

The Orange County Board of Education met on the above date in its offices located at 200 East King Street, Hillsborough, NC with the following business taking place:

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Triebel 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; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; Dr. Greg Hicks, Certified Personnel Director; 30+ various staff, media and patrons.

Public Charge / Moment of Silence – The Public Charge was read and a Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert recognized 11 new National Board Certified teachers and 1 National Board certified renewal.

08-01-01 Agenda Adoption - Al Hartkopf made a motion to mend the agenda to move Agenda Item Number 08-01-12 Central / Hillsborough Elementary School Plans to follow Agenda Item Number 08-01-08 2008-09 Year Round Calendar and Early Release Date Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Dennis Whitling. Following discussion, Mr. Hartkopf made an amended motion to move the agenda item down further to follow Agenda Item Number 08-01-09 Orange High School Track Update #1. The amended motion was seconded by Dennis Whitling and unanimously approved. Upon motion by Anne Medenblik and second by Elizabeth Brown, a motion to approve the agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

08-01-02 Public Comments – The following public comments were heard related to:

1. Dawn Mantz –the decision made by the Board relative to the plan for Central / Hillsborough Elementary schools; request for answers to her question (Ms. Mantz was asked to provide her question to the superintendent in writing for response).
2. EVonne Coleman-Cook – questions previously submitted to the Board from the Northern Orange Education Task Force; a second list of questions.
3. Elvira Mebane –a second list of questions submitted by the Northern Orange Education Task Force.
4. David Sips –the Board reading and understanding the problems at Efland-Cheeks and Central Elementary schools and how to face the problems that exist.

08-01-04 Superintendent Comments – Comments were heard regarding: Cindi Rigsbee, Gravelly Hill Middle School teacher, who was named Regional Teacher of the Year; progress on tennis courts at Orange High School; the next Raising Achievement and Closing Gap committee meeting on January 14; Cedar Ridge High School to receive a NCASCD Lighthouse Award in February; Donna Williams receiving a second grant in the amount of \$10,000 from ASCD for healthy schools initiatives; staff work on strategies and implementation of plans to for Central and Hillsborough Elementary Schools; meetings with staff at the two schools that are currently schools in improvement; a turnaround model for use in priority schools.

08-01-03 Minutes Approval - The following corrections were made on page 1897 of the December 14, 2007 minutes: intercession to intersession; 35% to 38%.

Consent Agenda – Al Hartkopf made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including Agenda Item # 08-01-03 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Hallman. Following discussion related to the new high school courses, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

08-01-05 Personnel Report CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Caison, Rebecca	Math Teacher	CRHS
Ditcheva, Boriana	Math Teacher	OHS
Hoesch, Daniel	Science Teacher	OHS

Classified Recommendations

Mills, Joan	EC Teacher Assistant	EC
Spivey, Martha	Teacher Assistant	EC

The following licensed transfers were reported for information:

Bonin, Matthew	From: GHMS Permanent Sub (4 days)	To: GHMS Language Arts Teacher
Haas, Christy	From: PE Permanent Sub (4 days)	To: PE Elementary Teacher (Interim)
Randall, Gregory	From: OHS Science Teacher	To: OHS Dean of Students

Marzke, Kim From: CRHS Math Teacher To: CRHS Business Teacher

The following classified transfers were reported for information:

Gentry, Joyce	From: EC Teacher Assistant	To: EC Teacher Assistant
McPherson, Kay	From: EC Except. Child Teacher Ass't	To: EC Teacher Assistant

The following licensed resignations were reported for information:

Bergman, Kirsten	GHMS/EC	ESL Teacher
McMullen, Laura	CRHS	ESL Teacher (PT)
Moffatt, Pamela	ALS	ESL Teacher

08-01-06 Field Trip Requests CONSENT AGENDA – The following field trip requests were approved:

Orange High Wrestling Team to Greenville, TN January 11-12, 2008
Orange High History Club to WV, MD and VA April 4-6, 2008
Efland-Cheeks Elementary to Washington, DC May 1-2, 2008
Cameron Park Elementary to Washington, DC April 10-11, 2008

08-01-07 2008-09 New High School Courses CONSENT AGENDA – The following 2008-09 new high school courses were approved:

<u>Cedar Ridge High School</u>	<u>Orange High School</u>
Ag Mechanics I	AP Calculus BC
Animal Science I	Apparel Development II
AP Calculus BC	Forensics
Celebrating Women's Literature	Horticulture II-Landscape and Construction
Discrete Mathematics	Sports Medicine II
Honors Calculus	
Honors Earth and Environmental Science	
Media Studies	

08-01-08 2008-09 Year Round Calendar and Early Release Date Adjustments CONSENT AGENDA – The 2008-09 Year Round Calendar and Early Release days were approved as presented.

08-01-09 Orange High School Track Update #1 – President Jim Parker and Senior Architect Gregory Hoffman with Summit Consulting Engineers presented a PowerPoint update on the Orange High School track project outlining problems and potential solutions. Discussion included, but was not limited to: timeline; bid process; scheduling of sports events for the football and track seasons; budget; possible outside funding sources; alternative surfaces. General consensus of the Board was for staff to continue moving forward with the project.

08-01-12 Central / Hillsborough Elementary School Plans – Dr. Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented information relative to Hillsborough Elementary and the plan approved by the Board on December 14, 2007. Information included, but not limited to: the application process timeline; development of intent/application form for use; data collection in process; development of a Frequently Asked Questions document; timeline for selection of students; student selection criteria; redesign of intersession programs; transportation services; number of classes and staff needs; annual data reviews; transfer policy; budgets.

Discussion included, but was not limited to: student selection; criteria for balancing the school; information included on the application form; economic diversity; student cap percentage.

Dr. Morton shared information relative to Central Elementary and the plan approved by the Board on December 14, 2007. Information included, but was not limited to: Title 1 application; alternative programs such as Chapel Hill Outreach, Head Start, etc.; theme school ideas; partnerships with areas businesses; partnership with UNC – Chapel Hill for student teachers and interns; budget implications for facility needs; 4 week learning opportunities/summer enrichment/extended school day; AIG program; annual data reviews; redeployment of central staff; possible locations for pre-K classes.

Superintendent Rhodes provided additional information on a turnaround plan being developed by staff which includes: monitored visits by administration, central administration redeployment, development of standards based curriculum materials, comprehensive support system for struggling students, professional development, aesthetic improvements, rebranding and marketing, enrichment and acceleration opportunities.

Board members discussed the pre-K program including: certified teaching license requirements; staff motivation; SES balance; program location; student needs for supplies, materials and playground and media center usage; budget needs and funding sources.

Board member discussion also included: theme school ideas; management of the number of focus points for the turnaround program; parent motivation and mentoring. Staff will continue to provide periodic status reports at future Board meetings.

08-01-10 2008-09 Preliminary Operating Budget – Al Hartkopf made a motion to approve the 2008-09 preliminary operating budget. The motion was seconded by Susan Hallman.

Board member discussion included: amount of increase over what was requested the previous school year; use of projected enrollment vs. actual; possibly noting that the line item for exceptional children’s program need under mandates for two teachers and one teacher assistant may or may not be needed, depending on federal funding received; where to draw the line as to what to include in the preliminary budget; include/not include requests for special programs/services; inclusion of fund balance funds used last year.

Chairman Triebel clarified that Board members would be voting on approval of the preliminary budget that is on the table with the addition that what was used from fund balance during the last school year would be added to determine mandated needs.

The preliminary budget was unanimously approved.

08-01-11 Facility Use Policy Discussion - Ted Triebel made a motion to amend the agenda to table the facility use policy discussion to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Whitling and unanimously approved.

At 9:45 p.m. Attorney Mike Parker left the meeting.

08-01-13 Board Reports, Comments and Discussion – The following comments were heard related to board reports:

Al Hartkopf – volunteered at Hillsborough Elementary School.

Dennis Whitling – volunteered at Hillsborough Elementary School.

Anne Medenblik – visited at Gravelly Hill Middle School; attended Partnership Academy Alternative School with Susan Hallman for planning meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr work day on January 21; Partnership Academy grants received.

Susan Hallman – attended district Safe Environment Committee meeting in December; attended Law Enforcement and Administrative Review (L.E.A.R.) meeting with Ted Triebel; attended All County Band Day; attended Carrboro Arts Council “Come Dream with Us” for promotion of the arts; volunteered at Hillsborough Elementary School; attended Kiwanis meeting with Pat Rhodes where Orange High School students performed.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended School Based Health Center team visit meeting; attended LASER science team open house/welcome; volunteered at Hillsborough Elementary School.

Ted Triebel– attended Communities in Schools meeting with Pat Rhodes.

Board comments/discussion was heard related to the following:

Dennis Whitling– vending machine prices at Cedar Ridge High School; students being allowed to participate in dodge ball.

Anne Medenblik – AVID teacher request for continued funding of the program; positive feedback on the emphasis of customer service across the system; possible outside funding for a security guard to allow public use of tennis courts.

Debbie Piscitelli – Herald Sun article confirming the importance of education; photographs of the Walk for Education taken by Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert published in a Chapel Hill magazine; possible use of the district wide calendar to prevent scheduling of school holiday performances that conflict with each other; list of sports team standings for inclusion in the sports sections of the newspaper; printed update for parents on the Central / Hillsborough Elementary School plan.

Susan Hallman – reporting football scores to the local t.v. stations.

At 10:05 p.m. Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Hallman and unanimously approved.

08-01-14 Closed Session - At 10:07 p.m. upon motion by Al Hartkopf and second by Susan Hallman, the Board moved into closed session to discuss personnel in accordance with N.C.G.S. 115C-321 and 143-318.11(a)(6).

The Board adjourned out of closed session at 10:48 p.m.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Triebel at 10:48 p.m.

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