

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 4:00 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Anne Medenblik, and unanimous approval, the board adjourned 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 counsel and give instructions regarding a potential legal claim, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our counsel and give instructions regarding the matter of Laurie Calder-Green and Emily Roberts v. Orange County Board of Education and Stephen Halkiotis, in his official and individual capacities, and Patrick Rhodes, in his official and individual capacities.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 6:44 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Chief Operating Officer; Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer; Marcie Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer; Mike Parker, Board Attorney; approximately 25+ staff, patrons and media.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer, recognized Orange High School student Montrey DeLoatch for having been appointed as student advisor to Governor Perdue on the State Board of Education.

10-11-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Anne Medenblik, second by Brenda Stephens and unanimous approval, the agenda was adopted as presented.

10-11-(2)-02 Public Comments – Chair McKnight read the Public Charge instructing persons who wish to address the board regarding Coach Jim Pappas to direct comments to the superintendent in writing. The following public comments were heard related to:

1. Rev. Gwendolyn Jordan – topic: Cedar Ridge High School incident.
2. Lesley Stanford – topic: Jim King presentation.
3. Phyllis Portie-Ascott – topic: principal selection.
4. George Rubenstein – topic: OCAE My Favorite Teacher essays and Cedar Ridge High School situation.
5. Danita Thompson – topic: principal vacancy.
6. E'Vonnie Coleman-Cook – topic: Cedar Ridge High School incident.

10-11-(2)-03 Board Reports – The following reports were heard:

Brenda Stephens – attended the NCSBA Annual Conference including an eBOARD seminar; will contact the state regarding the omission in the conference program of Randy Bridges as past superintendent of the year.

Anne Medenblik – went to a soccer game; went to band concerts – A.L. Stanback, Gravelly Hill, Cedar Ridge and Cedar Ridge jazz bands; Gravelly Hill Middle School band represented the system well at the N.C. Music Educators Association meeting; attended the National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony; attended the NCSBA Annual Conference including a paperless school board meetings session.

Eddie Eubanks – as representative for the Communities In Schools Program, attended the first meeting of the year; attended C.W. Stanford Middle School drama presentation *The Wizard of Oz*.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended NCSBA Annual Conference including a Race To The Top session and a Testing and Accountability session; attended Socrates Induction at Orange High School; saw the USDA grant in action at New Hope, how it works and how it affects students; attended L.E.A.R. (Law Enforcement and Administrative Review) meeting as a substitute.

Stephen Halkiotis – attended L.E.A.R. (Law Enforcement and Administrative Review) meeting; attended NCSBA Annual Conference including a seminar on the Rosenwald School Initiative; attended Central Elementary PreK-2 Literacy Night.

Donna Coffey – attended NCSBA Annual Conference; volunteered at Hillsborough Elementary conducting a stock market simulation for students; spoke as guest speaker at Caldwell Fire Department annual meeting.

Tony McKnight – attended joint collaboration meeting; attended Socrates Induction at Orange High School; participated in D.A.R.E. Graduation at Pathways Elementary.

10-11-(2)-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: SEPTA (Special Education Parent-Teacher Association) Race for Exceptional People was well attended; the upcoming budget year will be an extraordinary, beyond measure year; reminder of the first budget work session on December 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

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

10-11-(2)-05 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The minutes of the November 1, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented and the October 18, 2010 closed session minutes were approved as reviewed.

10-11-(2)-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Rose, Laura	Exceptional Children Teacher	NH
Connor, Meredith	English Teacher	OHS

Classified Recommendations

Jones, Justin	Teacher Assistant	HE
Rath, Rhonda	Accounting Technician	CO
Hendricks, Matthew	Behavior Interventionist	District
Maxwell, Cameron	Technology Technician II	District

Coaching Recommendation – Winter 2010

Cash, Kimberly	Head Indoor Track	OHS
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The following was reported for information:

Classified Resignations

Johnson, Sarah	Teacher Assistant	CP
Taylor, Tina	Child Nutrition Assistant	CE
Smith, Sarah	Teacher Assistant	EC

Retirements

Pearley, Gloria	Teacher Assistant	CP
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10-11-(2)-07 School Trip Approval Requests CONSENT AGENDA – The following school trips were approved: Cedar Ridge High School choral students to Atlanta, GA April 28-May 1, 2011; Hillsborough Elementary fifth grade students to Washington, DC April 14-15, 2011; Orange High School wrestling team to Eden, NC December 10-11, 2010; Orange High School wrestling team to Havelock, NC January 21-22, 2011; Orange High School wrestling team to Greensboro, NC February 24-26, 2011.

10-11-(2)-08 Partnership Academy School Improvement Plan and Local Options for ABC Accountability – Sue Florence, School Improvement Specialist, and Paige Marsh, Principal, presented the School Improvement Plan and Local Options for ABC Accountability. Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the plan and local options were unanimously approved as presented.

10-11-(2)-09 Student Reassignment Discussion #2 – Dr. George McFarley, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Jeff Tsai and representatives from Operations Research/Education Lab with the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at North Carolina State University who presented the following information in PowerPoint format: Orange County Resident Birth History – Orange County Schools DPI Certified Month-One ADM; Historical Cohort Survival Ratio Analysis; Forecast Model Comparison; Month-One ADM History and Forecast; Land Use Studies – Land Use Interviews and GIS Parcel

Analysis; Land Use Interviews and Windshield Survey Findings; Subdivision Parcel Analysis; Elementary School Enrollment History; Allocation of Gain; Out-of-Capacity Analysis; Planning Segments; Impacts from Transfers; Demographic and Achievement Analysis; FRL, Math_12, Reading_12, VAR Analyses; FRL Color Ramp by Quartile; Academic Achievement Color Ramp by Quartile; Summary of Findings and Challenges; Articulate School Planning Goals and Priorities; Proposed Project Tasks and Schedule 2010-2011.

Mr. Tsai requested board direction and goals in order to address possible student reassignment scenarios. Board discussion included, but was not limited to: the need to address current over-capacity and near-term growth, under-utilization, and effects of Hillsborough Elementary as a school of choice; transfer policy; long range objectives; year round and preK programs; socioeconomic myths; transportation.

Board members agreed by consensus to hold a work session for student reassignment to continue discussions on December 6, 2010.

10-11-(2)-10 Parent Organizations Policy #5010 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Donna Brinkley, Finance Director, presented the Parent Organizations Policy #5010 with recommended revisions. Board member discussion included the need to include a statement prohibiting the use of debit cards.

Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the revised Parent Organizations Policy #5010 was approved for 1st Reading Approval with the addition of the following statement to bullet #4: “Use of debit cards is prohibited”.

10-11-(2)-11 Collaboration Meeting Report – Chair Tony McKnight and Vice Chair Donna Coffey provided information on items discussed at the November 3, 2010 collaboration meeting, discussion items to include, but not limited to: debt service scheduled for the next 3 years to include elementary School #11 for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools; one-quarter cent sales tax which did not pass; discussion of future bonds by the county; flexibility of the 48.1% funding level and how the county got to this number; the need for clear communications and input from the school districts; request for input on the county’s capital funding policy and the desire of the school district for the policy to address future funding percentages; “wish list” for Orange County Schools; future collaboration meeting agenda items.

Closed Session - At 9:37 p.m., upon motion by Brenda Stephens, second by Eddie Eubanks and unanimous approval, the board adjourned into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel 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 9:59 p.m.

Adjournment – With no further business, upon motion by Brenda Stephens, second by Debbie Piscitelli and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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