staff members, plus 8 contractors, and 11 staff members from Instructional Technology, plus one contractor, will be located in the Airport Center, a leased facility.

The Media Services Department (14 staff members), now located in Walton Plaza and in Euclid Center, will be combined and relocated at the Professional Development Center.

D. REQUESTS FOR STUDENT REASSIGNMENT APPROVED, AS RECOMMENDED

The Board approved requests for reassignment from 279 students (Category I); denied the requests of 87 students (Category II); and approved 4 requests to transfer to other school systems in North Carolina (Category III).

E. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING *BRIDGING THE GAP* APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction – Office of Education reform for \$68,888 for *Bridging the Gap*. This competitive grant would implement the redesigned Literacy Block for all elementary students; implement DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) in the Middle School Advisor-Advisee Program; and implement the Freshman Focus/ Academy curriculum within mathematics and English programs. The proposed project would begin August, 2000 and continue through June, 2001.

F. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR *CLASS SIZE REDUCTION INITIATIVE ADDENDUM (ESEA TITLE VI)* APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$1,896,019 from the Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education administered through North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Supplementary Funding for ESEA Title VI (continued):

This entitlement grant includes the following goals:

- To recruit and select qualified teachers for grades K-3 in selected schools.
- To reduce class size to 18 or less students in grades K-3 in selected schools.
- To increase teachers' expertise in identified areas of need, such as literacy and math instruction.
- To increase student achievement in grades K-3 through lower class size.

The proposed project would begin July, 2000, and run through June, 2001.

G. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR COLLEGE TECH PREP ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$296,000 (over two years) from North Carolina Community College System and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. This competitive grant has the following goals:

- To develop a four-year College Tech Prep (CTP) Action Plan
- To strengthen the CTP course of study
- To design systemic, academic, and workforce development integration
- To design in-service for teachers and counselors
- To provide equal access and support for all students
- To implement preparatory services to assist CTP students

The proposed project would begin July 1, 2000 and run through June 30, 2002.

H. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES PRESCHOOL GRANT APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$614,131 from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education administered through North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for U. S. *Assistance for the Education of Young Children with Disabilities under P.L. 99-457 as Amended by P.L. 102-9 and 105-17; Preschool Grant*. This continuation grant will provide Exceptional Children services to pre-K students with disabilities who are 3 and 4 years old. The project would begin July 1, 2000 and end June 30, 2001.

I. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$10,245,362 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and Office of Education through

the N.C. Department of Public Instruction for *Education of Handicapped Children Under P.L. 89-313 Amendment to Title I, ESEA; and Parts B, C, and G, EHA*. This continuation grant will provide Exceptional Children services to school-aged students with disabilities. The continuation of the program would begin July 1, 2000 and extend through June 30, 2001.

J. APPROVED A REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING *SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT* APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$497,645 from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction through the U.S. Department of Education – Safe and Drug-Free Schools Funds for the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act (SADFSCA) Program (70%)*. This entitlement grant will assist schools in the development of healthy, productive citizens by promoting a non-violent, drug-free lifestyle through prevention and intervention programs and services. This mission is accomplished by building community partnerships, training teachers, counseling students and families, teaching students and referring students to community services. The funding proposal would begin July 1, 2000 and continue through June 30, 2001.

K. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR *TITLE VI* APPROVED

The Board approved a request for supplementary funding for \$701,171 for *Title VI* from the U.S. Department of Education. For this Restricted Formula Grant the following goals have been set:

- To fund the purchase of instructional materials and equipment for CMS media centers
 - To provide musical instruments for elementary and secondary students
 - To provide programming for Instructional Television
 - To purchase TEAMS programming for CMS Television
 - To fund two positions for vertical teaming trainers (math and English)
 - To fund the position of Director of Media
 - To fund the position of Science Kit coordinator
 - To provide funds to non-public schools participating in the Title VI program
- The grant would begin July 1, 2000 and run through June 20, 2001.

The Consent Items conclude at this point.

Discussion of Bidding Process

Mr. Dunlap asked if there were times when CMS ought not to take the lowest bid and what those times were. In response, Lewis Mosley from Bovis Corporation, consultant to CMS, explained that in the low bidder process, each company bids on the same design. A recent

state statute now permits school systems to use a design/build process whereby a general contractor partners with an architectural firm, and together they submit a one proposal for both the design and building of the school. As other Board members joined the discussion, Mr. Griffin said that the Board would be given an opportunity at a later date to ask further questions about the two bidding processes.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Board Members Invited to Architectural Review

Mr. Griffin invited Board members to participate in the meetings of the architectural review committee on June 26, 27 and 28.

REPORT ON 1999-2000 CMS EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (EC) FAMILY SURVEY RECEIVED

Dr. Smith called upon Susan Agruso, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Accountability, to present the findings from the CMS Exceptional Children Family Survey. Dr. Agruso said that the survey had been sent to the 10,000 families of students who met the criteria of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). She said that in this first year of the survey for EC families, responses were received from 4,929 families, a response rate of 45.6%, which is slightly below the response rate for the CMS family survey. Overall, she reported, an overwhelming majority of parents are satisfied with many of the areas of the EC program, and a very small percentage report being dissatisfied with some aspects of their child's education.

Dr. Agruso summarized the findings in a power point presentation. (A copy of the findings of the survey is on file in the Office of the Board of Education.)

Families overwhelming agree that

- their child's teacher expects their child to learn. (92.6 % agree)
- they are encouraged by school staff to be actively involved in the development of their child's IEP. (86.4% agree)
- they receive regular updates on their child's progress. (85.9% agree)
- their child is supported at school. (84.3% agree)

Families disagree that

- they are satisfied with the amount of instructional materials in their child's EC classroom. (14.4% disagree)
- they are satisfied with the level of academic challenge in their child's EC classroom. (13.4% disagree)
- the principal at their child's school is involved in their child's education. (13.3% disagree)
- their child's regular education teacher meets their child's needs (13.1% disagree).

REPORT ON 1999-2000 CMS FAMILY SURVEY RECEIVED

Dr. Agruso reported that this year 57,818 parents - a response rate of 57.3% - completed the CMS Family Survey, sent to parents of all students in grades Pre-k through 12. Overall, she said, results for this year's survey are similar to those obtained from the 1998-99 survey. With a power point presentation, Dr. Agruso commented on the following Key Findings:

- Average grade for the school was 3.15 (on a scale of 1-5).
- Average grade for the district was 2.4.
- 38% of respondents rated their school "A."
- Elementary school families rated the school and the district higher than high school families did.

Families overwhelming agree that

- their child's teachers frequently require her/him to read at home (88.5%).
- their school is neat, clean, and well maintained (87.8%).
- parents are warmly welcomed when they visit the school (86.7%)
- the [academic] classwork at the school challenges their child (86.3%)

Families disagree that

- their child has enough use of computers at school (24.9% disagree)
- their child's school has enough materials and supplies (21.5% disagree).
- their child's school receives enough resources to support its programs (22.4% disagree).

Comparison of Survey Findings regarding Goals 2001

Item	1998-99 % Agree	1999-2000 % Agree
I feel free to express concerns or make suggestions to staff at school.	73.6	77.5
I receive enough communication to keep me informed of school activities.	84.1	83.9
Between report cards, I get adequate information about my child's progress.	81.0	81.7
Students are well behaved at this school.	72.2	74.4
My child is safe at school	84.0	85.9
Students are well behaved at my school (student survey).	45.0	51.0
I feel safe at my school (student survey).	67.0	71.0

In her conclusion, Dr. Agruso said that the results of the December, 1999 CMS Family Survey reveal a continued improvement in the perception of the schools. This builds on the improvements shown in the December 1998 survey. In 1999, parents reported greater approval of the schools their children attend as shown in the higher GPAs and the percentage giving As to the school. District level support remained below school level support and declined from the 1998 administration of the survey. Family involvement issues have remained steady over the past three years. Finally, two of the three items

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used to measure CMS Goals 2001 increased or stayed about the same at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

A copy of the complete survey findings is on file in the CMS Office of Instructional Accountability.

REPORT ON CMS SPRING 2000 TEST RESULTS RECEIVED

Dr. Agruso reported on the End-of-Grade tests for Reading and Mathematics, the N.C. Writing Assessment given at Grades 4 and 7 and the N.C. Test of Computer Skills given at Grade 11 and Grade 8. She also presented information about student enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate courses and 10th grade students who have completed geometry.

Reading

The testing data showed that on the N.C. End-of-Grade Reading tests in grades 4, 5 and 8, there was an increase in the percentage of students scoring at Levels III and IV, an increase in African-American students scoring at Levels III and IV, and an increase in the number of free/reduced price (FRL) lunch students who scored at Levels III and IV. The reading performance Grade 3 remained essentially the same. The trend data indicates that the gaps between African-American and white students, and between FRL students and paid lunch students are decreasing.

Mathematics

On the N.C. End-of-Grade Mathematics tests in grades 3, 4, 5 and 8, there was an increase in the percentage of students scoring at Levels II and IV, an increase in African-American students scoring at Levels III and IV, and an increase in FRL students scoring at Levels III and IV. Grade 6 performance remained essentially the same. The trend data indicates that the gap between African-American and white students is decreasing and the gap between FRL and paid lunch students is decreasing.

Writing

In writing skills, using the N.C. Writing Assessment, CMS students in grades 4 and 7 showed an increase in the percentage of students scoring at Levels II and IV (7.6 percentage points in grade 4.) Of Grade 7 students, 72% scored at or above Level III compared to 54% of those same students when they were in grade 4.

A copy of the complete results of the CMS End-of-Grade Testing and the Writing Assessment is on file in the Office of Instructional Accountability.

AP/IB Courses

Dr. Agruso presented the following chart on CMS graduates taking one or more AP/IB Course

Graduating Students	1988-99	1999-00
Number of Graduates	4,712	4,754
African-American	20.7%	24.5%
White	54.5%	54.2%
Free/reduced Lunch	12.7%	21.1%
Paid Lunch	47.3%	48.0%
Total	41.7%	44.2%

A chart showing completion of Geometry by 10th Grade Students was presented, as follows:

Students	1988-99	1999-00
Number of 10 th Graders	5,848	6,281
African-American	34.2%	40.4%
White	67.55%	72.7%
Free/reduced Lunch	29.0%	35.3%
Paid Lunch	61.0%	64.5%
Total	54.3%	58.9%

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Griffin left the Board Room for a few minutes, and Mr. Lassiter presided in his absence.

Mr. Dunlap commended Shirley Tillman, principal at Lincoln Heights Elementary for being responsive to parents' schedules by holding the school's graduation ceremony in the evening. He said that there had been a standing-room-only crowd.

Dr. Leake praised the commencement address delivered by Valedictorian Shelley Welton at West Charlotte High School. She asked if it would be possible to receive written copy of all the other commencement addresses given by school valedictorians this year.

Ms. Woods said that she had traveled with the Chamber's Partners for School Reform to Raleigh to talk about educational issues and support for bonds for K-12, community college, and higher education with the legislators.

Chairperson Griffin returned to the Board Room, and Mr. Lassiter returned the gavel to him.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent had no further report at this time.

REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Although several people had signed up in advance to speak, no one appeared at 7:50 p.m. when Mr. Griffin called their names.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Dunlap, seconded by Dr. Rembert, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss the acquisition of real property.

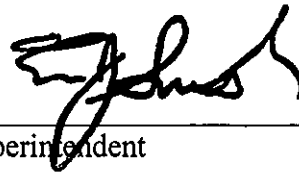
After the Closed Session, at 8:14 p.m., the Board members returned to the Board Room to hear Requests from the Public. Again, no one came forward to speak.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

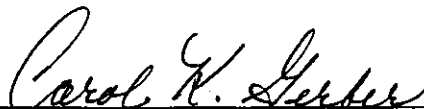
The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dr. Rembert, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Superintendent



Clerk

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**CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES AWARD CRITERIA
FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 13, 2000, TO JUNE 27, 2000**

1. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Building Services staff along with Bovis Lend Lease will carefully and completely review project bids with staff per established procedures.
2. School system preaudit procedures would be carefully followed regarding budgeted funds.
3. Building Services staff would carefully follow guidelines and procedures regarding contractor qualifications and bonding insurance.
4. Contractor would submit signed contracts, bonds and insurance certificates that would be subject to review by legal counsel and risk management before being released to perform the work.
5. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Building Services staff along with Bovis Lend Lease will comply with N.C. General Statute 143-129, procedures for letting public contracts as well as N.C. General Statute 143-132, minimum number of bids for public contracts.
6. Contracts would be promptly submitted for executive signature.
7. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Building Services staff along with Bovis Lend Lease personnel will appear before the Board at the next Board of Education meeting for ratification of the project(s).