

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

At 4:10 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, 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 O.M. vs. Orange County Board of Education and in the matter of Laurie Calder-Green and Emily Roberts vs. Orange County Board of Education and Stephen Halkiotis, in his official and individual capacities, and Patrick Rhodes, in his official and individual capacities.

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

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Tony McKnight with the following persons in attendance: Tony McKnight, Chair; Donna Coffey, Vice Chair; Eddie Eubanks; Stephen Halkiotis; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Brenda Stephens; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; George McFarley, Chief Operating Officer; Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer; Marcie Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; Mike Parker, Board Attorney; approximately 26 staff, patrons, and media.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed dedicated to former Finance Director Patricia Harris.

Recognitions – Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer, recognized Schley Grange for distribution of dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the district.

10-12-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

10-12-02 Public Comment – None.

10-12-03 Board Reports and Comments – The following comments were heard related to:

Stephen Halkiotis – condolences to the Patricia Harris family.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended Board of Education budget work session; spoke to students in three biology classes at Orange High School about her professional experiences and about school issues pertaining to students.

Eddie Eubanks – None.

Anne Medenblik – trust fund set up for former Finance Director Patricia Harris' son; in response to emails being received from the public regarding concerns with budget cuts, is suggesting public contact legislators; request for student Montrey DeLoatch to speak to the board about his appointment as student advisor for Governor Perdue on the State Board of Education; served as a judge at the Future Business Leaders of America Triad Public Speaking Contest; recycling signs needed on containers at Orange High School.

Brenda Stephens – attended Safe Schools Initiative Threat Training; attended home going service for former Finance Director Patricia Harris.

Donna Coffey - attended Board of Education budget work session; received thank you from Sharon Freeland for donations provided by Orange County Schools to Orange Congregations In Mission.

Tony McKnight – read letter from Board of County Commissioners Chair Valerie Foushee thanking the Board of Education for the new lease to KidScope waiving rental fees.

10-12-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comment was heard related to: Jim King recognition at Orange High School.

10-12-05 Consent Agenda – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

10-12-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Boleratz, Amanda	Literacy Coach	CE
Toone, Anna	Elementary Teacher	EC
Grimes, Nancy	Interim Ex. Children Teacher	GAB

Classified Recommendations

Linnartz, Esther	Teacher Assistant	CP
Conner, Kathryn	Teacher Assistant	EC
Moore, Carolyn	Teacher Assistant	PA
Cox, Nicholas	Custodian	District

Coaching Recommendations – Winter 2010

Ramirez, Julian	Asst Wrestling	ALS
Wright, Steve	Head JV Boys Basketball	CWS
Bailey, Ricky	Head JV Girls Basketball	CWS
Mignosa, Jacki	Head JV Girls Basketball	GH
Faucette, Larry	Asst Men's Basketball #2	CRHS
Stephens, Eric	Asst Women's Basketball #2	CRHS
Pepin, Jennifer	Head Indoor Track	CRHS

The following was reported for information:

Retirements

Latta, Landa	Elementary Teacher	EC
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Coaching Volunteers – Winter 2010

Joubert, Henrik	Indoor Track	CRHS
Walker, Chris	Indoor Track	CRHS
Cash, Danny	Indoor Track	OHS
Dees, Tim	Indoor Track	OHS
Theford, Joe	Indoor Track	OHS

10-12-07 School Trip Approval Request CONSENT AGENDA – The following field trip was approved: New Hope Elementary School fifth grade students to Washington, DC March 17-18, 2011.

10-12-08 Budget Amendments – 2010-2011 CONSENT AGENDA – The following budget amendments were approved: Federal Grant Fund - \$1,548,771; Other Restricted Fund - \$267,719.

10-12-09 Parent Organizations Policy #5010 Revised – 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA - The Parent Organizations Policy #5010 was approved on 2nd Reading Approval.

10-12-10 School Improvement Plan Presentations – 2010-2011 – Dr. Denise Morton provided an overview of the process used by all schools in compilation of school improvement plans and highlighted consistent areas included in all plans. Board members engaged in a question and answer session for clarification purposes.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, all 2010-2011 School Improvement Plans were unanimously approved.

10-12-11 District Improvement Plan-Revised – 2010-2011 – Dr. Denise Morton presented the 2010-2011 District Improvement Plan revisions. Board members engaged in a question and answer session for clarification purposes.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the 2010-2011 Revised District Improvement Plan was unanimously approved.

10-12-12 High School Course Proposals – 2011-2012 – Dr. Denise Morton and Steven Weber, Director of Secondary Instruction, presented new courses for Board approval. Board members engaged in a question and answer session for clarification purposes.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the following courses were unanimously approved for addition: Foundations of Geometry (Cedar Ridge and Orange High); Fashion Merchandising (Orange High); Principles of Engineering (Orange High); SAS Programming I (Orange High).

10-12-13 Student Reassignment Discussion #3 – Dr. George McFarley reviewed the School Assignment and Student Transfers, Withdrawals, and Releases policies currently in effect. Jeff Tsai, Operations Research/Education Lab (ORED), presented hypothetical map scenarios for board discussion and two PowerPoint slides titled Summary of Findings and Challenges and School Planning Layers. Board members reviewed: current school attendance zones; scenario of attendance zones assigning students to closest school; scenario of attendance zones assigning students to closest school with capacity restraints; scenario of attendance zones assigning students to closest school with capacity restraints and free-reduced restraints.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to: capabilities of software; inclusion of middle and high schools in the reassignment process; transfer policy; designation of a PreK campus; increasing year round opportunity; designation of a magnet school; board subcommittee to visit successful year round schools with feeder patterns in place; designation of a K-2 and a 3-5 school. Administration will gather additional information needed for the next student reassignment work session to be scheduled after the beginning of the new year.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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