

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:

At 6:04 p.m., upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis, second by Brenda Stephens and unanimous approval, the board moved into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under NCGS 115C-402 and 20 USC 1232, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our counsel and give instructions regarding the matter of Hakeem Prince v. Orange County Board of Education, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to give instructions regarding our position in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract for the purchase of real property.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 6:55 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons present: Tony McKnight, Chair; Donna Coffey, Vice Chair; Eddie Eubanks; Stephen Halkiotis; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Brenda Stephens; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; Dr. George McFarley, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; Mike Parker, Board Attorney; 21+ staff, patrons, and media.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer, recognized the following: Assistant Principal Ron Roche as Region Five Administrator of the Year for the North Carolina Middle Schools Conference; Middle School Literacy Coaches Pamela Fitzpatrick (CWS), Joyce Gilbert (ALS), and Jenny Frudenburg (GHMS) as the North Carolina Region Five Team of the Year.

11-04-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

11-04-02 Public Comment – None.

11-04-03 Board Reports and Comments – The following comments were heard related to:

Debbie Piscitelli – chaperoned a middle school New York field trip; formally requested redistricting be placed back on the board's agenda.

Eddie Eubanks – commented on multiple legislative agenda items involving home school and charter school students participating in public schools with no financial support for the public school.

Stephen Halkiotis – request for information sent to the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Anne Medenblik – encouraged all to see the movie *Race To The Top*; visited colleges during spring break.

Brenda Stephens – thanked Debbie Piscitelli for sharing the *Waiting for Superman* DVD.

Donna Coffey – requested the chair consider appointing a committee to review the county funding formula and what the impact would be for the school district; has been appointed as trustee of the trust for the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Tony McKnight – no report.

11-04-04 Superintendent Comments – Comments were deferred to individual agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

11-04-05 Minutes CONSENT AGENDA – The March 21, 2011 minutes were approved with the following corrections: Agenda Item #11-03-(2)-03 Board Reports and Comments, under Debbie Piscitelli, remove part I and II; under Agenda Item #11-03-(2)-16 Legislative Update, remove North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

11-04-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendation was approved:

Contract Recommendation: Career

Curran, Janet Elementary Teacher CP Effective April 4, 2011

The following was reported for information:

Retirements

Jones, Celesta Teacher Assistant GAB
Cherry, Linda Teacher Assistant PE

11-04-07 Overnight School Trip Request CONSENT AGENDA – The following field trip was approved: C.W. Stanford Middle School Band to Orlando, FL May 5-8, 2011.

11-04-08 High School Online Registration Process – 2011-2012 – Patricia Harris, Director of Career and Technical Education, provided an overview of the process used for high school students to register for the 2011-2012 school year.

11-04-09 New Course Approval CONSENT AGENDA – Chief Academic Officer Dr. Denise Morton, English Department Chair Mitch Cox, and Director of Secondary Education Steven Weber presented information on the recommended honors level elective course for rising ninth graders who successfully complete English I in middle school.

Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the proposed course addition for an honors level elective course for rising ninth graders who successfully complete English I in middle school was unanimously approved.

11-04-10 Student Promotion and Accountability Policy #3420 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the Student Promotion and Accountability Policy #3420 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-04-11 Professional Employees: Demotion & Dismissal Policy #7930 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Professional Employees: Demotion & Dismissal Policy #7930 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-04-12 Employee Conflict of Interest Policy #7730 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Employee Conflict of Interest Policy #7730 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-04-13 Public Records Policy #5070 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Superintendent Patrick Rhodes presented recommended revisions needed to the Public Records Policy to reflect legislative changes to NCSG 115C-320 and -325(o). Board member discussion included: timeframe for response and federal requirements. Following board discussion, upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Stephen Halkiotis and unanimous approval, the policy was tabled to the April 18, 2011 board meeting in order for administrative staff to provide additional explanation to recommended changes.

11-04-14 Professional Development and Assistance Policy #7800 Revised - 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the Professional Development and Assistance Policy #7800 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-04-15 Budget Work Session #6 – Superintendent Rhodes presented information to include: district ranking for state funding; items discussed with legislators during the North Carolina Association for School Administrators Conference; governor’s budget information. Board member discussion included, but was not limited to, the potential impact of : school bus transportation funding for buses; \$865,000 additional worker’s compensation expenses; Charter Schools Senate Bill 8.

11-04-16 Legislative Update – Board members reviewed current legislative topics to include: inner scholastic sports; calendar bill; charter school bill; transfer of child nutrition management from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Agriculture; funding for one superintendent per county.

Adjournment – At 8:58 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Brenda Stephens and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned.

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