

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 6:05 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Brenda Stephens and unanimous approval, the board moved into closed session pursuant to NCG 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 6:43 p.m.

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; 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; 29+ staff, media, and patrons. Board member absent: Anne Medenblik.

Public Charge - The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert recognized Victoria Buckner, art teacher at Gravelly Hill Middle School, for receiving National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification.

11-03-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

11-03-02 Public Comment – The following public comment was heard related to:

1. George Rubenstein – Topic: May 3 NCAE rally in Raleigh, 4-7 p.m., reference state budget.

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

Tony McKnight – announced Anne Medenblik is absent due to medical issues.

Debbie Piscitelli – spoke to 8th grade AVID classes at A. L. Stanback Middle School re: school policy and leadership; attended Chamber Education Committee meeting; attended SEPTA meeting; spoke at Orange High School multicultural night about Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap; spoke at career day held at Gravelly Hill Middle School on being a pharmacist; requested additional information about virtual high school.

Eddie Eubanks – condolences to Valerie Green in the loss of a parent; attended budget subcommittee meeting; attended the C.W. Stanford Middle School Beyond Expectations meeting focusing on Closing the Achievement Gap.

Stephen Halkiotis – requested information on the upcoming Chamber of Commerce/Orange County Schools breakfast; endorsed what the NCAE organization is attempting to do at the May 3 rally in Raleigh reference state budget.

Brenda Stephens – will attend the Chamber of Commerce/Orange County Schools business breakfast; community concern regarding the lengthy time the Central Elementary principal selection process is taking; discomfort with Senator Ellie Kinnaird and her vote for the Charter School Senate Bill 8.

Donna Coffey – attended budget committee meeting; attended planning committee meeting for upcoming Chamber of Commerce/Orange County Schools breakfast event; has spent time communicating, emailing, attending press conference, collecting information about legislative issues including the Charter School Senate Bill 8.

Tony McKnight – participated as a judge of the oratorical contest at Pathways Elementary; will be traveling with a 5th grade class at Pathways Elementary to Morehead City; Dr. Halkiotis will attend collaboration meeting for Mr. McKnight.

11-03-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: report coming to the board on March 21 on reportable violent acts, suspensions and dropout rates; Charter School Senate Bill 8 language, if passed by the legislature, will move large portions of public school funds into the charter school arena.

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

11-03-05 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The February 21, 2011 Closed Session Minutes were approved as reviewed and the February 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved with the following adjustment: Agenda Item #11-02-(2)-03 Board Reports and Comments under Debbie Piscitelli, adjust “No Where” to “Nowhere”.

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

Licensed Recommendations

Monroe-Porco, Kelly	English Teacher	CRHS
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Coaching Recommendations – Spring 2011

Stephens, Eric	Head Boys Track	CWS
Price, Jenny	Assistant Girls Track	CWS

The following was reported for information:

Retirements

Beaver, Richard	Custodian	EC
Evans, Dianne	Career Dev./Spec. Pops Coord.	CRHS
Ray, Shirley	Instr. Mgmt. Coord. (VoCATS)	CRHS
Williams, Patricia	Teacher Assistant	CE

11-03-07 School Trip Request(s) CONSENT AGENDA – The following school trips were approved: Orange High/Cedar Ridge High Robotics Club to the FIRST Robotics Georgia Regional Competition March 16-20, 2011; Cedar Ridge International Thespian Society members to Winston-Salem March 25-26, 2011; Orange High School World Languages Department to Costa Rica March 24 – April 1, 2011; Cedar Ridge High School N.C. Teacher Cadets to Raleigh March 11-12, 2011 to participate in the N.C. Teacher Cadet Conference; G.A. Brown Elementary School fifth graders to Washington, DC April 14-15, 2011; Cedar Ridge Wrestling Team to the State Wrestling Tournament in Greensboro, NC February 25-27, 2011.

11-03-08 Request for Matching Funds CONSENT AGENDA – A Request for Matching Funds for G.A. Brown Elementary Schools was approved in the amount of \$1,000.00.

11-03-09 Superintendent’s Contract Extension CONSENT AGENDA – The employment contract for Superintendent Patrick Rhodes was extended for one year to expire on June 30, 2014 with the same terms and conditions and the same compensation as the current contract.

11-03-10 Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy #2121 - 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy #2121 was approved as presented on 2nd Reading Approval.

11-03-11 Minority Student Enrollment in Advanced Courses Report – Dr. Denise Morton introduced principals and students who assisted with presenting information in the Minority Student Enrollment in Advanced Courses Report. Dr. Morton reviewed information to include: 2010-2011 Middle/High School Enrollment Data in Advanced Courses and Middle/High School Strategies to Increase Minority Student Participation in Advanced Courses.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to: strategies used by various schools to encourage minority enrollment; use of high school students to speak and mentor to elementary age students; success of programs to include, but not limited to, SOCRATES, AVID, SANKOFA, AIG components, etc.

11-03-12 Superintendent’s Local Budget Recommendations 2011 – 2012 – Superintendent Patrick Rhodes and Finance Director Donna Brinkley presented budget information in PowerPoint format to include: 2010-2011 Operating Budget; Revenue Sources for 2010-2011; How District Funds are Used; the 2011-2012 Superintendent’s Recommended Local Budget for 2011-2012 to include: 2011-2012 Budget Process; State Student Population Projections; Per-Pupil Allocation (Local Appropriation) 1999-2012; Local Appropriations 1999-2012; Superintendent’s Recommended Local Budget 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 Appropriations; 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; Local Funding Received 1999-2013; Projected 2011-2012 Budget; Projected Combined Funding Reductions 2011-2012; Projected Budget Reductions 2011-2012. Public Information Officer Mike Gilbert reviewed Advocacy Efforts of the district.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to: fund balance (use of, long term outlook); need to look at creative ways to use local funding including fair funding money; ramifications of Charter School Senate Bill 8; concern with proposed cuts to curriculum and instruction-what can the system do without; Qualified School Construction Bond projects and use of Capital Improvement Plan to repurpose leftover funds; operational efficiencies to cut expenditures; grant monies received.

11-03-13 Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 – Revised - 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Brenda Stephens, the Professional Reduction in Force Policy #7920 was unanimously approved as presented for 1st Reading Approval.

11-03-14 Classified Reduction in Force Policy #7921 – Revised - 1st Reading Approval – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the Classified Reduction in Force Policy #7921 was unanimously approved as presented for 1st Reading approval.

11-03-15 Personnel Transfers/Assignments/Reassignments Policy #7440 – Revised – 1st Reading Approval - Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the Personnel Transfers/Assignments/Reassignments Policy #7440 was unanimously approved as presented for 1st Reading Approval.

11-03-16 Board Legislative Subcommittee Update – Superintendent Rhodes reported on pending House Bill 175 - Putting Students First/Local Control and Senate Bill 8 - Charter Schools. A public hearing will be held March 15 from 10 am – noon in Raleigh. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing next week on an additional one-quarter cent sales tax referendum, the sales tax to be directed to education and economic development. Board members discussed Senate Bill 175 - School Calendar.

11-03-17 Resolution – Charter School Senate Bill 8 – Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Resolution For the North Carolina General Assembly to Reconsider Charter School Senate Bill 8 was unanimously approved as presented.

11-03-18 Collaboration Meeting Agenda Topics – Board members reviewed the draft agenda presented and topics that need to be added to include: funding of one superintendent per county; one-quarter cent sales tax increase not for support of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools elementary school #11.

Adjournment – At 9:20 p.m., upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the meeting was adjourned.

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