

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 6:00 p.m. upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the board moved into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under N.C.G.S. 115C-402 and 20 USC 1232 and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to give instructions regarding our position in negotiating the compensation and other terms of an employment contract.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 6:58 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tony McKnight, Chair, 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, Jr., Chief Operating Officer; Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer; Marcie Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; 4 staff, media, and patrons.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – None.

11-01-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the agenda was adopted as presented.

11-01-(2)-02 Public Comment – The following public comment was heard related to: 1. Robin Mulkey – attendance and accident.

11-01-(2)-03 Board Reports and Comments – The following reports and comments were heard related to:

Stephen Halkiotis – future meeting date for board extracurricular activities policy subcommittee; program viewed on TV about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his impact on history.

Eddie Eubanks – no report.

Anne Medenblik – notification of exam schedule adjustments following inclement weather delays/closures.

Brenda Stephens – posting of pictures on the district website of roads taken during inclement weather.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended WCHL community leaders luncheon; visited G.A. Brown Elementary School and viewed the data wall; attended Martin Luther King, Jr. banquet and march; attended superintendent subcommittee evaluation meeting; need to support change in calendar legislation.

Donna Coffey – pictures on website of hazardous roads during inclement weather; attended superintendent subcommittee evaluation meeting; attended collaboration meeting; information for the public needed regarding SAT offerings at Orange High School.

Tony McKnight – attended basketball game at A.L. Stanback; attended Martin Luther King, Jr. banquet and march; attended collaboration meeting.

11-01-(2)-04 Superintendent Comments – Melissa Neal, Efland-Cheeks teacher, selected as WRAL Teacher of the Year; hard work of staff, parent response to decisions made, testing adjustments and methods of notification during inclement weather closings; College Board notification of SAT testing schedule.

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

11-01-(2)-05 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The minutes of the January 3, 2011 Regular meeting were approved as presented and the December 6, 2010, December 17, 2010, and January 3, 2011 Closed Session meetings were approved as reviewed.

11-01-(2)-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Adams, Kendra	Ex. Children Teacher	GAB
Baldwin, Mary	Allied Health Teacher	CRHS
Monroe-Porco, Kelly	Interim English Teacher	CRHS

The following was reported for information:

Licensed Resignations

Calder-Green, Laurie	English Teacher	CRHS
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Classified Resignations

Donivan, Carolyn	Child Nutrition Assistant	GAB
Murray, Laurell	EC Teacher Assistant	OHS
Nolan, Ronald	Bus Driver	Transp.
Shaw, Elvinia	Bus Driver	Transp.

Retirements

Walton, Bernice	Child Nutrition Assistant	CP
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11-01-(2)-07 Request for Matching Funds CONSENT AGENDA – The following matching fund request was approved in the amount of \$1,000.00: Cedar Ridge High School.

11-01-(2)-08 Overnight School Trip Requests CONSENT AGENDA – The following overnight school trips were approved: Cedar Ridge Model United Nations Club to Baltimore, MD February 10-13, 2011; Orange High School Future Business Leaders of America to Greensboro, NC April 14-16, 2011.

11-01-(2)-09 Inclement Weather Make-up Days CONSENT AGENDA – The following inclement weather make-up days for the 2010-2011 traditional calendar were approved: January 21, January 24, February 28, and April 4, 2011.

11-01-(2)-10 Common Core Standards Transition Report – Dr. Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer, and district level staff provided information about the Common Core State Standards, a set of standards designed to ensure that all students are college and career-ready when they graduate from high school. Information reviewed included: plan for how Orange County Schools will transition from the 2003 North Carolina Standard Course of Study to the Common Core; listing of courses for which Common Core Standards have been developed; a three phase plan of action; implementation timeline; financial impact.

11-01-(2)-11 Criminal Records Check Policy #7121 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Anne Medenblik and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the Criminal Records Check Policy #7121 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-01-(2)-12 Voluntary Shared Leave Policy #7540 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Voluntary Shared Leave Policy #7540 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-01-(2)-13 Compulsory Attendance Policy #4400 Revised – 1st Reading Approval - Board member discussion included: how principals receive/approve attendance requests consistently between schools; representatives on school-based attendance committees. Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Anne Medenblik, the Compulsory Attendance Policy #4400 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-01-(2)-14 Budget Calendar Approval – 2011-2012 – Donna Brinkley, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed 2011-2012 budget calendar. Board discussion included: additional budget work sessions as needed; public notification of meeting dates. Chair Tony McKnight appointed the following board members to serve on a board budget subcommittee: Stephen Halkiotis; Donna Coffey; Eddie Eubanks; Debbie Piscitelli (alternate). The budget subcommittee will provide reports to the full board.

Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the board unanimously approved the 2011-2012 budget calendar as presented.

11-01-(2)-15 C.W. Stanford Middle School Auditorium Construction Bid Approval – Superintendent Rhodes recommended awarding of bid to ModernSouth Construction Company. Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the board unanimously approved awarding of the bid for the C.W. Stanford Middle School auditorium to ModernSouth Construction Company, based on their base bid.

11-01-(2)-16 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Resolution Approval – Superintendent Rhodes presented a Resolution approving forms of documents to be entered into in connection with Orange County’s financing of improvements to C.W. Stanford Middle School, authorizing conveyance of school property to the County to facilitate the project, and taking other appropriate action.

Board member discussion included: dollar amount for each project; use of unspent dollars on alternate projects; sales tax reimbursement.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the Qualified School Construction Bond Resolution was unanimously approved as presented.

11-01-(2)-17 Collaboration Meeting Report – Board chair and vice chair summarized items discussed at the collaboration meeting held with the Board of County Commissioners and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School system, items to include: budget process; funding formula; capital funding.

11-01-(2)-18 Legislative Breakfast Update – Board members agreed by consensus to use the North Carolina School Boards Association legislative agenda for the board’s legislative breakfast. Items to emphasize include: budget; charter schools; calendar.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Chair Tony McKnight adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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