

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, second by Stephen Halkiotis 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 and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Donna Coffey, Chair; Stephen Halkiotis, Vice Chair; Eddie Eubanks; Tony McKnight; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Brenda Stephens; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; Marcie Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; Mike Parker, Board Attorney; 28+ staff and patrons.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Rotary International members Brad Curlop and Leto Copeley recognized A.L. Stanback Middle School student winners of the 7th grade Rotary essay contest: 3rd place-Jordan Lloyd; 2nd place-Isabella Haniford; 1st place-Sophia Nissler.

Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert recognized Child Nutrition Director Valerie Green who received the School Champions Award for the State of North Carolina for the month of September.

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

12-01-02 Public Comment – The following public comments were heard related to:

1. Michael Hood re: financial process.
2. Leslie Hood re: block scheduling report.

12-01-03 Board Reports and Comments – The following board reports and comments were heard related to:

Anne Medenblik – thank you for words of support during her mother’s recent surgery.

Debbie Piscitelli – awareness of cultural arts concerts going on in the district; attended Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap committee meeting; attended STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative meeting.

Donna Coffey – attended STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative meeting.

12-01-04 Superintendent Comments – none.

Consent Agenda – Stephen Halkiotis made a motion to remove Agenda Item 12-01-08 Request for Matching Funds from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion. Debbie Piscitelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

12-01-05 Minutes CONSENT AGENDA – The December 5, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

12-01-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

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| Franklin, Dan | Art Teacher | CE | 1/3/2012 |
| Pisegna, Gina | Elementary Teacher | GAB | 1/3/2012 |
| Curtis, Darin | Physical Education Teacher | CRHS | 1/3/2012 |

Classified Recommendations

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| Cates, Jennifer | Child Nutrition Assistant | GAB | 1/3/2012 |
| Thornton, Debra | Child Nutrition Assistant | CWS | 1/9/2012 |
| Mitchell, Elaine | Child Nutrition Assistant-Sub | District | 1/3/2012 |

Substitute Teacher Recommendations

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| Preddy, Christine | Substitute Teacher | District | 1/3/2012 |
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Coaching Recommendations

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| Metcalf, Scott | Asst Wrestling | OHS |
| Jones, Bridgett | Head Cheerleading | OHS |
| Boyce, Taylor | Head Indoor Track | OHS |

The following was reported for information:

Licensed Transfers

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| McMullen, Amy | To: Ex. Children Teacher (ALS) | From: EC Facilitator (ALS) | Effective 2/1/2012 |
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Classified Transfers

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| Wahlers, Marie | To: Child Nutrition Asst (CP) | From: Ch. Nutrition Asst (CWS) | Effective 1/9/2012 |
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Licensed Resignations

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| Olsen, Amy | Spanish Teacher | CP | 1/18/2012 |
| McGlinchey, Victoria | Elementary Teacher | EC | 1/13/2012 |
| Fridd, Samantha | Ex. Children Teacher | GAB | 1/11/2012 |
| Pelletier, Dan | Reading Teacher | GAB | 1/4/2012 |
| Ronches, Melissa | AVID Teacher | ALS | 1/20/2012 |
| Randall, Greg | Science Teacher | OHS | 1/13/2012 |

12-01-07 School Trip Request – The following school trip request was approved: Cedar Ridge Model United Nations Club to Baltimore, Maryland February 9-12, 2012.

12-01-09 Professional Reduction In Force Policy #7920 Revised – 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The Professional Reduction In Force Policy #7920 was approved on 2nd Reading Approval.

12-01-08 Request for Matching Funds – Board members discussed the variety of projects which have been submitted since the policy was originally adopted in 1980. Administration will review the policy and its original intent and provide recommendations for policy revision, if needed.

Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Request for Matching Funds in the amount of \$1,000 for Cedar Ridge High School was unanimously approved.

12-01-10 Technology Plan Update – Angie Veitch, Director of Media and Technology, provided an overview of strategic priorities that need to be addressed in the district’s two-year technology plan, state and local technology plans and current and future initiatives. Information was shared from a recent visit by administration to the Mooresville Graded School District to view their one-on-one laptop program, information to include: growth of online learning; blended learning models; demographics; performance data; graduation rates; EOG and EOC achievements. A video of a one-to-one computer initiative that is currently in place in Tracy Workman’s Orange High School English class was shown.

Board member discussion included: funding for and cost to sustain a one-on-one laptop initiative in grades 4-12; number of technology positions lost in the district; e-Learning. Administration will bring additional information for board consideration to a future meeting, information to include a more developed plan for the one-on-one laptop initiative, cost, funding plan and proposed timeline.

12-01-11 Student Course Additions/Deletions 2012-2013 – Dr. Denise Morton and staff presented recommendations for the addition and elimination of high school courses for the 2012-2013 school year. Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the following recommended course additions and deletions were approved as presented:

Course Additions: Applied Math I, Botany and Zoology, Common Core Math I, Conceptual Physics, Marketing Management, Microsoft IT Academy, Nursing Fundamentals, SAS Programming II, Virtual Enterprise.

Course Eliminations: Digital Communications, Small Business Entrepreneurship.

12-01-12 Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap (RACG) Report – Dr. Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer, reviewed the following: revised RACG goals included in the district’s strategic plan; goals status report; EOG/EOC gap analysis; middle and high school strategies; minority staff report; school-based Minority Summit activities for 2011-2012.

12-01-13 Board of Education Retreat Report and Debriefing – Board members discussed the December 2011 board retreat, agreeing on the importance of an annual retreat to be held for board member development.

12-01-14 Calendar Legislation and Other Potential Legislative Topics – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed possible legislative topics for discussion with state legislators. Board members discussed options for a future legislative breakfast. The legislative subcommittee of the board will meet and bring back suggestions for board member consideration.

12-01-15 Board Work Session Meetings – Planning Discussion – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed the list of meeting and report topics developed by board members in August 2010 requesting board members discuss future work session topics. Board members will discuss board meeting reports and topics desired and provide direction for staff at the January 17, 2012 board meeting.

Adjournment – At 9:40 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the meeting was adjourned.

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