

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 and 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.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 7:05 p.m.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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; 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; approximately 27+ staff, media and patrons.

**Public Charge** – The Public Charge was read.

**Moment of Silence** – A Moment of Silence was observed.

**Recognitions** – None.

**11-06-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption** – Superintendent Rhodes requested to add a personnel action item to the agenda immediately following Agenda Item 11-06-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption.

Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the personnel action item. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens and was unanimously approved.

**11-06-(2)-01a Personnel Action** – Superintendent Rhodes recommended Jeff Rachlin for the principal vacancy at New Hope Elementary School. Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, Jeff Rachlin was unanimously approved.

**11-06-(2)-02 Public Comment** – The following public comment was heard related to:

1. Robin Mulkey – Topic: student parking fees.

**11-06-(2)-03 Board Reports and Comments** – The following board reports and comments were heard related to:

Eddie Eubanks – attended high school graduations; attended Partnership Academy graduation; attended subcommittee for Communities In Schools for annual fundraiser.

Anne Medenblik – attended school graduations; attended classified employee recognition brunch.

Brenda Stephens – attended classified employee recognition brunch; reported on behalf of the Museum of Life and Science that, due to quick response by the superintendent, Orange County Schools' teachers were the first to respond to offerings available through the museum; met with Senator Kinnaird and delivered written correspondence to legislators Joe Hackney, Bill Faison and Verla Insko regarding education.

Stephen Halkiotis – attended high school graduations; attended Partnership Academy graduation; would like to see consistency in graduation programs and have superintendent speak at graduations; requested information on post-secondary plans of all Orange High School graduates.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended high school graduations; attended classified employee recognition brunch; accepted on behalf of the school board "*I, Robot: Finding the Facts in Science Fiction*", a book written by Efland-Cheeks Elementary School students through the 2010-2011 Toyota Tapestry Large Grant project.

Donna Coffey – attended school graduations; reviewed the abstract contained in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting packet for June 21, 2011 which answers two of the questions posed by the Board of Education related to the one-quarter cent sales tax and equitable funding.

Tony McKnight – attended high school graduations; attended classified recognition brunch.

**11-06-(2)-04 Superintendent Comments** – The following comments were heard related to: complimented board members on their high level of visibility at numerous end of year activities over the last several months.

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

**11-06-(2)-05 Minutes CONSENT AGENDA** – The minutes of the June 6, 2011 Regular meeting were approved.

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

<u>Licensed Recommendation(s) 2011-2012</u>				
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Meyer	Aimee	Counselor	EC	8/18/2011
Adams	Kendra	Exceptional Children Teacher	GB	8/18/2011
Shopmeyer	Tracy	Media Coordinator	HE	7/11/2011
Zatt	Justin	Elementary Teacher	HE	7/11/2011
Lester	Michael	Science Teacher	ALS	8/18/2011
Monroe-Porco	Kelly	English Teacher	CRHS	8/18/2011
<u>Administrative Recommendation(s)</u>				
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Dickerson	Mark	Interim Principal	NH	7/1/2011
Turner	Quanda	Interim Principal	PA	6/16/2011
<u>Leave of Absence 2011 - 2012</u>				
Last Name	First Name	From: Position	Location	Reason
Sitton	Kelly	Elementary Teacher	CP	Family - Child Care

The following was reported for information:

<u>Licensed Transfer(s) 2011-2012</u>						
Last Name	First Name	To: Position	Location	From: Position	Location	Effective Date
Clifton	Roberta	Math Interventionist	NH	AIG Teacher	CP	8/18/2011
Jones	Justin	Elementary Teacher	HE	Teacher Assistant	HE	7/11/2011
Merritt	Lori	Math Teacher	CWS	EC Teacher Assistant	CWS	8/18/2011
Thibodeaux	Judy	AIG Teacher	CWS	Lang. Arts/Soc. St. Teacher	CWS	8/18/2011
Williamson	Tenisha	Elementary Teacher	GB	Pre K Teacher	GB	8/18/2011
<u>Classified Transfer(s) 2011-2012</u>						
Last Name	First Name	To: Position	Location	From: Position	Location	Effective Date
Bishop	Dawn	EC Teacher Assistant	CWS	Pre K Teacher Assistant	GB	8/18/2011
Latta	Libby	Teacher Assistant	CE	Pre K Teacher Assistant	CE	8/18/2011
Wright	Alicia	Pre K Teacher Assistant	EC	Pre K Teacher Assistant	GB	8/18/2011
<u>Licensed Resignation(s) 2011-2012</u>						
Last Name	First Name	From: Position	Location	Effective Date		
Burns	Mary	Elementary Teacher	CP	6/16/2011		
Cox	Laura	Elementary Teacher	CP	6/16/2011		
Sachs	Lindsey	Elementary Teacher	CE	6/16/2011		
Biggs	Karen	Elementary Teacher	EC	6/16/2011		
Griffin	Michael	Exceptional Children Teacher	ALS	7/15/2011		
Hotchkiss	Rachel	Exceptional Children Teacher	ALS	7/16/2011		
Phillips	Patricia	AIG Teacher	CWS	6/30/2011		
Satterfield	Kim	Math/Social Studies Teacher	CWS	6/16/2011		
Martin	Kathryn	Math Teacher	GH	6/16/2011		
Toler	Jenilee	Spanish Teacher	OHS	6/30/2011		
<u>Classified Resignation(s) 2011-2012</u>						
Last Name	First Name	From: Position	Location	Effective Date		
Whitlow	Betty	Bus Driver	Transp	6/10/2011		

<u>Retirement(s)</u>				
Last Name	First Name	From: Position	Location	Effective Date
Doss	Nancy	Exceptional Children Teacher	CRHS	7/1/2011
Williams	Nancy	Art Teacher	CE	12/1/2011
Williams	Donna	Director - Student Services	CO/SS	10/1/2011

**11-06-(2)-07 School Trip Requests CONSENT AGENDA** – The following school trip was approved: Cedar Ridge High School Furniture and Cabinetmaking class to Las Vegas, Nevada July 20-24, 2011 to participate in the Association of Woodworking and Furnishing Suppliers “freshwood” Student Design Competition.

**11-06-(2)-08 Budget Amendments 2010-2011 CONSENT AGENDA** – The following budget amendments were approved: State Public School Fund \$4,317,517; Federal Grant Fund \$64,216; Capital Outlay Fund \$5,269,440.

**11-06-(2)-09 After School Programs Report** – Dr. Sue Florence provided information on after school programs using a PowerPoint presentation, information to include: After School Program Overview; Community Learning Centers (CLC); Highlights; CLC Science Program; Middle School After School; Community Collaboration; Communities In Schools of Orange County, Inc. - CIS After 3; Grape Arbor 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Crossroads Program Community Learning Center; Summer Program.

**11-06-(2)-10 Student Fees Approval** – Dr. Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer, provided information on additional student, parking and driver education fees. Superintendent Rhodes reported all band fees collected will be handled through school deposits made into school accounts. Board member discussion included: the original intent and purpose of student parking fees collected; parking lot security options; collection of and accounting for fees collected; recording of process for collection and use of parking fees by the schools for future institutional knowledge purposes.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the following superintendent recommendations were unanimously approved:

1. Approve high school band and parking fees as presented for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. Approve each middle and high school band program to establish a school-level account where student fees collected for the program are deposited.
3. Approve not charging a fee for students enrolled in Drivers Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

**11-06-(2)-11 Title I Plan Approval - 2011-2012** – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Title I Plan for 2011-2012 was unanimously approved as presented.

**11-06-(2)-12 Insurance Coverage and Options** – Attorney Mike Parker reviewed information on current insurance carriers and cost for the district along with insurance comparison and cost received from Surry Insurance Company.

Following board discussion, Eddie Eubanks made a motion to accept the recommendation of the superintendent to keep the current insurance coverage provided through the North Carolina School Boards Trust and to look at this item again in the fall of 2011. The motion was seconded by Debbie Piscitelli and was unanimously approved.

**11-06-(2)-13 High School Athletic Financial Report-2010-2011** – Dr. George McFarley, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed a PowerPoint report on the Orange County Schools High School Athletics Financial Reports to include: 2010-2011 Available Revenue, Revenue Budgeted to Each High School; Total Gate Receipts (breakdown by sport); 2010-11 Expenditures; Where Does It Go?; Equipment/Supplies; Transportation Costs; Officials; Security; Current Balance.

Following board discussion on the high cost of expenses to run school athletic programs, Chairman Tony McKnight appointed a board subcommittee to visit all middle and high schools to meet and discuss with athletic directors and administration program operations and needs. Board subcommittee members include Debbie Piscitelli, Brenda Stephens and Donna Coffey.

**11-06-(2)-14 Traditional and Year-Round Calendar Adjustments –2011-2012** – Dr. George McFarley presented information on state legislation which increases student instructional days from 180 to 185 days per year and removes the five protected teacher workdays from the school calendar. Recommended revised traditional and year round calendars for 2011-2012 were presented for board consideration along with the possible option of requesting a waiver of the increase in student instructional days.

Following board member discussion, Debbie Piscitelli made a motion that administration apply for a waiver of the increase in students days, and if the waiver is not accepted, the revised traditional and year calendars be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Anne Medenblik and unanimously approved. Inclement weather make-up days will be recommended at a later date.

**11-06-(2)-15 Interim Appropriation Budget Approval-2011-2012** – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens, second by Debbie Piscitelli and unanimous approval, the board adopted the 2011-2012 interim budget at the 2010-2011 amended budget level less projected reductions to state and federal appropriations.

**11-06-(2)-16 Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 Revised - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval** – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 was unanimously approved as presented on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval.

**11-06-(2)-17 Student Code of Conduct Policy #4300 Revised - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval** – Following board discussion, upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the Student Code of Conduct Policy #4300 was unanimously approved as presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval.

**11-06-(2)-18 Student Reassignment Study Board Subcommittee Report #1** – Dr. George McFarley distributed a copy of the Integrated Planning for Schools and Community document for review purposes and highlighted meeting discussions between the board subcommittee and Jeff Tsai, Director of the Operations Research/Education Laboratory, N.C. State University. Board member discussion included, but was not limited to: increased capacity needs at Cameron Park Elementary; multi-track year-round option; underutilization of Central Elementary; magnet school option; programmatic needs; affect of class size reductions; Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO); short term options for use of mobile classrooms; involvement of all parties in the process - administration, principals, school staff, etc; visit to a magnet themed school in Wilmington, NC. General consensus of the board is for the next meeting of the board subcommittee to focus on possible options for altering some of the school boundaries at all three levels.

**11-06-(2)-19 State Legislative Update** – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed highlights of recent legislative changes to include: approval of tax credits for children with disabilities; governor’s veto of budget; student discipline bill; bill to clarify reportable offenses; increase in the number of instructional days; performance-based reductions in force; class size reduction; funding ratio for grades 1-3; budget flexibility; reporting requirements.

**11-06-(2)-20 Closed Session** - At 9:48 p.m. Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters and 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. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens and unanimously approved.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 10:17 p.m.

**Adjournment** – At 10:17 p.m., Chairman Tony McKnight declared the meeting adjourned.

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