

The Orange County Board of Education met on the above date in the Media Center at Cameron Park Elementary School with the following business taking place:

Call to Order – Chairman Triebel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ted Triebel, Chair; Debbie Piscitelli, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Brown; Susan Hallman; Al Hartkopf; Anne Medenblik; Dennis Whitling; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; Dr. George McFarley, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Pat Harris, Finance Director; Michael Gilbert, Public Information Officer; approximately 30 staff, media and patrons.

Public Charge / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance - The Public Charge was read, a Moment of Silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

07-12-01 Agenda Adoption - Upon motion by Dennis Whitling, second by Susan Hallman and unanimous approval, the agenda was adopted as presented.

07-12-02 Public Comments – The following public comment was heard:

1. Dr. Jonathan Klein – spoke representing the School Health Advisory Committee Child Nutrition Sub-Committee with regard to the elimination of the Child Nutritionist position in the system; distributed 2 handouts on healthy eating.

07-12-03 Minutes – Upon motion by Al Hartkopf and second by Dennis Whitling, the minutes of the November 19, 2007 regular meeting were unanimously approved with the following change: page 1890, change affects to effects.

07-12-04 Superintendent Comments – none.

Consent Agenda - Upon motion by Dennis Whitling and second by Anne Medenblik, the following Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved:

07-12-05 Personnel Approval CONSENT AGENDA - The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Buckingham, David Except. Children Teacher ALS

Classified Recommendations

Reitano, Theresa Teacher Assistant CP
Blackwelder, Paul Plumber/Maint. Helper Maint.

The following licensed transfers were reported for information:

DeLoatch, Evelyn From: CRHS Business Teacher To: OHS Career Dev. Coordinator

The following licensed resignation was reported for information:

Allison, Jamie ALS/GHMS Psychologist

07-12-06 Central / Hillsborough Elementary Task Force Next Steps – Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, stated staff were present to assist board in continued discussions. Chairman Triebel reviewed a historical review of the work of the task force beginning with the recommendation of the sub committee in March 2007. Individual Board members provided comments on the plan that was proposed by Mr. Whitling and approved by the Board.

Chairman Triebel presented a handout containing 3 additional options for Board discussion/consideration. Board member discussion followed on all 4 plans including, but not limited to: pros and cons of each plan; taking schools out of Title 1; pre-K program; staffing; school facility capacities and renovations; spot redistricting; free-reduced numbers; socio-economic status; NCLB sub groups; enrollment numbers; theme and magnet schools; implementation timelines for change; year round program; narrowing the achievement gap; academic action plan; input from parents.

Board members agreed by consensus for staff to take a further look at the 4 possible plans for logistics of implementation providing input back to the Board to include suggested alternations to and/or combination of the plans. Chairman Triebel scheduled an additional meeting to hear staff input and to continue Board discussion for Saturday, December 15, 2007, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Al Hartkopf left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

07-12-07 2008-09 School Calendar - Ann Wilkerson, School-Community Relations Director, presented proposed calendars recommended for the 2008-09 school year along with inclement weather make-up dates.

Susan Hallman made a motion to approve the traditional calendar and makeup days as presented. The motion was seconded by Anne Medenblik and unanimously approved.

Ted Triebel made a motion to approve the year round calendar and proposed inclement weather makeup days as presented. The motion was seconded by Anne Medenblik. Dennis Whitting made an amended motion to tentatively approve the year round calendar and proposed inclement weather makeup days as presented with a final approval to be made at a January, 2008 Board meeting. The amended motion was seconded by Elizabeth Brown and unanimously approved.

07-12-08 District Technology Budget #2 - Angie Veitch, Director for Media and Technology, presented a proposed technology Pay-As-You-Go Projects budget and unfunded technology projects for 2007-2018 requesting Board approval.

Al Hartkopf returned to the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Board discussion included, but was not limited to: funding sources for technology needs to include possible use of fund balance, CIP projects and lottery proceeds; NC WISE needs.

Al Hartkopf made a motion to appropriate \$318,000 for the technology budget out of fund balance and the remaining \$342,000 needed to be earmarked from future funds that may be received. The motion was seconded by Ted Triebel and unanimously approved.

07-12-09 Audit Report – Pat Harris, Finance Director, introduced Bob Nelson from the auditing firm of Dixon Hughes who reviewed the 2007 Audit Report. A question and answer session followed in areas related to child nutrition and fund balance.

07-12-10 2008-2009 Preliminary Operating Budget – Pat Harris, Finance Director, presented a 2008-2009 Preliminary Operating Budget for Board consideration.

Discussion included possible inclusion of increases for: mandated fuel for buses, technology needs, exceptional child programs, student growth, inflation, state mileage reimbursement, class size reduction, food prices, bus driver needs, positions cut, etc.

Board members agreed by consensus to table this item for continued discussion to the first meeting in January to allow staff to make additional adjustments to the preliminary budget.

At 10:00 p.m., Susan Hallman moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Al Hartkopf and unanimously approved.

07-12-11 Support Services Policy Updates – 2nd Reading Approval – Dr. George McFarley, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, presented policies for second reading approval.

Upon motion by Al Hartkopf and second by Susan Hallman, the Support Services policies were unanimously approved on second reading as presented with one change: Policy # 7800 Professional Development and Assistance – change the Tuition Reimbursements rates in the last paragraph back to \$300 and \$600 respectively.

07-12-12 Board of Education / Superintendent's Goal Setting – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed the Superintendent's District Improvement Goals for the system requesting Board feedback, consideration and future direction. Chairman Triebel suggested Board members review the draft goals again in January 2008 after staff have made additional adjustments following the Board's upcoming Closing the Achievement Gap meeting.

07-12-13 Board Reports, Comments and Discussion – Reports were heard related to the following:

Anne Medenblik – Hillsborough Elementary PTA meeting read-a-thon discussion; Hillsborough Elementary computer needs; students performing at the Hillsborough Candlelight Tour.

Susan Hallman – Hillsborough parade; first annual speech competition; conversation with Rep. Bill Faison re: funding formulas.

Debbie Piscitelli – Board members attending the NCSBA Personnel Conference this week.

Board comments and discussion were heard related to:

Anne Medenblik – group homes in Orange County.

Elizabeth Brown – grading policies at middle and high schools.

Ted Triebel – Northern Orange Education Task Force Committee request for information.

07-12-14 Closed Session - Upon motion by Al Hartkopf, second by Debbie Piscitelli and unanimous approval, the Board moved into closed session at 10:24 p.m. to discuss personnel in accordance with N.C.G.S. 115C-321 and 143-318.11(a)(6).

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Triebel at 10:30 p.m.

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