



Charlotte, North Carolina
July 11, 2000

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

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on July 11, 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;
Wilhelmenia I. Rembert, Member at Large;
James H. Puckett (District 1); George Dunlap (District 3);
Louise Woods (District 4); Molly Griffin (District 5);
and Lindalyn Kakadelis (District 6)

ABSENT: John W. Lassiter, Vice Chairperson; and Vilma D. Leake (District 2);

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; Kevin Bringewatt, 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.

MINUTES APPROVED 8/22 2000

RECOGNITION OF CAROLINAS MEDICAL CENTER (VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFICE), CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY, AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Woods recognized Carolinas Medical Center (Volunteer Services Office), Crisis Assistance Ministries, and Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center for their outstanding contributions to CMS through their involvement with the student community service program. She explained that community service is frequently used to supplement disciplinary actions after student infractions of the CMS Code of Conduct. These community service programs are supervised by Dr. Ralph Taylor, Coordinating Director of Alternative Education and Safe Schools.

Ms. Woods pointed out that at Crisis Assistance Ministry, a local non-profit organization that provides financial assistance and support in emergency cases, CMS students collect and process clothing for the ministry's clothing closet, as well as help families to make their selections. At Carolinas Medical Center's Volunteer Services Office, students perform clerical duties; and at the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center students help with maintenance and landscaping. Of the 350 students who were required to do community service last year, many have commented on the positive learning experiences they had.

Speaking for Dr. Taylor, who was unable to attend the Board Meeting, Herbert Judon, Campus Security Associate Manager, introduced representatives from the three organizations: Larry Long, Manager of the Clothing Operations at Crisis Assistance Ministries; Melissa Scheessele, Volunteer Manager at Carolinas Medical Center, and Annie Belew, Volunteer Coordinator at CMC; and Rodney Sellars, Pool Supervisor at the Mecklenburg county Aquatic Center. Mr. Judon said that while the community service is punitive in nature, the students learn volunteer experiences and learn to give services to others. He added the program uses CMS personnel as supervisors of the students.

The community organizations also expressed their enthusiasm for the program. Mr. Long said that Crisis Assistance feels an obligation to partner with the school system. Mr. Sellars said that it is important to give students a second chance to get back into the regular school classroom.

ACTION ITEMS

"SWING SPACE PLAN" APPROVED

Dr. Smith called upon Jeff Booker, Assistant Superintendent for Building Services, to bring to the Board the proposal to use "swing space" during school construction, presented to them as a report item at the June 27th Regular Meeting. Mr. Booker recalled that a swing space approach had been outlined originally in August, 1998. Since then, as was pointed out at the July 27th meeting, additional funding by the County had provided for an increase in the number of construction projects and made swing space mandatory for timely completion.

Mr. Booker said that two revisions had been made to the proposal: that the swing space site for Oakhurst Elementary would be Greenway Park Elementary (instead of Winding Springs Elementary) and that staff would continue to do analysis of plans for Highland Elementary and bring a proposal to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Woods clarified that Oakhurst Elementary would remain a school entity with its own principal, even while being housed at the Greenway site. Ms. Molly Griffin wanted the assurance that staff will be working closely with parents before and during the transitions.

On motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Mr. Dunlap, all Board members present voted to approve the Swing Space Implementation part of the Capital Improvements Program. A copy of the Swing Space Implementation, as part of the Capital Improvements Program is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE, AND CERTAIN REVISED COMPONENTS OF THE LONG-RANGE SCHOOL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN APPROVED

On motion by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Dr. Rembert, all Board members present voted to approve the updated Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan, Advisory Committee Charge and Specific Master Plan components.

**Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee**

I. Establishment of the Committee

The Board of Education hereby establishes the Citizens Advisory Committee for updating the CMS Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan. The purpose of the Committee is to provide feedback to staff and oversee the citizen involvement component for the update of the School Facilities Master Plan.

The committee will consist of ten members. The Board will nominate four members of the Committee, including the chair. The Board of Mecklenburg County Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council will appoint three members each. Appointments to the Committee shall end no later than March 31, 2001.

II. The Charge to the Committee

In carrying out its purpose, the Committee will take the following steps:

1. Review the Board of Education's plans, policies and procedures as they relate to school facility planning.
2. Review staff's recommendations to the Board of Education as they relate to:

- The detailed geographic projections necessary to support the plan;
 - The need for new seats taking into account the 1997 Bond additions and sites;
 - The development of a new construction, school replacement and renovations program, especially for older facilities, to establish and maintain common education standards throughout the system.
3. Review Major Renovations vs. Replacement Filter to be used in the evaluation of existing school facility needs.
 4. Coordinate, with staff, the public involvement and review process, to be complete no later than January 2001.
 5. Prepare and present a written summary to the Board of Education on the Committee's response to the proposed Master Plan and the process used to develop it.

The components referred to in the Board motion were changes made in Attachment A., B., and C. of the document for the Long-Range School Facilities Master Plan. Attachment A (Selection of Geographic Regions for Future Schools) has incorporated the following change:

- **Having a diverse group of students within schools, stability in student assignment, and schools within reasonable proximity of where students live is educationally advantageous. Therefore, the selection of regions will also take into account the achievement of SPUD [Stability, Proximity, Utilization, and Diversity] goals:**

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Dr. Rembert, seconded by Mr. Dunlap, all Board members present voted to approve in one motion Items III A. – C. on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. MINUTES APPROVED

The Board voted to approved the following minutes: April 11, 2000 Regular Meeting, as amended, and June 20, 2000 Joint Luncheon of the Board of the Education, City of Charlotte, and Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners.

B. CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

1. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR MALLARD CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPROVED

The Board approved a contract for \$45,000 with Le Case Construction Services, the lowest bidder, to provide construction services for market board demolition and installation of new, relocation of existing gym equipment, HVAC

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modifications, plumbing connections for kitchen washing machine, computer room MEP scope, and general landscape improvements near the playground at Mallard Creek Elementary School. The funds will come partially from 1996 Bonds and partially from 1996 Bonds-Paving/Sitework.

2. ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED

The Board approved a contract for \$258,818 with Whelchel & Associates, Inc. to provide additional construction services for renovations to the HVAC system in the existing building. Funding for this project is from 1993 and 1996 Bonds.

The construction contracts conclude at this point.

C. REQUESTS FOR STUDENT REASSIGNMENT APPROVED

The Board approved the requests for reassignment of 57 students (Category I); and denied the requests of 151 students (Category II). There were no requests to transfer to another school system in North Carolina.

REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no reports.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no reports from Board members.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There was no report from the Superintendent at this time.

REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No citizens wished to address the Board at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Dunlap, seconded by Mr. Puckett, all Board members present voted to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Superintendent



Clerk