MINUTES
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MAY 6, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Dean Arp, Chairman; John Crowder, Carolyn Lowder, Kim Morrison-Hansley, John Parker and Richard Weiner

Board Members Absent: John Collins, Vice-Chairman, Sharon Gallagher, Kim Rogers

Others Present: Ed Davis, Superintendent; Bill Stegall, Deputy Superintendent; Mary Ellis, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; David Clarke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Dr. Mike Webb, Assistant Superintendent of Building Operations; Dr. Denise Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Luan Ingram, Chief Communications Officer; Dan Karpinski, Chief Finance Officer; Koy Dawkins, School Board Attorney; Michelle Morris, UCPS Legal Council; Deb Coates-Bledsoe, UCPS Publications Coordinator; Shawn Cetrone, Charlotte Observer; and Jeanne Zeigler, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER
Dean Arp called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

INVOCATION
Kimberly Morrison-Hansley gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Prospect Elementary student Haley Sutton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Arp presented Haley with a Certificate of Appreciation for her participation in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Dean Arp made motion to amend the Agenda to add item 7f – Teachers Recommended for Career Status. John Crowder made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Kimberly Morrison-Hansley seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMENTS – BOARD
- Carolyn Lowder thanked Prospect Elementary and its Site Based Team for their hospitality and program presentation
- Kimberly Morrison-Hansley thanked Prospect Elementary, the Site Based Team and those in attendance and reviewed her recognition of 100 hours of training service
- Carolyn Lowder stated that she has attained silver award with over 700 hours of training service and John Crowder has attained the gold award received after 800 hours of training service
- John Crowder was at Monroe Middle with the principal from China and encouraged participation with international schools
- Dean Arp thanked Prospect Site Based team for their program and hospitality

Approved by the Board of Education on August 5, 2008.
COMMENTS – PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Joseph Holler
   507 Five Leaf Lane
   Waxhaw, NC  28173

   Mr. Holler, representing the Hollister subdivision, asked the Board to reconsider assigning Hollister subdivision to MS/HS “C” and request that they remain at Weddington MS/HS. The neighborhood respectfully requests meeting with the Board to get back on the agenda regarding this reassignment.

2. Murray Edwards
   2108 Broad Plum Lane
   Indian Trail, NC  28079

   Mr. Edwards, Elder of the Wadesboro-Monroe District of the AME Zion Church, shared desire to get churches involved in the school system to give support through volunteering at least 2 hours per week, and attendance of school board meetings.

3. Meagan Johnson  Starr Peterson   Kelsey Geiger
   8104 Stead Court  Waxhaw, NC  28173
   4425 Hoffmeister Drive
   Waxhaw, NC  28173

   Kelsey Geiger, Meagan Johnson, and Starr Peterson addressed the Board requesting that the Board reconsider allowing Marvin Ridge juniors to be grandfathered with the seniors instead of being reassigned to High School “C” in the 2009/2010 school year. Please reconsider keeping Marvin Ridge juniors at Marvin Ridge High School.

4. Jeff Johnson
   8104 Stead Court
   Waxhaw, NC  28173

   Mr. Johnson addressed the Board with the acceptance of Quellin neighborhood moving to MS/HS “C” and with his request that Marvin Ridge juniors be allowed to stay at Marvin Ridge High School instead of moving to HS “C”. The kids need educational stability and request that you keep the juniors at Marvin Ridge High School.

5. Greg Sledge
   3108 Basilwood Circle
   Monroe, NC  28110

   Mr. Sledge addressed the Board regarding the Sun Valley/Monroe redistricting. His son is currently an 8th grader at Sun Valley Middle School and would like to stay in the Sun Valley district instead of moving back to the Monroe district. He was part of the previous move out of Monroe to Sun Valley and feels that his son should stay where he is now.
6. Nathel Hailey  
    PO Box 1031  
    Wingate, NC  28174

Mr. Hailey, current President of UC NAACP, stated that he would like to continue the close working relationship with Union County Public Schools Board of Education and school system.

7. Mary Crowder  
    Polaris Drive  
    Wingate, NC  28174

8. Kim Hargett  
    7817 White Store Road  
    Marshville, NC  28103

Ms. Hargett, Union County Association of Educators, addressed the Board with her recognition of the schools with 100% Teacher Survey participation. The schools receiving this recognition are Marshville ES, New Salem ES, Piedmont HS, Piedmont MS, Rocky River ES, Unionville ES, Weddington MS, Wingate ES and Wolfe School.

9. Amy Wallace  
    3210 Blackburn Drive  
    Waxhaw, NC  28173

Ms. Wallace addressed the Board on behalf of her son, a ninth-grader at Marvin Ridge High School, requesting that Marvin Ridge juniors be allowed to stay at Marvin Ridge High School instead of moving to HS “C”.

10. Bryan Meredith  
    3204 McPherson Street  
    Waxhaw, NC  28173

Mr. Meredith addressed the Board regarding the accuracy of information given to the Board regarding the communities on the fringe of the Marvin Ridge district. He lives in the Cureton community and requests that neighborhoods on the fringe stay at Marvin Ridge schools.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

John Crowder motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Kimberly Morrison-Hansley seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from the March 4, 2008 (Open Session) meeting was presented for approval. Ms. Lowder and several other members were unaware of updates that were mailed out at the last minute on the day of the meeting and there was confusion as to what version of the minutes that were being voted on. Mr. Arp asked that everyone refer back to the email with Kaye’s corrections and comments made.

Carolyn Lowder made a motion to approve the revised minutes except for the revision of the closed session decisions which would revert to the original language presented. Kimberly Morrison-Hansley seconded and the motion passed with a 5-1 vote. Richard Weiner voted in opposition.

TQE RECOGNITION
On behalf of the Board, Chairman Arp presented Jannie Bankston, Principal, with a Certificate of Recognition for Prospect Elementary School’s use of core values in maximizing student learning.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
- Work on the revision of the UCPS Strategic Plan continues with goal to present final revised plan at the June 3rd meeting
- MMS focus task force continues with plan to present at the June 3rd meeting
- May 20 work session – Dr. Stegall and his staff will present information on college/career planning
- Dr. Davis has spoke at several Rotary Clubs meetings – requesting recognition of students who do outstanding work in the community
- Dr. Stegall and Dr. Davis are wrapping up their AYP visits to school
- April 11 was the last meeting of the Superintendent/Student advisory group – will present to HS Principals soon
- April 17 attended Teacher Assistant of Year banquet – congratulation to Ms. Beatrice Householder from Sardis ES for receiving that honor; the Child Nutrition banquet was held on that same night with Child Nutrition Team of the Year honors going to Shiloh Elementary and congratulation to Debbie Arrant from Rocky River Elementary for receiving Manager of the Year honors
- Very Special Arts festival on April 18 – several Board members present – commend to students and staff at Piedmont High School for hosting that event
- April 22 – Teacher of the Year banquet – congratulations to Jessica Gardner from Porter Ridge High School for receiving that honor
- Job Fair held on April 25 – 567 participants – this was a successful event
- Met new county manager, Al Green – look forward to working with him
- On April 27, dedication of Wolfe School – congratulation to Dr. Webb, Don Hughes, and all involved with building that outstanding facility
- Monroe Middle School hosted Assistant Principal from a Chinese School – outstanding evening and applaud Monroe Middle with the development of this partnership
- Special Olympics were hosted on April 30, May 1, and 2 at Porter Ridge High School impressed with students throughout the county
- Report all construction projects are on schedule
- Thanked Kim Hargett for attending tonight and recognizing 9 schools with 100% participation – 89% participation countywide

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ELEMENTARY “L” STUDENT REASSIGNMENT
Dr. Davis briefly recapped his reassignment recommendations regarding Elementary School “L”. Dr. Webb and Don Hughes reviewed a map of the areas involved in this reassignment recommendation. John Parker made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. John Crowder seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAP
Dr. Davis and Dr. Webb reviewed guidelines developed with regards to the Sun Valley Middle School cap. The cap went into effect on April 16, 2008 and will remain in affect indefinitely. The cap will be a sliding cap and will not be lifted until the total enrollment is less than 1338. There was much discussion of the dividing line for the cap and the review of enrollment figures. Mr. Arp asked if the website could be updated with these guidelines with a point of contact identified.

SUN VALLEY / MONROE STUDENTS
Dr. Davis and Dr. Webb reviewed a map and handouts with projected numbers of students reassigned from Monroe to Sun Valley districts and the affects to Sun Valley numbers if students were moved back to Monroe district. Mr. Arp asked facilities to revise map with Rocky River Elementary School boundaries identified.

CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS
Carolyn Lowder made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s personnel recommendations. John Parker seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
- Strategic Planning Committee reminder to the Board of the mini retreat scheduled this week at the PDC
- Facilities Committee will be meeting regarding the CIP
- Need to reschedule the Curriculum/Education Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Teacher Appreciation Week this week

PLUS / DELTA
Plus – Rectifying error on minutes
Plus – ES “L” reassignment parent support

ADJOURNMENT
By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ed Davis, Secretary         L. Dean Arp, Jr., Chairman