

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 at 7:00 p.m. by the Board Chair with the following persons in attendance: Ted Triebel, Chair; Debbie Piscitelli, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Brown; Susan Hallman; Al Hartkopf; Anne Medenblik; Dennis Whiting; Dr. George McFarley, Acting Superintendent; Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; 28+ staff, patrons and media.

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

**Recognitions** – Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert presented the following recognitions:

Megan Tadge – Orange High School senior who scored a perfect score of 1600 on the SAT.  
Aaron Bernstein – Orange High School student who scored an 800 on the SAT math portion.  
Casey Ferrell - News of Orange for sponsoring the 2007-08 Orange County Schools spelling bee.  
Sue Florence – National Board Certification renewal.

**07-10-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption** – Upon motion by Dennis Whiting, second by Susan Hallman and unanimous approval, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**07-10-(2)-02 Public Comment** – The following public comment was heard:  
Michael Buck – thanked the Board for repairs and upgrades at Cameron Park Elementary School.

**07-10-(2)-03 Minutes Approval** – Upon motion by Susan Hallman, second by Dennis Whiting and unanimous approval, the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting were approved with the following correction: Page 1880, name change in public comments from Cameron to Carolyn.

**07-10-(2)-04 Acting Superintendent Comments** – Dr. McFarley thanked Board members for the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent and provided the following:

1. Update on the mobile classroom being placed at New Hope Elementary School.
2. Update on the Orange High School tennis court lighting – Following value engineering attempts to drive the price down, the system is still \$16,988 short. Orange County Parks and Recreation has been approached with a request for assistance to share the cost overage, a response to be forthcoming.
3. Information on free-reduced lunch statistics.
4. Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided information on a few of the closing the achievement gap initiatives being utilized at the three middle schools and 2006-07 9<sup>th</sup> grade retention data for each high school.

Elizabeth Brown left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**Consent Agenda** – Upon motion by Dennis Whiting, second by Al Hartkopf and unanimous approval, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

**07-10-(2)-05 Personnel Report CONSENT AGENDA** – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Rettig, Teresa	NH	Elementary Teacher
Rich, Jay	CRHS	Except. Children Teacher
Thompson, Tanner	CRHS	P.E. Teacher

Classified Recommendations

Chamberlain, Cindi	System Level	Print Shop Technician
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The following transfers were reported for information:

Beasley-Bunnell, Eliza	From: ALS Except. Child Teacher	To: OHS Except. Child Teacher
Rosensweet, Mitchell	From: CP Technology Teacher	To: CP Technology Teacher/Energy Mgr.

The following licensed resignations were reported for information:

Huskins, Nancy	GHMS	Except. Child Teacher
Terry, Sonya	PE	Media Coordinator

**07-10-(2)-06 Central / Hillsborough Elementary Task Force Final Committee Approval CONSENT AGENDA** - The following task force committee was approved:

Board of Education

Anne Medenblik  
Debbie Piscitelli

Central Office

Michael Gilbert, Facilitator  
Denise Morton

Central Elementary

Sheila McDonald, Admin.  
Vivette Jeffries-Logan, Parent  
Mary Tatum, Parent  
Altangla Harrison, Teacher  
Sharon Whitmore, Teacher

Hillsborough Elementary

Martinette Horner, Admin.  
Charles Bizon, Parent  
Melanie Wilson, Parent  
Sheila Torain, Teacher  
Ellen Cox, Teacher

**07-10-(2)-07 Compensation for Acting Superintendent** – A one-time salary compensation for the Acting Superintendent was approved.

**07-10-(2)-08 Middle School Cell Phone Usage Report** – Anne Purcell, Director for Student Services, reviewed Board Policy #4317 Cell Phones and Pagers and the Student Discipline and Code of Conduct as it relates to middle school student cell phone usage. Cell phone usage will be discussed by the Law Enforcement and Review Committee (L.E.A.R.) with any recommended changes in policy, if any, to be brought to the Board of Education when all Curriculum and Instruction policies are reviewed. Board member discussion included: seeking input from parents, students, staff, etal; request for information regarding cell phone policies in other school systems.

**07-10-(2)-09 Technology Plan** – Angie Veitch, Director for Media and Technology, reviewed the school system's Technology and Media Plan to include update on the five strategic priorities. Dr. McFarley presented a Technology Budget outlining present technology needs noting: the current operating budget does not include any technology monies; cost for virus protection: \$32,000 (Technology fund has approximately \$54,000 remaining for use in this school year); the NCWISE project will start in October 2008; no new equipment has been purchased this school year and no new staff have been hired for several years. Dr. McFarley indicated one possible source for technology funding could be using budgeted dollars from CIP projects that have money left over. Another possible option would be to use previously approved CIP funds for technology (would require Board of County Commissioner approval) with these funds being replaced by lottery proceeds which will be available later in the school year (anticipated lottery proceeds to be received based on ADM is approximately \$385,000).

**07-10-(2)-10 Staff Space Study Update #2** – Dr. McFarley reviewed information provided by Shuller Ferris Lindstrom Architects outlining the need for a 31,750 square foot space at a cost of \$3.8 (if built this year) for central office staff (excluding maintenance, transportation and school-community relations). Board discussion included: possibly explore partnering with the Town of Hillsborough for needed floor space; explore the availability of office space the County will be renovating; one story vs. multiple story building; continue to search for buildings that become available.

**07-10-(2)-11 Support Services Policy Updates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval** – Chairman Triebel informed Board members of the process to be used in policy review and the order of policies to be reviewed in the allotted time remaining for the evening. Dr. McFarley reviewed the Policy Review 2007 Matrix noting the only policies included are policies that are revised or new; policies with no recommended changes have not been included. New policies are listed at the end of the matrix. Most recommended policy changes are due to state law or suggestions by the State Department of Public Instruction. Policy changes have been made using the N.C. School Boards Association base policies as a guide/outline.

The following policies were reviewed with possible suggested changes made during Board discussion:

Policy #6200 Food Service  
Policy #6220 Food Services Management  
Policy #6305 Transportation  
Policy #6322 Student Transportation, Walkers or Riders  
Policy #6500 Goals and Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies Services  
Policy #6510 Organization of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies Services  
Policy #6550 Damage to School Property/Vandalism  
Policy #6645 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens  
Policy #7103 Interim Positions  
Policy #7107 Classified Personnel Hiring  
Policy #7121 Criminal Records Check and Fingerprinting  
Policy #7122 Prosecution of Criminal Offenses

Policy #7130 Licensure  
Policy #7140 Professional Personnel Time Schedules

Discussion followed to include: possibility of using Board committees to work through policies to keep the entire Board from having to go through all policies, continue with full Board reviewing a few policies at each meeting or review at a board mini retreat; electronic transmission of policies vs. paper copies; possibly assigning a Board representative to a specific policy(ies). Board members agreed by consensus to continue to work through policies as a full board.

Upon motion by Dennis Whitling, second by Al Hartkopf and unanimous approval, the policies reviewed (6200 – 7190 on the matrix) were approved with the suggested changes for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**07-10-(2)-12 Board Committee Assignments** – Board members agreed, by consensus, on the following committee assignments:

Alternative School – Anne Medenblik, Susan Hallman  
Project House Advisory Committee – Al Hartkopf  
School Collaboration - Chair and Vice Chair  
School Health Advisory – Debbie Piscitelli, Susan Hallman-alternate  
Communities in Schools of Orange County – Ted Triebel  
Student Health Initiatives through High Five – Dennis Whitling  
Raising Achievement by Closing the Gap Committee – Susan Hallman, Elizabeth Brown  
Intergovernmental Parks Work Group – Dennis Whitling  
Orange County Library Services Task Force – Elizabeth Brown  
Law Enforcement and Administrative Review (L.E.A.R.) – Ted Triebel, Susan Hallman  
Central / Hillsborough Elementary Task Force – Anne Medenblik, Debbie Piscitelli

**07-10-(2)-13 Board Reports, Comments and Discussion** – The following reports were heard:

Al Hartkopf – FFA to nationals in October.  
Anne Medenblik – Ag Day; Orange High School band as participants in the Tournament of Champions at Western Carolina University.  
Susan Hallman – Ag Day.  
Debbie Piscitelli –High 5 Human Services Summit.  
Ted Triebel – Debbie Piscitelli and Denise Morton will be attending Dr. Ferguson’s presentation; Ag Day.

The following Comments and Discussion were heard:

Dennis Whitling – would like to see the Board give priority to FirstSchool.  
Susan Hallman – thanked Dr. McFarley as Acting Superintendent.  
Anne Medenblik – appreciates the intentional timeline for tonight’s Board meeting in order to adjourn the meeting on time.  
Al Hartkopf – would like reports to come from those attending High Five; work will be taking him out of town for the next four weeks; thanks to Dr. McFarley as Acting Superintendent.  
Ted Triebel– thanked Board and staff for their work with his first meeting as Chairman.

**07-10-(2)-14 Closed Session** – no closed session was held.

**Adjournment** – Upon motion by Al Hartkopf, second by Susan Hallman and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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