

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. with the following persons in attendance: Elizabeth Brown; Susan Hallman; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Ted Triebel; Dennis Whitting; Dr. George McFarley, Acting Superintendent; Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Pat Harris, Finance Director; Mike Parker, School Board Attorney; approximately 24 staff, media and various patrons. Member absent: Al Hartkopf.

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

07-10-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Susan Hallman, second by Debbie Piscitelli and unanimous approval, the agenda was adopted as presented.

07-10-02 Public Comments – The following public comments were heard:

1. Steve Cobb – spoke on behalf of Dean’s Office Machines Company regarding copier services provided over the past 5+ years.
2. Joe Brown – spoke on behalf of Systel Office Systems regarding the copier services bid process used by the school system requesting that bids be opened publicly.
3. Carolyn Phillips – spoke as a parent thanking the Board for capital improvements made to the Cameron Park Elementary School facility.

07-10-03 Approval of Minutes – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Ted Triebel, the minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction: page 1878 under agenda item 07-09-(2)-09 change “increase” to “attain”.

07-10-04 Acting Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard:

1. Reminder of the Walk for Education to be held on November 3, 2007.
2. Shared an article from the News and Observer about a C.W. Stanford Middle School teacher.
3. Has received bids for the lighting project for the Orange High tennis courts, all bids exceeding the budget allotted by the Board and the County Commissioners by over \$17,000. Board members, by consensus, agreed for Dr. McFarley to conduct value engineering of the project in order to drive the cost of the project down.

Consent Agenda - Upon motion by Susan Hallman and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

07-10-05 Personnel Report(s) – The following personnel recommendations were approved under the Consent Agenda:

Licensed Recommendations

Burton, Ann	CP	Elementary Teacher
Barkdolloni, Jamey	GAB/NH	Except. Child Facilitator
Collins, Gail	NH	Art Teacher (Interim)

Classified Recommendations

Weber, Mariah	CP	Media Assistant
Lamb, Tonya	NH	Teacher Assistant
Villines, Annie	CWS	Child Nutrition Assistant (PT)

The following classified transfer was reported for information:

Pettiford, Bonnie From: Trans. Bus Driver To: CP/Trans. Child Nutrition (PT) / Bus Driver

07-10-06 Field Trip(s) - The following field trips were approved under the Consent Agenda: the Future Farmers of America (FFA) of Orange High School to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-26, 2007.

07-10-07 Reorganization – Attorney Mike Parker opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Debbie Piscitelli nominated Ted Triebel. Elizabeth Brown nominated Debbie Piscitelli who declined the nomination. Upon motion by Anne Medenblik, second by Susan Hallman and unanimous approval, the nominations for office of chairman were closed electing Ted Triebel as chairman.

Ted Triebel, Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman.

Anne Medenblik nominated Susan Hallman who declined the nomination. Elizabeth Brown nominated Debbie Piscitelli. Upon motion by Susan Hallman, second by Dennis Whitling and unanimous approval, the nominations for office of vice chairman were closed electing Debbie Piscitelli as vice chairman.

Ted Triebel thanked Dennis Whitling for his service as a board member and as chairman.

07-10-08 Copier Bid Approval - Finance Director Pat Harris presented copier bid Invitation For Proposals results and reviewed the audit results of the four vendor bids received. Administration recommends the contract for copier services be awarded to the low bidder, Toshiba Business Solutions. Board discussion included: 5 year savings; explanation of terms; vendor solution to copier debt situation with previous copy vendor; current cost per copy. Upon motion by Dennis Whitling and second by Susan Hallman, the motion to accept administration's recommendation to award the contract to Toshiba Business Solutions was unanimously approved.

07-10-09 Central / Hillsborough Elementary Task Force Committee Approval - Dr. Denise Morton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented a revised Task Force Committee list for Board consideration. All members have been secured with the exception of Hillsborough Elementary parents as Hillsborough Elementary is on intercession, parent names to be forthcoming at the next Board meeting. The facilitator is to be determined. Board discussion included: the need to clarify the charge and a timeline for the task force; the possibility of additional members to the task force representing parents from other schools; moving the interim report date back to November 19 to provide additional time needed by the task force; asking the task force to explore an alternative plan to achieve the Board goal of SES +/-38%; reminder that the current Whitling plan approved by the Board has not formally been taken off the table; the decision is ultimately the responsibility of the Board – the purpose of the task force is to secure additional input into the plan and for additional possible suggestions; use of intent forms and/or surveys to secure input from all parents; a possible Plan B; redistricting; the Whitling timeline which calls for an interim report for a charge for next year which may need to be changed to the following school year; how to handle schools that may come out of being schools in improvement.

Dennis Whitling made a motion to accept the task force as presented with 2 Hillsborough Elementary parents to be added later and that the task force be charged with finding alternatives to the current plan including possible changes to the existing plan with a report back by November 19, and that the intent letter date be moved back at a date to be determined at a later date no later than January 1, 2008. (This gives time to hear an interim report, time to consider additional information, etc.). The motion was seconded by Susan Hallman. The motion unanimously approved as presented.

07-10-10 World Languages Report - Portia Wilson-Whitaker, Coordinator for World Languages, presented an overview of the purpose, curriculum focus, current staffing and enrollment numbers of the world languages program. The report included information on: curriculum alignment, district wide assessment, professional learning communities, LinguaFolio for K-university level. Discussion included: immersion program; student assessment at 5th and 8th grade levels; addition of teachers that would be needed for students to obtain high school credit for language taken at the middle school level; offer of assistance from the Spanish Embassy to assist with our world languages program; number of students requesting Spanish at the middle school level who are not getting the class; 6th grade foreign language that is a learning experience, not just culture and music – course rigor; teacher requests for Latin in the middle schools; foreign language at the middle school in preparation for the IB Program at the high school; teacher presentation at the foreign language conference.

07-10-11 Physical Education Program Report - Donna Williams, Director of Healthful Living/Driver Ed/Athletics, presented information regarding the status of the physical education program in the system to include: all schools are engaging students for 30 minutes of physical activity daily as required by the state, minutes that cannot replace physical education; K-12 healthful living offerings; pacing guides which have been developed for physical education; additional teacher needs, budget dollars, equipment, etc. to increase the number of physical education minutes offered; cost to add one teacher at each school; athletic enhancement .5 credit; auxiliary gym at Orange High School not being air conditioned; mandate from the N.C. Healthy Active Children Policy.

07-10-12 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Report - Steven Weber, Director for Secondary Instruction, and Jason Lowe, International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator, presented information on the AP and IB programs to include: the advanced AP audit mandate; AP Course Update; summary of the IB program - what the program is, program progress, testing statistics comparisons, statistical increases across the IB curriculum, IB demographic breakdown, where IB students attend college, IB goals and letters of support of the program.

Board discussion included: request for information on the diversity make-up for the AP program; request for unduplicated number of students taking AP tests; maximum number of students that can be served by the IB program; need to train more teachers, both AP and IB; increased rigor for 9th and 10th graders as pre-IB work for grades 11 and 12; difference in AP and IB courses taught; additional course offerings based on student requests; possibly requiring all student to take AP exams.

07-10-13 Board Reports - The following Board reports were heard:

Anne Medenblik - Ag Day at Orange High School; joint Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Dennis Whitling - NCSBA District 5 meeting in Winston-Salem; distributed a copy of the North Carolina School Boards' Association Top Priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session; distributed information written by Allison Schafer of the summary of what school districts can do re: racial discrimination cases; North Carolina High School Athletic Association meeting.

Susan Hallman – Law Enforcement and Administrative Review (L.E.A.R.) Committee meetings for the year; Closing the Achievement Gap committee meetings are resuming.

Ted Triebel – Law Enforcement and Administrative Review (L.E.A.R.) Committee meeting.

07-10-14 Board Comments and Discussion – The following comments and discussion were heard:

Elizabeth Brown – requested information on policy/practice regarding students riding in the back of pickup trucks.

Anne Medenblik – suggested sign be posted at high schools informing football game attendees that no readmittance will be allowed once persons leave the stadium.

Dennis Whitling –Efland Cheeks PTA meeting; upcoming High Five opportunity to hear Ron Ferguson speak on how to get students to succeed (October 17, 2007).

Debbie Piscitelli - Board committee representatives for the current school year.

Anne Medenblik – Board's need to discuss Board accountability.

Ted Triebel – need to review: superintendent evaluation, Board goals, system Strategic Plan.

07-10-15 Closed Session – At 9:42 p.m. upon motion by Anne Medenblik, second by Susan Hallman and unanimous approval, the Board moved into closed session to discuss personnel in accordance with N.C.G.S. 115C-321 and 143-318.11(a)(6).

Elizabeth Brown left the meeting at this time.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Dennis Whitling and unanimous approval, the Board adjourned out of closed session at 11:08 p.m.

Upon motion by Dennis Whitling and second by Anne Medenblik, the following personnel recommendations were unanimously approved:

- Mary Kathryn Calhoun - Testing and Accountability Director
- Patricia Lynn – Testing Coordinator
- Michelle Ammann – Associate Principal, C.W. Stanford Middle School
- Mike Gilbert – Public Information Officer
- Lewis Nelson – Social Studies Teacher, A.L. Stanback Middle School

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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