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Regular Board Meeting



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**REGULAR MEETING
of the
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on June 9, 2009. The meeting began at 4:34 p.m. and was held in Room CH-14 of the Government Center.

Present: Kaye McGarry, Vice-Chairperson, Member At-Large;
Joe I. White, Jr., Member At-Large;
Trent Merchant, Member At-Large;
Larry Gauvreau (District 1);
James Ross (District 3);
Tom Tate (District 4); and
Ken Gjertsen (District 6)

Absent: Molly Griffin, Chairperson, District 5, and
Kimberly Mitchell-Walker (District 2)

Also present at the request of the Board were Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent; André F. Mayes, Acting General Counsel/Deputy General Counsel; Hugh Hattabaugh, Chief Operating Officer; Tyler Ream, Chief of Staff; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Merchant, seconded by Mr. White, the Board voted unanimously of those present for approval to go into Closed Session for the following purposes:

- **To consult with the Board's attorneys on matters covered by the attorney-client privilege including but not limited to the following:**
 - a. **To consider and/or take action regarding student matters that are privileged, confidential, and not a public record; and**
 - b. **To consider personnel matters.**

The motion was made pursuant to Section 143-318.11(a) of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The Board held a Closed Session meeting from 4:34 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

Chairperson Griffin was absent and Kaye McGarry served as Chairperson. Ms. McGarry reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:12 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Government Center. CMS-TV Channel 3 televised the meeting.

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Also present at the request of the Board were Dr. Peter Gorman, Superintendent; André F. Mayes, Acting General Counsel/Deputy General Counsel; Members of Executive and Senior Staffs; Judy Whittington, Manager of Board Services; and Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Griffin was absent and Kaye McGarry, Vice-Chairperson, served as Chairperson of the meeting. Ms. McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Ms. McGarry welcomed everyone to the Board's first meeting of the month which is the Board's business meeting.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Gauvreau to lead those present and in the viewing audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Gauvreau invited everyone to stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. McGarry asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Merchant, that the Board adopt the agenda as presented, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

C. Public Hearing on proposed boundaries and feeder patterns

Ms. McGarry called the Public Hearing on proposed boundaries and feeder patterns open.

Janice Schfer spoke in opposition of the CMS boundary recommendation for the Torrence Creek Elementary School. She encouraged the Board to not approve moving 110 students from Torrence Creek Elementary School to Barnette Elementary School because it would have little impact on the overcrowding issues at Torrence Creek but would have a major impact on the families being reassigned. The community has not been given an opportunity to comment on the recommendation and the change in bell schedule (9:15 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.) would create childcare hardships for families.

The following people urged the Board to reject the CMS boundary proposal for the new Mint Hill high school and to support the Mint Hill Town Plan. The Mint Hill Town Plan provides "One High School for Mint Hill;" adheres to Board policies by focusing on locating schools in close proximity to home, creates boundaries that are compact and contiguous, provides stability; creates a better balance for the three high schools including utilization and free and

reduced lunch percentages; generates parental involvement; keeps the children of the community together; allows for growth; and preserves the town of Mint Hill. Local problems should not be solved by student assignment. The CMS plan divides Mint Hill into three high schools that reflect high percentages of free and reduced lunch populations. The numbers of the CMS plan and the Mint Hill Plan only differ by 2%. They encouraged the Board to vote on this plan tonight.

- Betty Bell
- Brian Ellsworth
- Ken Horn
- Carol Waddle
- Mayor Ted Biggers
- Al Thomas
- Julie Andrews
- Olive Byrne
- Paul Cucchiara
- Clark Goodman
- Tony Long, represented the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Commissioner Lloyd Austin
- Reisa Kudeviz
- Leslie Southerland
- Spencer Alridge
- Mark Sikes
- Karen Robinson
- Kay Benson
- Bill Brawley
- Beverly Cannaday
- Irene Suchoza, represented the Sardis Forest Neighborhood
- Jef Freeman
- Carol Buckanavage
- Commissioner Katrina Ross
- John Hebert
- Chris McAvoy
- Mayor Lee Myers

Two people discussed their concerns regarding the proposed boundaries for the new Bailey Road high school.

- Scott Moore presented an alternate boundary that would alleviate future overcrowding, provide a more definitive route, and reduce travel time. The CMS recommendation calculates the number of students based upon the 20th day count and the school is expected to open at 80% capacity without mobiles. The CMS plan does not include new developments.
- Scott Santa Cruz expressed his concerns because the CMS option splits the Bailey Road area.

Adrienne Trent lives in the Reedy Creek Plantation area. She participated in the planning portion of the proposed boundary recommendations. She expressed concern that the Mint Hill Town Plan splits the Reedy Creek area, does not include options for this area to attend the new Mint Hill high school, and her two high school students would be negatively impact by the

town plan. She believes CMS will continue to draw assignment areas with the best interest of students. She encouraged the Board to consider options for the Reedy Creek area to attend the new Mint Hill high school and to develop a balance that does not focus on free and reduced lunch populations.

Ms. McGarry called the Public Hearing closed.

D. Public Hearing on proposed amendments to Policy JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Tate, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Tate said proposed amendments to Policy JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, and Policy JLCEE, Automatic External Defibrillators, are before the Board for a Public Hearing and a Board vote is scheduled as an Action Items on the agenda.

Mr. Tate moved that that Board open the Public Hearings, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and by consensus the Board approved the motion.

Mr. Tate said there were no speakers signed up to speak to Policy JLCE or Policy JLCEE and he asked that the Public Hearings be closed.

Mr. Tate moved that the Public Hearings be closed, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and the Board voted 7-0 to close the Public Hearings. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

E. Public Hearing on proposed new Policy JLCEE, Automatic External Defibrillators

Agenda Item I. E. was presented with Agenda Item I. D.

The proposed amendments to Policy JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, were before the Board for a Public Hearing and a Board vote is scheduled as an Action Item on the agenda.

II. REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following people discussed their concerns regarding the 2009 Board of Education Budget; the reduction in force; the termination of employees, teachers, and assistant principals; and the negative impact the action will have on students, the quality of education, and the economy.

- Vilma Leake, Board of County Commissioners, District 2.
- Rev. Jerry Cannon.
- Bethany Tico, graduating senior at Myers Park High School.
- Donnie Cook, support Mallard Creek High School Theatre Booster Club and Ms. Jordan.
- Darrin Rankin.
- Hannah Hindel, graduating senior at Myers Park High School.
- Robin Bradford. In lieu of laying off teachers, consider other areas such as Learning Communities and area superintendents.
- Hans Plotseneder, teacher at West Mecklenburg High School. Teachers fill the mission of the business. Consider reductions in buses, administrators, and Learning Communities.
- Jennifer Imo, Myers Park graduate. She supports laying-off poor performing teachers but not successful teachers.
- Nicholas Ritchie, graduating senior at Myers Park High School.

- Sharon Eshet, graduating senior at Myers Park High School.
- Dot Cromwell spoke on behalf of the retired teachers being terminated. CMS advocated for these teachers two years ago.
- Mary McCray expressed concern regarding the manner in which teachers were displaced to another school.
- Tammy Hill expressed concern regarding the termination of teachers at Lincoln Heights Elementary School.
- Connor McDermott, graduating senior at East Mecklenburg High School.

Lucille Puckett expressed concern that her son who attends Piedmont Open Middle School was assaulted by a staff member and this incident has not been resolved.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommend approval of minutes.
- October 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.
 - January 27, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.
 - May 12, 2009, Closed Session.
 - May 21, 2009 Closed Session.
- B. Recommend approval of appointment of administrative personnel.

Appointments:

- *David LeGrand named principal at Villa Heights Academic Center. Mr. LeGrand previously served as assistant principal at Ranson Middle School and Carmel Middle School.*
- *James Garvin named principal at Cornelius Elementary School. Mr. Garvin previously served as assistant principal at Cornelius Elementary School.*
- *Sophia Hazlehurst named principal at Greenway Park Elementary School. Ms. Hazlehurst previously served as assistant principal at Irwin Avenue Open Elementary School.*

Transfers:

- *Crystal Agurs named principal at Plaza Road Pre-K. Ms. Agurs previously served as principal at Morehead Elementary School.*
- *Shelton Jefferies named principal at West Charlotte High School. Mr. Jefferies previously served as Executive Director of the Achievement Zone.*
- *Natalie Lowe named principal at Sedgefield Elementary School. Ms. Lowe previously served as principal at Highland Renaissance Academy.*
- *Mary Webb named principal at Reedy Creek Elementary School. Ms. Webb previously served as Executive Director of PreK-12 Curriculum Support Programs.*

- C. Recommend approval of licensed/non-licensed hires and promotions for May 2009.
- D. Supplementary funding/grant requests:
1. Recommend approval of supplementary grant request for 2009 Equipment Assistance Grant.

Funds will enable CMS to replace outdated and unreliable hot and cold serving equipment at Garinger, West Charlotte, and Independence high schools. Funding requested from North Carolina Department of Public Instruction/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Federal Funds in the amount of \$136,825.76.

2. Recommend approval of supplementary grant request for “P”’s in a Pod: Using iPods to Build and Assess Performance and Proficiency in Critical Needs Language Programs.

If funded the proposed project would provide mobile language laboratories for Japanese, Chinese, and Arabic Language Programs for Military and Global Leadership Academy at Marie G. Davis, West Mecklenburg High School, and South Mecklenburg High School. Funding requested from North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, K-12 Programs Areas, in the amount of \$30,000.00 over three years.

3. Recommend approval of supplementary grant request for Global Citizenship: Cultivating Alliances through the Arabic Language.

To establish an articulated K-12 Arabic Program as an integrated component of the Center for Leadership and Global Economics/Military and Global Leadership Magnet Program, in which students will be challenged to grow their linguistic capacity and cultural perspective, resulting in the development of individuals who are both able and willing to serve their community, country, and world as productive global citizens. Funding request from U.S. Department of Education/Foreign Language Assistance Program in the amount of \$580,800.00 over three years.

- E. Recommend approval of resolution for Interim Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as required by N.C.G.S. §115C-434.

This is authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to continue paying salaries and the usual ordinary expenses of the school district until adoption of the FY 2009-2010 Board of Education Budget. Any such interim appropriations made and expended shall be charged to the proper appropriation in the 2009-2010 Budget upon adoption. The exact dollar amount will depend on length of time lapsing before budget adoption.

Resolution for Interim Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education be and hereby is, authorized to continue paying salaries and the usual ordinary expenses of the school district. This authorization is to be effective from July 1, 2009, until adoption of a new budget resolution pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-434. Any such interim appropriations which are expended shall be charged to the proper appropriations in the 2009-2010 Budget upon adoption.

- F. Recommend approval of requests for release of students to other school districts.
- G. Recommend approval of career employee termination.
- H. Recommend approval of the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Director of Storage and Distribution to dispose of surplus school property by way of on-line bid – in auction format.

The on-line auction time span will encompass July 1 through July 17, 2009.

- I. Recommend approval of Career and Technical Education 2009-2010 Application for State/Federal Funding.

This is an annual entitlement/formula grant application for Federal (Carl D. Perkins IV Act) and State Career-Technical Education funding. Application is submitted to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in electronic format in the amount of

\$33,057,304.00 from PRCs 13, 14, and 17.

Ms. McGarry asked the Board if they wished to pull any items for discussion.

Mr. Merchant pulled Consent Item C.

Mr. Gauvreau pulled Consent Item D.3.

Mr. White moved, seconded Mr. Merchant that the Board adopt Consent Items A. through I. excluding C. and D.3., and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

The Board discussed Consent Item C. (Recommend approval of licensed/non-licensed hires and promotions for May 2009). Mr. Merchant expressed concern that there were licensed personnel on the new hire list for March, April, and May and they were also on the list of employees to be cut. Maurice Ambler, Chief Human Resources Officer, said anyone hired after January would be employed on an end-of-year contract through the end of this school year which ends June 30, 2009. They are made aware that they have employment through the end of this school year, if their performance is satisfactory, and there is no guarantee of employment for the next school year. Mr. Ambler said those individuals should be on the cut list and, if not, they may have been missed. Dr. Gorman said staff would review the list to ensure accuracy.

Mr. Merchant moved, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board adopt Consent Item C., and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

The Board discussed D.3. (Recommend approval of supplementary grant request for Global Citizenship: Cultivating Alliances through the Arabic Language).

- Mr. Gauvreau said he would not approve this item and he is against the district continuing to chase federal dollars. This item is for approximately \$580,000.00 for a K-12 Arabic Program. He expressed concern that this item is also geared towards the kindergarten level. He encouraged the Board to not support this item because CMS is terminating thousands of people but approving \$580,000 to teach Arabic to students in kindergarten. Dr. Gorman said he would be glad to discuss this item further with Mr. Gauvreau. Dr. Gorman called upon Kelly Price, Director Global Studies and World Languages, to review the program. Mr. Price said the Foreign Language Assistance Program has been in place for a number of years and CMS applied for and received flat grants that began the Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program at Collinswood Language Academy and the Dual Language Japanese Program which is now located at Smith Academy of Languages. The funding for the flat grant requires a school district or state agency to begin a program in an area that is deemed a national strategic language. Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese are considered important to our national defense and national security.
- Mr. Merchant said this is a grant for approximately \$580,000.00 over three years. Mr. Merchant asked does this include a local or a state component? Mr. Price said, yes, CMS already had one Average Daily Member (ADM) position allotted to Winding Springs because of their Magnet Program; Marie G. Davis is a 6th through 12th grade school which offers languages and they have set aside one ADM position to offer Arabic in addition to their French and Spanish Program; and Winding Springs would add Arabic under its ADM

allotment because of its Magnet Program for K-5 students. This would create a K-12 articulated sequence of language for the study of Arabic in CMS. These are positions that are currently in the budget and they would be continuing positions in the budget allotted to those schools as a part of their ADMs. Mr. Merchant expressed concern that there were a number of people who passionately spoke tonight regarding the budget but they only understand five percent of what the Board is dealing with. The reality is CMS will have to cut \$87 million and another \$33 million and in addition state legislature wants to make school districts responsible for liability for school buses. Mr. Merchant wants to continue to be strategic and to move forward but the Board must be responsible for many moving parts. When facing cuts for thousands of staff, one ADM position is important. Dr. Gorman said there are foreign language programs at Marie G. Davis and it is a Global Language and Military school. One of the options is preparing students for a career in the military and having them graduate with the knowledge and ability to speak Arabic gives them a great advantage. This fits our mission to help students to be successful and ready to graduate from Marie G. Davis ready to go to college or directly in the military. This provides a direct feed from Winding Springs to Marie G. Davis. This grant will help staff and implement this program.

- Mr. Gauvreau expressed concern regarding this item and the use of government dollars. He believes CMS should focus on the 50,000 students in CMS who are not reading very well.
- Mr. Tate believes this is a great opportunity for students, the community, and the nation. He believes learning foreign languages helps students better understand English and beginning this at adolescence is an important component.
- Mr. White said as a Colonel serving in Cairo years ago, having knowledge of Arabic would have been a great advantage.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Tate, that the Board adopt Consent Item D.3., and the Board voted 6-1 in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. White, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the motion. Mr. Gauvreau voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommend approval of licensed employees for career status, non-career non-renewal of contracts, and dismissals of assistant principals who did not request a hearing

Ms. McGarry called upon Dr. Gorman to present the recommendation. Dr. Gorman said this item requests the approval of four separate components pursuant to the criteria established by the Board through the reduction in force to non-renew employment for the list of teachers, psychologists, and social workers which have been placed on the list and to deny career status for persons on the list for their fourth year.

Mr. White moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation, pursuant to and in accordance with the criteria established for the reduction in force, to non-renew the employment for next school year the combined list of all teachers, psychologists, and social workers on the list and to deny career status to the persons on the list in their fourth year, seconded by Mr. Ross, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Gauvreau will not support this item. He is opposed to some of the methods that CMS

is administratively employed to rank employees. He is not opposed to cleaning house in some areas because there is too much fat in CMS and that includes the schoolhouse level. The cost reductions must be done correctly to get the most “bang” for the taxpayers’ dollars. He expressed concern regarding the performance evaluation process because it was administered far more subjectively than objectively.

- Mr. Gjertsen said he was concerned about the reduction in force process when it was presented to the Board three months ago. It was heavily geared to removing the poor performers and it has proven to be a bad idea. He will not support the motion.

The Board voted 5-2 in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. White, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted in support of the motion. Mr. Gauvreau and Mr. Gjertsen voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Dr. Gorman said the second component is a similar item for assistant principals.

Mr. White moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation, pursuant to and in accordance with the criteria established for the reduction in force, to terminate the assistant principal administrator contracts of the persons on the list with such contract terminations to be effective June 30, 2009, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Gauvreau said he would also oppose this item for the same reasons. He expressed concern regarding the performance evaluation process for assistant principals and the number of assistant principals who were ranked outstanding performers for two consecutive years. He understands that some of those assistant principals must be terminated with the reduction that must happen in this school district. He will not support a process that is foundationally flawed.

The Board voted 4-3 in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. White, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted in support of the motion. Mr. Merchant Mr. Gauvreau and Mr. Gjertsen voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Dr. Gorman said the next item to approve the recommendation to grant career status to career eligible employees on the list that was presented to the Board previously.

Mr. White moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to grant career status to persons on the career eligible list pursuant to Board policy, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Dr. Gorman said the fourth item is to recommend certain contracts for persons to be non-renewed.

Mr. White moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for reasons unrelated to the reduction in force to non-renew the employment for next school year of the persons on the list, seconded by Mr. Ross, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

B. Recommend approval of citizen appointments to Advisory Boards/Committees:

1. Recommend approval of one citizen appointment to the Central Piedmont Community

College Board of Trustees.

Ms. McGarry called for nominations for one citizen appointment to Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. This would be an appointment for a four-year term effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Ross nominated Bishop George Battle, seconded by Mr. Gauvreau.

Mr. Merchant nominated Judith Allison, seconded by Mr. White.

- Mr. Ross said this would be Bishop Battle's third term and he would normally be opposed to nominating someone to a third term but we are not experiencing ordinary times. Central Piedmont (CPCC) is also struggling with a budget. Bishop Battle is an influential and powerful person in the community and he would be an asset to the CPCC Board of Trustees at this time.
- Mr. Merchant said Bishop Battle has been a great community citizen. He believes the Board should follow its policy regarding term limits because there is an outstanding applicant pool. Ms. Allison is familiar with CPCC having served on their Foundation Board. She has worked closely with the Board of Trustees and she will be an outstanding member of that board.

Mr. White moved that the Board close the nominations on the said two names, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and by consensus the Board closed the nominations.

Ms. McGarry noted the Board's policy allows for an exception for a third term if a particular individual would provide continuity or expertise that is deemed particularly valuable. Mr. White said he led the charge to reappoint Bishop Battle at the last appointment, he is a personal friend, and an outstanding Board member. The Board's policy encourages term limits because that allows other people an opportunity to participate on committees. Mr. White said he is not opposed to Bishop Battle and he believes he would be a continued asset to the committee but it is with regret that he will not be able to support his reappointment.

Bishop Battle received five votes which was the majority vote and Bishop Battle was reappointed to the CPCC Board of Trustees. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Gauvreau, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of Bishop Battle.

2. Recommend approval of one citizen appointment to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

Ms. McGarry called for nominations of one citizen appointment to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission for a three-year term. The term would be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

Mr. Tate nominated Reverend Dwayne Walker for reappointment, seconded by Mr. Ross.

Mr. Tate said Reverend Walker is currently serving on this board and he has reapplied for this position. Reverend Walker is serving with knowledge and distinction, and he would be a continued asset to the Planning Commission and the CMS Board. Ms. McGarry noted that Reverend Walker is eligible to serve a second term and he has no absenteeism issues.

Mr. White moved that the Board appoint Reverend Walker by acclamation, seconded by Mr. Ross, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion.

Mr. Ross said he was impressed with the number of people applying for the various positions. He commended the people of Charlotte for their willingness to serve on these committees on a voluntary basis. He encouraged the people in the community to continue to apply for these types of positions because it is good for the community.

3. Recommend approval of one citizen appointment to the Citizens' Transit Advisory Group.

Ms. McGarry called for nominations of one citizen appointment to the Citizens' Transit Advisory Group for a two-year term. The term would be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Merchant nominated Sam Spencer, seconded by Mr. White.

- Mr. Gauvreau does not believe appointing someone to the Transit Committee is a worthy use of the Board's responsibility and the Board should not be involved with these types of committees. He will not support anyone for this committee.
- Mr. Tate said he understood Mr. Spencer applied to the Planning Commission and not to the Transit Advisory Group.
- Mr. Merchant said Mr. Spencer initially applied to the Planning Commission and he was one of the few candidates that contacted him. Mr. Merchant informed Mr. Spencer that he would support Reverend Walker for that appointment because he is doing a great job. Mr. Merchant discussed the Transit Advisory Group appointment with Mr. Spencer and Mr. Spencer said he was interested in that position. Mr. Merchant commended Mr. Spencer and said he actively seeks ways to serve his community; he is a CMS and Davidson College graduate; and he would be an excellent leader in the community. Mr. Merchant encouraged the Board to consider Mr. Spencer for this appointment.

Ms. McGarry said she would need guidance from the Board attorney to ensure the application process is followed because it does include applications received by a certain deadline. Ms. McGarry noted that some applicants did apply for more than one position and that was noted on their applications. Judy Whittington, Manager of Board Services, said Mr. Spencer's application to the Planning Commission did not include application to the Transit Advisory Group, and the deadline was May 27th at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Merchant expressed concern that several people had applied for the first two positions but only a few for the Transit Advisory Group. Ms. McGarry said there were four capable applicants and it would be fair for the Board to consider them for nomination for that position. André Mayes, Acting General Counsel/Deputy General Counsel, said none of those procedures are outlined in the Board policy and this matter would be at the Board's discretion. Mr. White said he wants to be fair, legal, and consistent with the Board process and there have been times in the past when Board members nominated people at the dais who had not applied for a committee appointment. Mr. White said he would abide by the rulings of the Chairperson and the Board attorney.

Ms. McGarry asked the Board if they would like to nominate someone from the pool of applicants. There were no other nominations for the Transit Advisory Group.

Ms. McGarry declared there were no other nominations for the citizen appointment to the Transit Advisory Group and the nomination by Mr. Merchant for Sam Spencer, seconded by Mr. White, stood.

The Board voted 6-0-1 to nominate Sam Spencer as the citizen appointment to Transit Advisory Group. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Merchant, Mr. White, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of Mr. Spencer. Mr. Gauvreau abstained. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

C. Recommend approval of proposed boundaries and feeder patterns

Ms. McGarry called upon Dr. Gorman to introduce the recommendations for the proposed boundaries and feeder patterns. Dr. Gorman called upon Scott McCully, Executive Director of Student Placement Services, to present the boundary recommendations. Mr. McCully said the recommendations for approval include two high schools, two elementary schools, and one boundary shift. The detailed recommendations were presented to the Board at the May 12, 2009 Regular Board meeting. A Board discussion followed.

Boundary shift for Torrence Creek Elementary School and Barnette Elementary School:

Mr. White moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's proposed recommendation, as presented at the Board meeting on May 12, 2009, to change the attendance areas for Torrence Creek and Barnette elementary schools, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and a discussion followed.

Mr. McCully reviewed the boundary changes for Torrence Creek and Barnette elementary schools as follows:

Grade Levels: K-5.

Effective Date: Beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

Boundary Changes: The northwestern section of the current attendance area for Torrence Creek (the area west of Ervin Cook and Babe Stillwell Farm roads) would become part of the home school boundary for Barnette Elementary School, as depicted on the accompanying map.

Affected Schools: Torrence Creek and Barnette elementary schools.

Default Assignments for rising K-4 students: Barnette Elementary School.

Default Assignments for rising 5th grade students: Torrence Creek Elementary School.

Assignment Options for rising K-4 students: No option to remain at Torrence Creek.

Assignment Options for rising 5th grade students: May choose to be assigned to Barnette Elementary School and should indicate this intent through the Reassignment or Transfer process by July 17, 2009. (While these students may transfer to Barnette Elementary School from Torrence Creek Elementary School at any time, parents are encouraged to meet this deadline to avoid a delay in securing CMS-provided transportation to Barnette before the first day of school.)

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend Torrence Creek Elementary School for younger siblings of 5th grade students who remain at Torrence Creek Elementary School.

A Board discussion followed.

- Mr. Tate asked clarifying questions regarding the process to notify parents of the proposed

change. Mr. McCully said staff discussed the changes with the PTA president and information regarding the boundary changes was sent home with the students this week. Mr. Tate asked how many students would be impacted by this change? Mr. McCully said approximately 110 students.

- Mr. Merchant expressed concern regarding the process of sending information home with students because that information can easily get lost by the student or get overlooked by the parents. CMS should not rely on six year olds to be messengers for important information. He can understand parents being upset about the dramatic school start time change from 9:15 a.m. 7:15 a.m. Mr. Merchant asked what is the financial implication for not supporting this recommendation? Mr. McCully said it would cost an additional \$200,000.00 for the rain gardens that would be necessary for the four mobile units. Mr. Merchant said Stumptown is planned for the area in 2011 but the funding is not available. Mr. Merchant said he would support this recommendation with reservation because he knows the change of start time will be difficult for these parents. Mr. Merchant said CMS is in a bind because we are dealing with unusual circumstances.
- Mr. Gauvreau said he is certain this will be an inconvenience. He would like to defer the northern items that will be unbundled one-by-one under the boundary recommendations. He does not believe the Board will support deferral of the northern items but he will support this item.

The Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the parents to contact the principal, Jacquelyn Touchton, at Barnette Elementary School because she is top notch and she will work with the parents and students.

Mr. McCully reviewed the boundaries for new Stumptown Road elementary school.

I. New Stumptown Road Elementary school

Grade Levels: K-5.

Projected Opening Date: Beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, or upon completion of the facility.

Home School Boundary: The northern section of the 2008-2009 Torrence Creek attendance area generally described as the area north of a line and includes the following:

- beginning at the intersection of Stumptown Road and Interstate I-77 and running west along Stumptown Road to its intersection with Hugh Torance Parkway;
- continuing west along Hugh Torance Parkway to its intersection with Chaddsley Drive;
- continuing west along the back lot lines between Chaddsley Drive and Salford Court;
- continuing south between Louth Court, and Parkcrest Street and Wynfield Creek Parkway at its intersection with McDiarmid Lane;
- continuing south on Wynfield Creek Parkway to Tartan Ridge Drive; and
- continuing west between Taybrook Drive and Breton Brook Street, crossing McDowell Creek and ending at Ervin Cooke Road, as depicted on the accompanying map.

Affected Schools: Torrence Creek Elementary School.

Default Assignments for rising K-5 students: new Stumptown Road elementary school.

Assignment Options for rising K-4 students: No option to remain at Torrence Creek Elementary School.

Assignment Options for rising 5th grade students: May choose to remain at Torrence Creek Elementary School and must indicate this intent on lottery application.

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend Torrence Creek Elementary School for younger siblings of 5th grade students who choose to remain at this school.

Mr. Merchant moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s proposal, presented at the Board meeting on May 12, 2009, for the boundaries for new “Stumptown Road elementary school, seconded by Mr. White, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Gauvreau expressed concern regarding the high school recommendation and he will make a motion to amend that motion. He said most of the community would like to keep the Wynfield communities that include Wynfield, Wynfield Creek, and Wynfield Forest intact and not split. He believes there is a clear boundary for that area. The district’s position is that they do not want to split that area to allow all of the Wynfields to go to the new Stumptown Road elementary. Staff wants to keep some of those students at Torrence Creek Elementary School. Mr. McCully said there are approximately 250 elementary students in that particular community and staff felt this was the best plan to accommodate future growth and a new Stumptown Road while relieving Torrence Creek Elementary School. Mr. Gauvreau said he would support this motion with a contingency regarding the new high school because there are two elementary schools within one mile of each other and that will create a split feeder deal. The community has a huge interest in keeping the Wynfield communities together at a minimum for the high school level. There will be capacity for this option with the new high school in Cornelius. Mr. Gauvreau will support this option but will make an amendment regarding the Wynfield areas for the high school motion. Mr. Gauvreau said this was not the best option but he would support it.

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation for the new Stumptown Road elementary school.

Mr. McCully reviewed boundaries for the new Bailey Road high school and the associated boundary changes for Hopewell High School, North Mecklenburg High School, and West Charlotte High School as follows:

I. “New Bailey Road High School”

Grade Levels: 9-12.

Projected Opening Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, or upon completion of the facility.

Home School Boundary: The entire home school areas of Huntersville, J.V. Washam, Cornelius, and Davidson elementary schools and the northeastern portion of the 2008-2009 attendance area of Torrence Creek Elementary School (the proposed new “Stumptown Road elementary school attendance area), as depicted on the accompanying map. These areas are currently assigned to North Mecklenburg and Hopewell high schools.

Affected Schools: North Mecklenburg and Hopewell high schools.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: new “Bailey Road high school.”

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at their current home schools.

Default Assignments for rising 12th students: Current high school (North Mecklenburg or Hopewell high schools).

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: No option to attend new “Bailey Road high school.”

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend North Mecklenburg or Hopewell high schools for younger siblings of 12th grade students who remain at those schools.

II. Associated Boundary Shifts for West Charlotte, Hopewell, and North Mecklenburg high schools

Projected Effective Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Affected Area: The 2009-2010 attendance areas for West Charlotte and North Mecklenburg high schools would be shifted as follows:

- The part of the Nathaniel Alexander Elementary School home school area west of Sugar Creek Road would be assigned from West Charlotte High School to North Mecklenburg High School, as indicated on the accompanying map.
- The part of the Hornets Nest Elementary home school area east of I-77 would be assigned from West Charlotte High School to North Mecklenburg High School, as indicated on the accompanying map.
- The entire Statesville Road Elementary home school area would be assigned from Hopewell High School to West Charlotte High School, as indicated on the accompanying map.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: North Mecklenburg (Nathaniel Alexander and Hornets Nest areas) or West Charlotte (Statesville Road area).

Assignment Options for rising 9 - 11 students: No option to remain at North Mecklenburg High School or West Charlotte High School.

Default Assignments for rising 12th grade students: Current school (West Charlotte High School or Hopewell High School).

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: North Mecklenburg (Nathaniel Alexander and Hornets Nest areas) or West Charlotte (Statesville Road area); must indicate this intent on lottery application.

Sibling Guarantee: None. Younger siblings of rising 12th grade students who remain at West Charlotte or Hopewell high schools will not have a sibling guarantee to attend those schools.

Mr. Merchant moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s proposal, presented at the Board meeting on May 12, 2009, for the boundaries for new “Bailey Road High School,” and associated boundary changes for Hopewell, North Mecklenburg and West Charlotte high schools, seconded by Mr. White, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Gauvreau said he would not try to defer this because he knows the answer. He believes there is a substantial problem with the recommendation at the high school level. Now that the southern boot has been removed, the boundary for Hopewell High School is more compact, regularly drawn and the number of students was dramatically reduced. The new high school, while it will open half empty with only 1,400 students, is a planning problem that may or may not fit itself overtime with the state of economy. The boundary is compact, regularly drawn, comes close to how Hopewell High School was planned. Mr. Gauvreau expressed concern on how the north Mecklenburg zone has been drawn because there is another boot that goes to I-85. Those students should attend Vance High School because they are in close proximity of that school. He expressed concern regarding the North Mecklenburg boundary because it is insect-shaped, not compact, and irregularly

drawn. He commended Mr. McCully for attempting to develop boundaries that attempt to meet utilization and the Board's student assignment guidelines. Mr. Gauvreau said he would like to propose two amendments to the motion for the Boards consideration.

Mr. Gauvreau made an amendment to the motion that the Board make the area south of Sunset Road to I-85 bordering Nathaniel Alexander be assigned to Vance High School and not to North Mecklenburg High School (the general area south of Sunset Road and north of I-85), seconded by Mr. Gjertsen, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Tate said he would like to know the impact on Vance and North Mecklenburg high schools prior to voting on this amendment. Mr. McCully said the 20th day enrollment for Vance High School for 2008-2009 school year was nearly 1,800 students, 181% utilization, and thirty-four mobile classrooms. This is a fairly populated area with approximately two hundred students. Those students would be assigned to Vance High School and that would add to the mobile count. Mr. Tate expressed concern that this would make the enrollment at Vance High School approximately 2,000 students.
- Mr. Merchant asked what is the capacity of Vance High School? Mr. McCully said it is a seventy-seven classroom facility and it is not the typical ninety-nine classroom facility.
- Mr. Gauvreau said he made the amendment because at some point in time we must recognize that the community wants to have schools closer to their homes. They want neighborhood schools and the Board must draw these lines at some point in time. The Board must redo this at a high level. This is part of the gerrymandering and patching over the years which results in a boundary that is not set up right. North Mecklenburg High School is an older school that was built in 1954. Students do not want to be bused to an old school but the reality is those students should not be bused anywhere other than Vance High School, and West Charlotte High School which is close to their homes, or in some combination of what the school system does in rebalancing, not by race or socio-economic, but by utilization of schools that includes Mallard Creek, Vance, West Charlotte, Hopewell, and North Mecklenburg high schools. Mr. Gauvreau said this would take more than this Board is willing to do but those students should be going to Vance High School and the Board should make that happen.
- Mr. Gjertsen said based upon a seventy-seven classroom capacity he does not calculate a 181% capacity. Mr. McCully said capacity is based upon student-weighted staffing, free and reduced lunch percentage, and allotment count. Mr. Gauvreau said no one goes by those percentages because they are irrelevant. Mr. Gjertsen and Mr. Tate said those numbers are important and are used by the Board of Education. Mr. Gjertsen does not understand the 181% capacity calculation and noted that would equal a class size of eighteen and everyone in his district loves classes of that size. Mr. McCully said the free and reduced lunch percentages are considerably higher (currently over 55%) at Vance High School than the district-wide average.
- Mr. Tate asked if this would make Vance High a Title 1 school? Mr. McCully said it is currently not a Title I school. Mr. Tate said he would vote against this unless he could be provided the specifics on the impact to Vance and North Mecklenburg high schools. He said the Board of Education does take diversity, equity, and other criteria into account in its assignment plan and that has not changed. He would like to know this information or otherwise he would vote against the amendment unless this item was to be deferred.
- Mr. Gauvreau asked the Board to reject diversity and those other things that really do not

matter because this is about educating students and not putting them on a bus. He knows there will be more growth in the northern area and CMS should plan on that and should start dismantling the assignment plan of the past. Vance High School will be a crowded school but many CMS schools are overcrowded. He expressed concern regarding the capacity calculations.

- Mr. Merchant said he would not support this amendment. He said these boundaries make sense but part of our issue in this area of Mecklenburg County is a bottleneck that includes three high schools and because of their placement we will not have clean boundaries. The boundary recommendations tonight are in the northern and southern areas but the real issue is Vance and Garinger high schools which are slammed. Mr. Merchant agreed that the Board must review student assignment in a way that makes sense and provides guidance to the planning, construction, and student placement departments. Mr. Merchant commended Mr. McCully for the job he does in attempting to develop boundaries that meet the needs of CMS and the parents. He expressed concern that each Board member has a different priority that may focus on free and reduced lunch populations, utilization, operational efficiency, transportation, boundaries that are regularly drawn, or student achievement. Mr. Merchant encouraged the Board to have a discussion on student assignment in the near future. He encouraged the Board to think differently because CMS is not getting any funding for construction until the fall of 2010 at the earliest. He believes this is the right time for the Board to set real parameters and develop an assignment plan that will be applicable for a decade. Mike Raible, Executive Director for Planning and Project Management, said the only two high schools that were in the 2007 Bond package are the two schools currently under construction (new Bailey Road and new Mint Hill). Mr. Merchant encouraged the Board to develop boundary criteria that make sense.
- Mr. White said the Board conducted a comprehensive review of the student assignment plan four years ago and that process was similar to the conversation tonight. There are varied opinions on how to define boundaries and the Board decisions make some people happy but others unhappy. He encouraged the Board to wait another two years prior to conducting another comprehensive review.
- Ms. McGarry said the Board has guidelines to follow. As the planning committee tries to adhere to those guidelines, Board members put different weights on those guidelines and that makes it difficult for the planning committee to develop boundaries that will be approved by the Board.
- Mr. Gjertsen is happy about this discussion because he does not believe the Board's guidelines are working. Wake County creates boundaries based upon a cap on free and reduced lunch populations and has certainty on how it is implemented. This Board has a kitchen sink full of guidelines and then they pick and choose. This creates uncertainty because some Board members will vote on what is important to them which may include the base of race, capacity, proximity, neighborhood schools, or free and reduced lunch. He expressed concern that there is no certainty. The new Bailey Road high school allows for new growth but the new Mint Hill high school does not allow for new growth. Mr. Gjertsen commended Mr. McCully on the job he does in developing boundaries and he expressed concern that Mr. McCully does not have clear direction from the Board. He said Mr. McCully has to attempt to follow Board guidelines and then create boundaries that include community input. Mr. Gjertsen would be glad to work with Mr. Merchant and the Board members to develop direction on student assignment that puts certainty and integrity in the process.

- Mr. Tate commended the Board's Guiding Principles. The Board spent many hours in 2005 developing the Guiding Principles and they give the Board some flexibility in the areas where it needs flexibility. He does not believe there is a clear way to have hard and fast rules that can be used in every part of Mecklenburg County in the same way. There are areas in the county that are exploding in growth but there are other areas in which our fifty plus year old schools, Myers Park High School and West Charlotte High School, that also needs a third school to relieve their overcrowding. Those are not neighborhoods that are exploding in growth but we must find forty or more acres in that area for a new school. The Board must have Guiding Principles that can be used because we have different situations in this metropolitan area. The Guiding Principals state that a diverse educational environment enhances learning which suggests the majority of the Board does care about diversity. Mr. Tate said the Guiding Principles may need to be reviewed but presently we must find a way to not create schools that will have a hard time of being successful. He believes all children have the capability to learn. He expressed concern that the data for CMS shows that schools with lower free and reduced lunch populations have a greater proficiency of being on grade level. The data does not show that if you are poor you cannot learn but it does mean that high concentrations of poverty in one location is making it harder for them to learn and is the most expensive way of educating. With weighted student-staffing, high populations of poverty means we must have more teachers, more resources, and smaller class sizes, and all of that is expensive. If this is balanced throughout the district that may cost CMS less but that is complicated by creating boundaries that are compact and contiguous. Mr. Tate believes the Board should use Guiding Principles in developing boundaries and they may need to be reviewed. Mr. Tate said the Guiding Principles provide the Board direction because we want every school to have the ability to educate every student that attends that school. The Guiding Principles provide some flexibility so that the particular situation of each school and area can be considered.
- Mr. White said he does not believe other school districts have the solution for CMS. He noted that Wake County has a 26% free and reduced lunch population compared to a 51% population in CMS and what applies to other school districts does not apply to CMS.
- Mr. Tate said Mr. Gauvreau mentioned that he may ask that this motion be deferred. He asked what would happen if the Board deferred this item. Mr. McCully said staff plans ahead for schools and that helps with the planning process for naming the school and the myriad of items that must be completed for opening a new school.
- Mr. Gauvreau said this high school would not open for fifteen months and the Board could easily defer a decision on this boundary to find a better way. He believes the Board should also defer the new Mint Hill boundary decision because the Board has time. He expressed concern that the last student assignment review by the Board in 2005 was a patch job over the top of a choice scheme that failed. He encouraged the Board to take advantage of the seats at Marie G. Davis and Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology rather than busing students to the northern or southern areas. He expressed concern that CMS has transportation zones that do not map to Learning Community zones or high school zones.

The Board voted 2-5 on Mr. Gauvreau's amendment to the motion and the amendment failed. Ms. McGarry and Mr. Gauvreau voted in support of the amendment. Mr. White, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Gjertsen voted against the amendment. Ms. Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Mr. Gauvreau made an amendment to the motion that the Board approve that the entire Wynfield communities which include Wynfield and Wynfield Creek proper be reassigned to the new Bailey Road High School, seconded by Mr. Tate, and a discussion followed.

Mr. McCully said there are currently approximately 119 high school students in the Wynfield community and that includes Wynfield Forest. The elementary attendance zone would be split based upon the boundary the Board just approved.

- Mr. Gauvreau said this school will be half empty when it opens and this community does not want to be split down the middle. Some of those 119 students are already assigned to the new Bailey Road high school. Mr. McCully said this amendment would reassign approximately sixty-five students. Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the Board to not split the high school students.
- Mr. Merchant asked clarifying questions on the purpose of allowing so much room for growth? Mr. McCully said staff developed the boundaries based upon future growth because this is one of the highest growth areas in the county, what made sense with respect to logistics, and the elementary and middle school feeder. This plan made the most sense and adding additional students to the new Bailey Road high school would take the zone further away from the school. This would create a longer distance to Bailey as well as a shorter distance to Hopewell and North Mecklenburg high schools. This was the best method to plan for growth while optimizing travel time to and from school as well as relieving the current schools. Mr. Merchant asked clarifying questions regarding a future school near the Wynfield community area. Mr. Raible said the new high school will be located on the new Stumptown elementary school site in which there is additional acreage behind the school. Dennis LaCaria, Facilities Planning Specialist, said that school is number sixteen on the Ten-Year priority list. Mr. Merchant expressed concern that this area has been reassigned several times as a result of boundary changes. He asked what would be the impact of Mr. Gauvreau's request? Mr. McCully said this would be an opportunity to align the high school with the elementary school boundary and it falls in line with the Board's Guiding Principles as opposed to having a split boundary. We want the student assignment plan to be as straight forward as possible and this is an opportunity to put a high school on top of an elementary school boundary in order to provide clarity for where that boundary lies.
- Ms. McGarry said she sees value in sending all of the Wynfield area to new Bailey Road because there is room and it would create stability. She will support the amendment.
- Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the Board to support this amendment because it would keep the community together and there is room in the school.
- Mr. White and Mr. Merchant asked clarifying questions regarding enrollment and Mr. McCully responded.
- Mr. Tate expressed concern that the boundaries for the community would be split for the elementary schools but not for the high school. Mr. Gauvreau discussed the community wishes, school capacities, staff's proposal, and new schools in the area. The community would prefer not to be split for the elementary school but strongly oppose being sent to Hopewell High School. Mr. Tate would prefer a clear elementary boundary and high school boundary. Mr. Tate said he would prefer to have all of the new Stumptown elementary school go to the new Bailey high school and all of Torrence Creek Elementary School to go to Hopewell High School because that makes sense. Mr. Gauvreau said he

would make that motion but staff has concerns about that request.

Ms. McGarry said the Board would need to vote on the amendment that is on the floor before making any other amendments. Mr. Gauvreau asked if he could amend his amendment? Ms. Mayes said the Board would need to first vote on the current amendment that is on the floor. Mr. Merchant asked if he could make a motion to postpone this indefinitely? Ms. McGarry said the Board would need to vote upon the amendment that is on the floor. Mr. Merchant asked if he could make a substitute motion? Ms. McGarry said the Board would need to vote on the amendment that is on the floor. Ms. Mayes said the Board would need to vote on the current amendment because that is a subsidiary motion and then Board members can make amendments because the main motion is still on the floor.

Ms. McGarry asked the Board to vote on the amendment to reassign all three sections of Wynfield to the new Bailey Road high school.

The Board voted 4-3 and the amendment to the motion was approved. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Gauvreau, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the amendment. Mr. White, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted against the amendment to the motion.

The Board discussed the original motion to approve the boundary for new Bailey high school with the amendment as presented by Mr. Gauvreau.

Mr. Merchant made a motion that the Board postpone indefinitely the proposed boundary recommendation for new Bailey high school, Mr. Gauvreau seconded the motion for discussion, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Merchant expressed concern that the Board is making this up as they go along and they may get it wrong. He said Mr. Tate and Mr. Gauvreau have made good points that the Board should consider. If the motion to postpone indefinitely did not include the term “indefinitely” it would mean that this item would need to be addressed at the next scheduled Board meeting which is in two weeks. This would not be enough time for the Board to get additional input from staff and the community. He believes the Board is on the borderline of getting this boundary right. He expressed concern that some of the arguments have not been discussed. Mr. Merchant encouraged the Board to support the motion to postpone this boundary recommendation.
- Mr. Gauvreau is happy to support the postponement but he believes the Board is very close to approving this recommendation and that would make many people happy.
- Mr. Merchant said he does not believe Mr. Gauvreau has the votes and that would not be the best path.
- Ms. McGarry said she would not support delaying the recommendation and believes staff has worked very hard to develop the recommendation. There are no easy answers. She knows Mr. Gauvreau has discussed dismantling the entire student assignment plan and at some point in time she would be in favor of doing that but now is not the time.

The Board voted upon the motion to postpone indefinitely the boundary recommendation for the new Bailey Road high school with the amendment by Mr. Gauvreau to include the Wynfield communities.

The Board voted 2-5 and the motion to postpone indefinitely failed. Mr. Merchant and

Mr. Tate voted in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. White, Mr. Gauvreau, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Gjertsen voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

The Board voted on the main motion with the amendment by Mr. Gauvreau.

The Board voted 4-3 in support of the Superintendent's recommendation for the new Bailey Road high school with the amendment by Mr. Gauvreau (that includes the Wynfield communities' assignment to the new Bailey Road high school) and the associated boundary shifts for West Charlotte, Hopewell, and North Mecklenburg high schools. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Gauvreau, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the motion. Mr. White, Mr. Merchant, and Mr. Tate voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Mr. Gauvreau requested an opportunity to make an amendment to the new Stumptown elementary school. Ms. McGarry said an amendment to that motion cannot be made at this time because the Board has already voted on that item.

Mr. McCully reviewed the boundaries for the new "Robinson Church Road elementary school" and the associated boundary changes to Hickory Grove and Windsor Park elementary schools.

I. "New Robinson Church Road Elementary School"

Grade Levels: K-5.

Projected Opening Date: Beginning of the 2011-2012 school year or upon completion of the facility.

Home School Boundary: The part of the Hickory Grove attendance area west of W.T. Harris Boulevard and the southeastern section of the Windsor Park attendance area (northeast of Venedale Road), as depicted on the accompanying map.

Affected Schools: Hickory Grove and Windsor Park elementary schools.

Default Assignments for rising K-5 students: New "Robinson Church Road elementary school."

Assignment Options for rising K-4 students: No option to remain at Hickory Grove or Windsor Park elementary schools.

Assignment Options for rising 5th grade students: May choose to remain at Hickory Grove or Windsor Park elementary schools; must indicate this intent on lottery application.

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend Hickory Grove or Windsor Park elementary schools for younger siblings of 5th grade students who choose to remain at those schools.

Mr. Tate moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation (presented at the Board meeting on May 12, 2009) for the boundaries for new "Robinson Church Road elementary school" and associated boundary changes in Hickory Grove and Windsor Park elementary schools, seconded by Mr. Merchant, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Tate said the maps and the data show that the school will open 2010-2011 but the motion indicates the school will open 2011-2012. He asked when is the school scheduled

to open? Mr. McCully said the school will open 2011-2012 and staff will correct the information. Mr. Tate asked will the school open on time? Mr. McCully said this is subject to the sell of Bonds.

- Mr. Ross asked clarifying questions regarding the boundaries for Reedy Creek Elementary School and Mr. McCully responded.
- Mr. Gauvreau said if the Board is thinking about discussing student assignment and since this school would not open for another two years, he would encourage the Board to not vote on this item tonight.
- Mr. Merchant said this is the same timeframe for the new Stumptown elementary school that the Board just voted upon.

The Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Mr. McCully reviewed the boundaries for the new “Mint Hill high school” and the associated boundary shifts for East Mecklenburg and Butler high schools.

I. New “Mint Hill High School”

Grade Levels: 9-12.

Projected Opening Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year or upon completion of the facility.

Home School Boundary: The entire home school areas of Clear Creek, J.W. Grier and Reedy Creek elementary schools and the northern portion of the Bain Elementary School attendance area (generally north of a line beginning at the county line and running along Lawyer’s Road to its intersection with Bain School Road, along Bain School Road to Matthew-Mint Hill Road, continuing southwest along Matthew-Mint Hill Road to its intersection with Lawyers Road and continuing northwest along Lawyers Road to the school attendance boundary), as depicted on the accompanying map. These areas are currently assigned to Butler and Independence high schools.

Affected Schools: Butler and Independence high schools.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: New “Mint Hill High School.”

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at their current home schools.

Default Assignments for rising 12th students: Current high school (Butler or Independence).

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: No option to attend new “Mint Hill High School.”

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend Butler or Independence for younger siblings of 12th grade students who remain at those schools.

II. Associated Boundary Shifts for East Mecklenburg and Butler high schools

Projected Effective Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Affected Area: The 2009-2010 attendance area for East Mecklenburg High School would be shifted to Butler High School as follows:

- The southeastern part of the Piney Grove Elementary School attendance area (which feeds to Mint Hill Middle School) would be assigned from East Mecklenburg High School to Butler High School, as indicated on the accompanying map.
- The part of the attendance area of Crown Point labeled as “Crown Point West” on the

accompanying map would be assigned from East Mecklenburg High School to Butler High School.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: Butler High School.

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at East Mecklenburg High School.

Default Assignments for rising 12th grade students: East Mecklenburg High School.

Assignment Option for rising 12th grade students: Butler High School; must indicate this intent on lottery application.

Sibling Guarantee: None. Younger siblings of rising 12th grade students who remain at East Mecklenburg High School will not have a sibling guarantee to attend that school.

Mr. Tate moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation (presented at the Board meeting on May 12, 2009) for the boundaries for new "Mint Hill High School" and associated boundary changes for Butler and East Mecklenburg high schools, seconded by Mr. White, and a discussion followed.

Mr. Gjertsen made an amendment to the motion that the Board approve changing the boundaries for the new Mint Hill high school to reflect the proposed recommendations for the One Mint Hill High School Plan (known as the proposal by the Town of Mint Hill) leaving the other rules related to assignments for rising students, sibling guarantees, and others intact. Mr. Gauvreau seconded the amendment for purposes of discussion.

Mr. McCully reviewed the proposal by the Town of Mint Hill for the new Mint Hill High School as follows:

I. New "Mint Hill High School" Town of Mint Hill Plan

Grade Levels: 9-12.

Projected Opening Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, or upon completion of the facility.

Home School Boundary: The entire home school area of Clear Creek Elementary School; a portion of the home school area of Reedy Creek Elementary School (north of Robinson Church Road, east of Reedy Creek and southeast of Plaza Road Extension); the northern portion of the Bain Elementary School attendance area (north of Idlewild Road); and all of the Lebanon Road attendance area except the area northeast of a line running along the southern boundary of the Independence High School campus; as depicted on the accompanying map. These areas are currently assigned to Butler and Independence high schools.

Affected Schools: Butler and Independence high schools.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: New "Mint Hill High School."

Assignment Options for rising 9 - 11 students: No option to remain at their current home schools.

Default Assignments for rising 12th students: Current high school (Butler or Independence high schools).

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: No option to attend new "Mint Hill High School."

Sibling Guarantee: None. No sibling guarantee to attend Butler or Independence high schools for younger siblings of 12th grade students who remain at those schools.

II. Associated Boundary Shifts for East Mecklenburg and Butler high schools

Projected Effective Date: Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Affected Area: The attendance area for East Mecklenburg High School would be shifted to Butler High School as follows:

- All of the Piney Grove Elementary School attendance area, and
- The part of the attendance area of Crown Point Elementary School labeled on the accompanying map as “Crown Point West.”

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: Butler High School

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at East Mecklenburg High School.

Default Assignments for rising 12th grade students: East Mecklenburg High School.

Assignment Option for rising 12th grade students: Butler High School; must indicate this intent on lottery application.

Sibling Guarantee: None. Younger siblings of rising 12th grade students who remain at East Mecklenburg High School will not have a sibling guarantee to attend that school.

The Board discussed the amendment to the motion.

- Mr. Tate asked is the data for enrollment and the impact this would have on each school available? Dr. Gorman said this information was e-mailed to the Board previously. Mr. Tate asked when is a new high school projected for this area and where will it be located? Mr. LaCaria said it is currently #4 on the Ten-Year Capital Plan and it is ranked Project #60 on the overall priority list. Mr. Tate asked when is it projected to be built? Mr. LaCaria said it is \$800 million from today plus the money we have not received for the balance of the 2007 projects. That school is identified as a relief school for Butler and Independence high schools much like the new Mint Hill high school was identified in the 2007 Bond Referendum. A location has not been identified only the schools that it would relieve. Mr. Tate said that new high school would be built within the boundary of the current new school and there would eventually be another high school in the area of Mint Hill area.
- Mr. White said this is a tough decision and we know it is a big issue when two mayors voice their concerns. This is an emotional issue and he has concerns regarding this decision. CMS is a county school system and to try to be anything more is dangerous. The speakers did a great job presenting their boundary concerns. The speakers said they live in Mint Hill and do not want to go to school in Matthews, they live in Matthews and do not want to go to school in Charlotte, and they live in Huntersville and do not want to go to school in Cornelius. This issue also includes families in Pineville, Davidson, and other areas and if they were here tonight they could have made the same speeches for their communities. These are no longer small towns they are big towns. CMS is a county school system and it must be responsible for 138,000 students of Mecklenburg County and not just Mint Hill or Matthews. His children and grandchildren have gone through every student assignment plan possible. They were bused, re-bused, and cross-bused and they all have done well. He has reviewed student assignment many times and he reaches the same conclusion each time. The people that are most likely to develop a plan that is best for the system as a whole are the professional people that CMS has hired to do that job and they generally develop the soundest attendance plan. Mr. White said he is not sure how he would vote on this item.
- Mr. Gjertsen said the thirty people who spoke tonight spoke very elegantly in favor of this

plan. Staff has spent a lot of time on this, conducted two CMS Community Meetings, as well as Community Meetings in Mint Hill and Matthews. Much time was spent discussing a variety of plans. Staff developed a good plan but the community developed a better plan. In comparing the two plans, the Mint Hill proposal balances things better and the numbers are similar to the CMS recommendation. The Mint Hill Plan includes added advantages such as not splitting the community and generating parental involvement. The Mint Hill Plan will be beneficial for the community and that will help to make this a successful school. Mr. Gjertsen said CMS is a county school system but the Board must recognize that there are seven cities within the county. Those cities are individual and they have a sense of community. Mr. Gjertsen believes that sense of community is needed in all our schools and would help to make the schools successful. Mr. Gjertsen expressed concern that staff's plan does not include a sense of community. Mr. Gjertsen will support the Mint Hill Town Plan.

- Mr. Merchant commended the speakers and the mayors for their hard work in developing a plan that is interesting. Mr. Merchant expressed concerns regarding Mint Hill Town Plan. All the signs say "One High School for Mint Hill" but at the same time the speakers have stated the area is growing. What happens in ten years when there are more high schools for Mint Hill? He believes CMS is a county system and he does not want to ignore the boundaries of the municipalities but that must be balanced. He expressed concern that the Mint Hill Town Plan has an interest in keeping certain parts of the community together but that has been done at the expense of splitting Reedy Creek. He said this issue is a balance act. The town plan is an honest, sincere, and a good faith effort but it will not solve all our problems. He expressed concern that many of the comments were centered around "if you do this then we will do this." He also has concerns about the staff plan and he believes there is room for improvement in both plans. He is concern there will be people impacted by the Mint Hill Town Plan that have not received the information and given an opportunity to make comment. An issue that must be addressed is what to do about Garinger High School because it is based on the concept of five small high schools which was initiated by the Gates Foundation and Bill Gates has abandoned that idea. Mr. Merchant said if CMS is not going to be able to build a new school for another eight years, CMS must develop radical, out-of-the-box ideas that may include year-round schools. He is not comfortable with voting for either plan at this time. Mr. Merchant said he would recommend that the Board postpone the vote on this item; otherwise, he will vote no.
- Mr. Tate asked how many Mint Hill students would go to the new high school under each plan? Mr. McCully said under staff's recommendation there would be 260 Mint Hill students going to Butler High School, 465 going to the new Mint Hill high school, and 479 going to Independence High School. Under the Mint Hill Town Plan most of those students would go to the new Mint Hill high school. Mr. Tate expressed concern that the Mint Hill Town Plan splits the students attending Lebanon Road Elementary School and some of those students will not attend the new Mint Hill high school. Mr. McCully said that is correct and a few of those students would go to Independence High School. Mr. Tate expressed concern that the Mint Hill Town Plan splits students attending Reedy Creek and Lebanon Road elementary schools. He likes parts of both plans but is concerned that both plans include fairly long bus rides. He commended the citizens on their enthusiasm and hard work but he wants them to beware that one day Mint Hill will have more than one high school. He understands there are approximately 12,000 homes slanted for the area and that would equate to another high school. He expressed concern that Mint Hill cannot

be “One High School for Mint Hill” for very long.

- Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the Board to postpone the vote on this item. He expressed concern that both recommendations have irregularly drawn boundaries. He does not want to support either plan because they both need more work. The school will not open for another fifteen months and the Board should take at least the next two weeks to consider additional options. He would support delaying the vote on this item.
- Ms. McGarry said staff presented the recommendation two weeks ago. She recognized that they had worked very hard, conducted Community Meetings, and followed the Board’s guidelines. At that time, she felt it was a good plan but she believed it needed more work. She said the Mint Hill Town Plan takes the boundaries to another level, answers some of the questions, and presents a better balance. She has discussed the plans with Board members and the people in Mint Hill. She believes the Board has had ample time to do their homework and have their questions answered. Everything is on the table and there is nothing new that can be added that will revamp the maps to make them better because nothing can make it a perfect situation. Ms. McGarry said she is ready to vote on this item and she would support the Mint Hill Town Plan as presented.
- Mr. Merchant asked legal counsel if you allowed to include a specific date when making a motion to postpone? Ms. Mayes said, yes, but at this time there is still a motion on the floor and a motion to amend. The Board would need to vote on that motion first because that is a subsidiary motion.
- Mr. Ross said he is not sure if one plan is better than the other. He is concerned whether CMS is going to have a Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system or a hybrid. At one time, there was a city school system and county school system. It was a tough fight to get those two school systems combined and that is why CMS is called Charlotte-Mecklenburg. He does not want to be a part of unraveling that process. He is on the Board of a charter school in Mint Hill. He worked hard to get that school opened and he supports Mint Hill. He is concerned about unraveling the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. He expressed concern that the other surrounding towns may also want to redraw their boundary lines. He recently visited J. W. Grier and Reedy Creek because Mayor Biggers asked him to meet with the community to ensure they had input in this process. He expressed concern the Board may allow unelected people to dictate who will attend that school. This plan indicates that J. W. Grier and Reedy Creek cannot go to the new Mint Hill high school but they say they want to go to the new high school. He believes the Board should say who can or cannot go to a certain school. He is not for or against the Mint Hill Town Plan or staff’s recommendation. He is for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system and he is against the unraveling of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.
- Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the Board to delay the vote on this item for two weeks.

The Board voted 2-4-1 on the amendment to the motion as presented by Mr. Gjertsen (The Mint Hill Plan) and the amendment failed. Ms. McGarry and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the amendment. Mr. White, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted against the amendment. Mr. Gauvreau abstained. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

Mr. Merchant moved that the Board postpone the discussion and the Board vote on the original motion until the July 28, 2009 Regular Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauvreau, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Tate said he may not be able to attend the July 28th meeting and he would like to be present for that discussion.
- Mr. Merchant said he would change his motion to the August 11, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Merchant moved that the Board postpone the discussion and Board vote on the original motion for the boundaries for the new “Mint High School” until the August 11, 2009 Regular Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauvreau, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Gauvreau encouraged the Board to discuss and vote upon this item at the next Board meeting scheduled for June 23, 2009.
- Mr. Merchant encouraged the people in the audience to be receptive of the delay because their plan was voted down and the delay may help them. The Board has been busy conducting a number of meetings and they may also need to schedule a Budget Work Session. He believes the timing makes sense and would provide the Board adequate time to give full consideration to staff’s recommendation and the Mint Hill Town Plan.
- Mr. Gjertsen asked what will take place in the next three weeks and who will be engaged in these discussions?
- Mr. Gauvreau said he would not engage anybody and the same recommendation may come back before the Board. There is no reason to have a vote tonight but this delay would give the Board time to consider better options.
- Mr. Ross commended staff for their hard work to develop the boundary recommendations and he does not understand the need to postpone this item.
- Mr. Merchant asked that the Mint Hill Town Plan be put on the CMS Website. The Board has discussed the Mint Hill/Reedy Creek split plan and that information should be put on the website as an item for discussion and input because the community has raised a concern that the information has not been publicized. He encouraged Board members to meet with staff and talk to the people in the impacted areas. He has not visited the Reedy Creek area and the families from Sardis Forest also want their concerns considered. The proposed boundaries include many pieces and this additional time would provide the Board an opportunity to better understand and have discussion.
- Mr. Tate said if both the motion to delay and staff’s recommendation were defeated then staff would need to bring another recommendation before the Board at a later time. Ms. Mayes said, yes.
- Ms. McGarry believes the Board members have had adequate time to discuss this item.

The Board voted 4-3 in support of the motion to postpone the Board vote on the new “Mint Hill High School” boundary until the August 11, 2009 Regular Board meeting. Mr. Merchant, Mr. Gauvreau, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. White, and Mr. Tate voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

D. Recommend approval of proposed amendments to Policy JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Tate, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, to present the recommendation. Mr. Tate said Policy JLCE, originally adopted in 1998, is before the Board for adoption on proposed amendments. The Policy committee reviewed the proposed

amendments on April 23, 2009 and they come to the Board with the committee's unanimous recommendation. As required by North Carolina law, the Board must designate staff persons in the district as having the authority to authorize other employees or contracted agencies to perform first aid or emergency health care. The policy as currently enacted designates only school principals as persons who confer this authority. The proposed amendments adds building and department supervisors as staff who may designate others to perform first aid or emergency health care, which is consistent with North Carolina law and CMS practices. The Board held a First Reading at the May 12, 2009 Regular Board meeting, the information was posted on the CMS Website, and the Board held a Public Hearing tonight.

Mr. Tate moved that the Board approve the proposed amendments to Policy JLCE, First Aid and emergency Medical Care, a second was not required as it was presented through the Policy Committee, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

E. Recommend approval of proposed new Policy JLCEE, Automatic External Defibrillators

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Tate, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, to present the recommendation. Mr. Tate said Policy JLCEE, Automatic External Defibrillators, is before the Board for approval. The Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new policy on April 23, 2009 and it comes to the Board with this committee's unanimous recommendation. Policy JLCEE puts in place the framework for assuring that automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in CMS schools and buildings will be installed and maintained according to protocols established by the administration and that training will be provided to staff in the proper use of AEDs. The policy directs the administration to collaborate with the Mecklenburg County Health Department and the Mecklenburg EMS Agency (MEDIC) in carrying out the policy directives. The Board held a First Reading at the May 12, 2009 Regular Board meeting, the information was posted on the CMS Website, and the Board held a Public Hearing tonight.

Mr. Tate moved that the Board approve the proposed new Policy JLCEE, Automatic External Defibrillators, a second was not required as it was presented through the Policy Committee, and the Board voted 7-0 in support of the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

F. Recommend approval of Ardrey Kell High School northern boundary adjustment as requested by Ken Gjertsen, District 6 Board member

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Gjertsen to present the recommendation. Mr. Gjertsen presented an attendance boundary change that would adjust the boundaries around the Thornhill neighborhood. The recommendation would allow this area to attend Ardrey Kell High school that is two miles from their home as opposed to attending South Mecklenburg High School which is nine miles from their homes. The recommendation would impact approximately sixty-one students.

Mr. Gjertsen moved that the Board approve the following boundary recommendation: Effective with the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, the attendance boundaries for Ardrey Kell and South Mecklenburg high schools would be shifted so that students living in the area bounded by Ballantyne Commons Parkway on the south, Johnston Road on the west, Elm Lane on the east, and 1-485 on the north would attend Ardrey Kell High

School rather than South Mecklenburg High School.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: Ardrey Kell High School.

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at South Mecklenburg High School.

Default Assignments for rising 12th grade students: South Mecklenburg High School.

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: May choose to be assigned to Ardrey Kell High School and should indicate this intent through the Student Reassignment or Transfer process by July 17, 2009. (While these students may transfer to Ardrey Kell High School from South Mecklenburg High School at any time, parents are encouraged to meet this deadline to avoid a delay in securing CMS provided transportation to Ardrey Kell High School before the first day of school.)

Sibling Guarantee: None. Younger siblings of rising 12th grade students who remain at South Mecklenburg High School will not have a sibling guarantee to attend South Mecklenburg High School.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Merchant, and a discussion followed.

- Mr. Merchant said Mr. Gjertsen has brought this before the Board previously and members of this neighborhood have come before the Board on numerous occasions seeking approval of this request. He drove this route today and he would dispute the mileage but the issue for this neighborhood is they attend Community House Middle School which is directly across the street from Ardrey Kell High School. Mr. Merchant expressed concern that part of this community's argument is that there are buses already going through their neighborhood picking up students that are going to Ardrey Kell High School. Mr. McCully said he could not provide answers to the transportation piece but if they received approval on a transfer request they would have to provide their own transportation. Mr. Merchant said he would support the motion.
- Mr. White said part of the Board's Guiding Principles for student assignment includes the Board would not piece mill student assignment. He expressed concern that there are several hundred neighborhoods throughout Mecklenburg County that have a similar situation and they also would like to have their student assignment reconsidered. The Board said they would not do that so he would not support the motion.
- Mr. Gauvreau said this was an egregious error that should have been fixed years ago and he would support the motion.
- Ms. McGarry believes this was an unintended consequence and she would support the motion.

The Board voted 4-3 in support of the motion. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Gauvreau, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the motion. Mr. White, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were absent.

G. Recommend approval of Old Providence Southwest area reassignment as requested by Ken Gjertsen, District 6 Board member

Ms. McGarry called upon Mr. Gjertsen to present the recommendation. Mr. Gjertsen said this recommendation is a boundary change for the area known as McAlpine east (formerly known as Olde Providence southwest) from South Mecklenburg High School to Providence High

School. This area was previously assigned to Providence High School and this would return them to that assignment.

Mr. Gjertsen moved that the Board approve the following boundary recommendation: Effective with the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, the attendance boundaries for Providence and South Mecklenburg high schools would be shifted so that students in the part of the McAlpine Elementary School area known as "McAlpine East" (formerly known as "Olde Providence Southwest") would attend Providence High School rather than South Mecklenburg High School. [Note: this is the area assigned from Olde Providence Elementary School to McAlpine Elementary School, effective with the 2008-2009 school year.] This area is depicted on the accompanying map.

Default Assignments for rising 9-11 students: Providence High School.

Assignment Options for rising 9-11 students: No option to remain at South Mecklenburg High School.

Default Assignments for rising 12th grade students: South Mecklenburg High School.

Assignment Options for rising 12th grade students: May choose to be assigned to Providence High School and should indicate this intent through the Student Reassignment or Transfer process by July 17, 2009. (While these students may transfer to Providence High School from South Mecklenburg High School at any time, parents are encouraged to meet this deadline to avoid a delay in securing CMS provided transportation to Providence High School before the first day of school.)

Sibling Guarantee: None. Younger siblings of rising 12th grade students who remain at South Mecklenburg High School will not have a sibling guarantee to attend South Mecklenburg High School.

The motion was seconded by Ms. McGarry.

- Mr. Gjertsen said this was an unintended consequence and the motion would correct that error. The community must pass through the Myers Park High School zone to get to South Mecklenburg High School. The current boundary extends a peninsula from Myers Park High School and the recommendation would provide a more compact boundary for South Mecklenburg High School. Mr. Gjertsen encouraged the Board to support the motion.
- Mr. Merchant said he would not support the motion. He believes this was an intended consequence regarding the utilization at Providence High School. The area is divided by Hwy 51 and they would have to cross a major intersection to reach that school.
- Mr. Tate asked clarifying questions regarding the elementary boundaries. Mr. McCully said this recommendation would split the elementary school boundary, and if adopted, the high school boundary would split McAlpine Elementary School.
- Mr. Ross said when he was growing up buses passed other schools all the time and that was by law. He said inconvenience is a part of living and unfortunately some Board decisions will not make everyone happy.
- Ms. McGarry would support the motion because she believes this was an unintended consequence.

The Board voted 3-4 and the motion failed. Ms. McGarry, Mr. Gauvreau, and Mr. Gjertsen voted in support of the motion. Mr. Merchant, Mr. White, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tate voted against the motion. Chairperson Griffin and Ms. Mitchell-Walker were

absent.

V. REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Report on Financial Statements for April 2009

Ms. McGarry called upon Dr. Gorman to present the report. Dr. Gorman said Report Items A., B., and C. are the monthly reports and they are as presented.

B. Report on Budget Amendments for April 2009

Report Item V.B. was presented with Report Item V.A.

C. Report on Capital Project Ordinances for April 2009

Report Item V.C. was presented with Report Item V.A.

Mr. Gauvreau moved that the meeting be adjourned and the remaining agenda items be moved to the next Board meeting, and a discussion followed. Dr. Gorman expressed concern that staff and people in the audience had remained at the meeting for this report item. **Mr. Gauvreau withdrew his motion.**

D. Management Oversight Report on Before School/After School Programs

Ms. McGarry called upon Dr. Gorman to present the report. Dr. Gorman called upon Barbara Pellin, Assistant Superintendent for Prek-12 Support Services, and Colette Jeffries, Director After School Enrichment Programs, to present the report. Dr. Gorman thanked the people who work very hard every day in the Before School and After School Programs. He commended them for the quality care that they provide for children. Ms. Pellin recognized Ms. Jeffries and staff for their commitment to the Before School and After School Programs. The After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) began in 1985 with eight sites serving approximately 250 students. Today, CMS services over 6,000 students at 109 elementary school sites. There are fifty-two Before School sites serving approximately 2,000 students including four Pre-K sites and nine Middle School Programs. Predominantly the program serves elementary school students and the diversity of the population being served has increased over the years. The ASEP framework is based on utilizing best practices within the after school environment that include a balance of academics, recreational, and arts activities as well as response to cultural differences and an evaluation component. CMS is proud that they have four and five-star rated licensed programs (licensed from the North Carolina Division of Child Development) within the elementary schools in which 87% are five-star rated. This provides a quality framework that includes student-staffing ratios, high quality materials, and compliance visits from the state which help to monitor the programs. Ms. Pellin said the ASEP fees are outlined in the Board materials. CMS offers one of the best quality programs within the community. A recent market study reveals that CMS is below most of the programs offered in the community and the majority of those programs are not star-licensed. The initial ASEP budget in 1985 was \$35,000 and today the budget is \$16.8 million. CMS is an enterprise program that has a diversification of funds including outside resources to balance and support the budget. Funding sources include Child Care Resources which is one of our strongest partners at \$1.6 million; City subsidies at \$245,000; 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants at \$460,000; Parent fees at \$13 million; and A Child's Place at \$45,000. CMS is proud that they qualified for two ACE-21st Century Grants which is funded by federal dollars that flow

through the state. The program serves 302 students at seven of our most at-risk schools (Shamrock Gardens and Westerly Hills Elementary Schools and Ranson, Sedgefield, Wilson, Bishop Spaugh Community, and J. T. Williams middle schools) The components of the program includes no cost to families, tutorials utilizing certified teachers, vision and dental screenings, parental involvement, and Gang awareness and prevention programs. The goals and objectives of the ACE-21st Century Program is a continuation of the goals within the regular programming. The curriculum components are correlated with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and there is a focus on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). Measurements are important. This year, website surveys will be utilized to provide input from parents, students, and staff. Other measures include a Community Coalition utilizing an evaluation tool (Youth Services.net) that will help review attendance, behavior, and academic achievement. The program is aligned to the goals and objectives of the *2010 Strategic Plan* and *Strategic Plan 2014*. Major initiatives include public-private partnerships serving 400 students at four sites (Partners in Out-of-School Time); Greater Enrichment Program; expanding the program to six new sites next year (two elementary and four middle; expanding Summer Camp Programs; emphasizing Community Organization Programming (currently have seventy-nine master contracts that focus on cultural diversity); and site coordinator Advisory Team (SCAT). CMS is proud of the accomplishments of the ASEP. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has awarded CMS an award for the 21st Century Grant Programs for the third consecutive year and CMS is the only district that has achieved this status. CMS is the largest licensed school-age provider in North Carolina serving over 760 subsidized students. CMS is a showcase model recognized by the state for on-site visits to demonstrate the program. CMS provides free professional development for faith-based and community-based organizations and has a partnership with T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Project. CMS is the most affordable comprehensive program in the city. CMS has learned many lessons and the next steps include continual program review to ensure the program is aligned with the district's goals and best practices. After school programs are important to CMS and the community. There is on average approximately 6,000 children in the community on waiting lists for after school services. The funding for subsidies has increased from \$6.5 million in the 2005-2006 school year to \$25.6 million in 2009. Next steps include conducting a comprehensive marketing plan next year because there are many families that have not been reached; increasing alignment with Parent University; implementing a Parent Advisory Board; and expanding Middle School Programming that is focused on experiential learning and cultural enrichment.

Board members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

- Mr. Merchant asked clarifying questions regarding the program being under funded. He asked is there an increased demand for ASEP in a tighter economy? Ms. Pellin said, yes. Mr. Merchant asked does the funding from outside sources historically decrease in a tighter economy? Ms. Pellin said the outside funding depending on the funding stream varies a great deal. The federal funding is decreasing at a time when it needs to be increasing. The opportunities for grants are also decreasing and that is why CMS is focused on diversifying that funding by seeking non-traditional funds. Mr. Merchant asked clarifying questions regarding the huge waiting list. Ms. Pellin said the star-licensing rating demands a certain staff-to-student ratio and that is why CMS joins in partnerships with the community providers to expose them to opportunities for quality

programming and professional development. Mr. Merchant asked how late are services provided? Ms. Pellin said until 6:00 p.m.

- Mr. Tate thanked staff for their hard work and attending this meeting until this late hour. Mr. Tate asked clarifying questions regarding middle school programs. Ms. Pellin said there are currently fourteen middle school programs. CMS will apply for additional 21st Century Grants and that has the potential of adding more middle school programs. Mr. Tate believes the middle school program is very important and he encouraged CMS to open as many as possible.
- Mr. Ross asked staff to explain the term “multiracial.” Dr. Gorman said that is a self-designated term. Mr. Ross asked clarifying questions regarding the parent fees. Ms. Pellin said this is an enterprise program and the majority of the funding, approximately \$13 million, is provided from parent fees. The ACE-21st Century program is a federally funded program that is provided at no cost to parents.

VI. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gorman did not have a report to present.

VII. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Joe White said there were many comments directed to the Board and the Superintendent regarding spending money. The Board and the Superintendent does not have authority to raise money. The Board is beggars of money and must request its funding from the County, the state, and the federal government. We cannot spend money that we do not have.

Tom Tate reported that June 16, 2009 was “Dine Out For Kids” and many restaurants were participating in the Communities In Schools event to help students in CMS.

Kaye McGarry said her monthly meeting “Kaye About Town” was scheduled for June 25, 2009 at Dilworth Coffee House on Matthew-Mint Hill Road from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. She will be available to discuss school related issues and answer questions. Ms. McGarry said the Board discussed real issues tonight involving important decisions. She thanked the Board members for their good discussion and the public for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merchant moved, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board adjourn the Regular Board meeting, and by consensus, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The Regular School Board Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Molly B. Griffin, Chairperson

Nancy Daughtridge, Clerk to the Board