

The Orange County Board of Education met on the above date at A.L. Stanback Middle School, 3700 NC Hwy 86 South, Hillsborough, N.C. with the following business taking place:

At 5:00 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)(3) to consult with our attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.(a)(3) to consult with our counsel and give instructions regarding a potential legal claim, and 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.

The Board adjourned out of closed session at 5:47 p.m.

**Budget Public Hearing** – At 6:00 p.m. Tony McKnight, Chair, opened the budget public hearing with brief comments and instructions for persons wishing to speak. Approximately 33+ staff, patrons, and media were in attendance. Superintendent Patrick Rhodes presented the Superintendent's Recommended Local Budget for 2011-2012 in a PowerPoint presentation, information to include: 2010-2011 Operating Budget; Revenue Sources for 2010-2011; How District Funds are Used; 2011-2012 Budget Process; State Student Population Projection; Per-Pupil Allocations (Local Appropriation) 1999 – 2012; Local Appropriations 1999-2012: Revenues for 2011-2012; Expenditures are Projected to Increase for 2011-2012; Employer Retirement Costs 2000-2011; Employer's Hospitalization Cost per Employee 2000-2011; Local Contingency Funding 2011-2012; Proposed Reductions to the Operating Budget; Why Local Support is Critical: Future Budget Projections; State Funding Received 1999-2013; Percent of the General Fund – Public Schools Appropriation; A Comparison of Lottery Funding 2007-2010; Federal Funding Received 1999-2013; Total District Revenues 1999-2012 (Local, State and Federal); Local Budget Reductions 2008-2011; Orange County Schools Total Fund Balance 2004-2010; Projected 2011-2012 Budget; Projected Combined Funding Reductions 2011-2012; Projected Budget Reductions 2011-2012; 2011-2012 Operating Revenues; 2011-2012 Orange County Appropriation; Advocacy Efforts.

The following public comment was heard: 1. Lindsey Sax – invited board members to visit Central Elementary School.

The budget public hearing concluded at 6:36 p.m.

**Regular Board Meeting Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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; Dr. George McFarley, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. 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 22 staff, media, and patrons.

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

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

**Recognitions** – Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert recognized Angie Veitch, Technology Director, for completion of the Chief Technology Officer Training, the first recipient in the state of North Carolina. Mr. Gilbert also recognized Bob and Chris Nutter as contributors and supporters of the school district and to the Nutter Book Foundation which has exceeded \$100,000.00 in book donations.

**11-03-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption** – Brenda Stephens made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Anne Medenblik. Donna Coffey requested to remove Agenda Item 11-03-(2)-15 - 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond Resolution. Stephen Halkiotis made an amended motion to approve the agenda removing Agenda Item 11-03-(2)-15. The amended motion was seconded by Debbie Piscitelli and was unanimously approved.

**11-03-(2)-02 Public Comment** – None.

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

Debbie Piscitelli – attended the Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap oversight committee meeting; attended Battle of the Books; attended the Clean Water Grant meeting; visited Cameron Park Elementary; commended Denise Morton for work on the Orange County Schools and Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce Education breakfast; attended high school athletic director meeting; attended Orange High School musical *Chicago*.

Brenda Stephens – protocol board members use at board meetings of raising hands to be recognized in order to speak.

Anne Medenblik –Sports Endeavors donation of \$50,000 for Hands for Habitat for the coming year; attended Battle of the Books; attended the Orange County Schools and Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce Education breakfast; visited Central Elementary and Partnership Academy schools.

Stephen Halkiotis – importance of continuing to publicly recognize community contributors who support the school system; attended Law Enforcement and Administrative Review meeting; use of school parking fees collected and desire for officers to man school student parking lots.

Eddie Eubanks – attended Minority Student National Achievers Honors Society; attended Hillsborough Elementary School second grade rendition of *Dr. Seuss*; need for continued focus on the Charter Schools Senate Bill 8.

Donna Coffey – attended Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap oversight committee meeting; participated in mock interview classes at Orange High School; attended collaboration meeting; commended staff for work on the Orange County Schools and Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce Education breakfast; attended webinar: Citizen Participation in Local Government Budgeting sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Government; attended a 2-day training on Meeting Facilitation Skills sponsored by the Dispute Settlement Center.

Tony McKnight – protocol board members use at board meetings of raising hands to be recognized in order to speak; attended the Law Enforcement and Administrative Review meeting.

**11-03-(2)-04 Superintendent Comments** – The following comments were heard related to: Orange County Schools recognized in the National School Boards Journal for receiving the Magna Award honorable mention for the district’s Hands for Habitat Project (award application written and submitted by board member Anne Medenblik).

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**11-03-(2)-05 Minutes CONSENT AGENDA** – The minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

**11-03-(3)-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA** – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Coaching Recommendations – Spring, 2011

Wheland, Shawn	Assistant Baseball	CWS
Morrow, Teresa	Assistant Girls Soccer	CWS
Moser, Pat	Head Golf	OHS

The following was reported for information:

Licensed Resignations

Glass, Lansing	Language Arts Teacher	ALS
Greaves, Sherry	Physical Education Teacher	OHS

Classified Resignations

Long, Gloria	Child Nutrition Asst/Bus Driver	OHS
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Classified Resignations 2011-2012

Smith, Lillian	Bus Driver (PT)	Transp.
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Retirements

McCormick, Brenda	Social Studies Teacher	OHS
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**11-03-(2)-07 School Trip Request(s) CONSENT AGENDA** – The following field trips were approved: Cedar Ridge High School Skills USA to Greensboro, NC March 30 – April 1, 2011; Fifth graders from Cameron Park Elementary to Washington, DC April 7-8, 2011; Latin Clubs from both high schools to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC April 8-9, 2011; Six students from the Orange High School FFA Club to Macon County, NC April 1-2, 2011.

**11-03-(2)-08 Request for Matching Funds CONSENT AGENDA** – A \$1,000.00 each Request for Matching Funds was approved for Special Education PTA (SEPTA) and Hillsborough Elementary School.

**11-03-(2)-09 Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 – Revised - 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA -**  
The Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 was approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval.

**11-03-(2)-10 Classified Reduction in Force Policy #7921 – Revised - 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA –**  
The Classified Reduction in Force Policy #7921 was approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval.

**11-03-(2)-11 Personnel Transfers/Assignments/Reassignments Policy #7440 – Revised – 2nd Reading Approval  
CONSENT AGENDA –** The Personnel Transfers/Assignments/Reassignments Policy #7440 was approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Approval.

**11-03-(2)-12 2009-2010 Consolidated Data Report -** Dr. Denise Morton presented a consolidated data report on crime and violence incidents, suspensions, and expulsions, data to include: Number of Crime and Violence Acts Grades 9-12 for 2005 to 2010; Short Term Suspension Rates 2008 to 2010; Short Term Suspension Comparison 2009 to 2010; Short Term Suspension Rate by Ethnicity 2009 to 2010; Long Term Suspension Rates 2006 to 2010; Dropout Rates 2005 to 2010; 2009-2010 Dropout Data by Ethnicity and Gender; Highest and Lowest 3-Year Average Dropout Rates Among LEAs; Dropout Rates for Surrounding Counties 2009-2010; Dropout Rate Comparison for High 5 Districts 2009-2010; 3-Year Average Dropout Rates Related to High/Low LTS or STS Rates.

**11-03-(2)-13 School Technology Report –** Angie Veitch introduced technology staff present and presented information to include: Where are we headed?; Google Education; How the technology department will reduce costs; E-Rate savings; Cloud Computing and the future; Concerns.

**11-03-(2)-14 Budget Work Session –** Board members discussed the superintendent’s recommended local current expense budget, discussion to include: continued community information sessions and a second public hearing after the state budget is received; need for continued public education on Charter School Senate Bill 8; concerns about large cut to curriculum and instruction budget – note: Stephen Halkiotis requested the record to show that the cut to the curriculum and instruction budget should not have a serious impact on the academic program in the upcoming school year. The curriculum and instruction budget received an additional allotment for the 2010-2011 year for one time expenditures giving the perception of a larger budget cut than was actually made over prior year budgets.

**11-03-(2)-15 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond Resolution –** Item removed from the agenda.

**11-03-(2)-16 Legislative Updates –** Board members discussed recent and upcoming legislative action at the N.C. General Assembly to include: legislation introduced to allow charter school and private school students to participate in public school athletics; school calendar legislation; Charter School Senate Bill 8.

**11-03-(2)-17 Collaboration Meeting Update –** Donna Coffey and Stephen Halkiotis provided information discussed at the March 10, 2011 collaboration meeting, information and discussions related to: projected cost for elementary school #11 for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools; how lottery funds are being spent; county proposal for school funding. Superintendent Rhodes will work with the board chair and vice chair to schedule a board work session in order for board members to be able to understand and discuss the county proposal(s) for school funding.

**Adjournment –** There being no further business, upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

**11-03-(2)-18 Closed Session –** Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Eddie Eubanks and unanimously approved.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 9:15 p.m.

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