

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-403 and 20 USC 1242, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to give instructions regarding our position in negotiating the compensation and other terms of an employment contract.

The board adjourned out of closed session at 6:58 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; Donna Brinkley, Finance Director; approximately 10 staff, patrons, and media.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of the death of retired school teacher Sue Liner.

Recognitions – Superintendent Patrick Rhodes recognized Efland-Cheeks Elementary School Principal Dr. Lisa Napp as the 2010 Principal of the Year.

10-10-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

10-10-(2)-02 Public Comment – None.

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

10-10-(2)-03 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The October 4, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with the following corrections: under item 10-10-05 Overnight School Trip Requests, add Washington, DC to the Cedar Ridge High School Band students trip; under item 10-10-14 Reports, Comments and Discussion, Debbie Piscitelli, adjust as follows: concerns with lack of professional development dollars and inequities *when schools depend on parent organizations to help fill the void*.

10-10-(2)-04 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Banks, Susan	PreK Teacher	EC
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Coaching Recommendations – Fall 2010

Compton, Dec	Assistant Football	GHMS
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The following was reported for information:

Classified Resignations

Roberson, Jessica	Accounting Technician	CO
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Retirements

Gould, Suzanne	Art Teacher	HE
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10-10-(2)-05 Budget Amendments 2009-2010 CONSENT AGENDA – The following budget amendments were approved:

Capital Outlay Fund	\$5,271,982
Child Nutrition Fund	\$2,912,300

Other Restricted Fund	\$1,582,248
Local Current Expense Fund	\$23,255,109

10-10-(2)-06 School Improvement Plan Policy #3430 – 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The School Improvement Plan Policy #3430 was approved on 2nd Reading Approval.

10-10-(2)-07 Advance Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB) Annual Student Performance Report – Dr. Denise Morton, Steven Weber, and Jacson Lowe presented information on the annual performance of students sitting for the Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) final exams, information to include: Five Year Comparison of AP Enrollment and Student Performance; AP Course Listing/Enrollment; Five Year Comparison of IB Subject Results; IB Testing Statistics 2006-2010. Board discussion included, but was not limited to: efforts for increased enrollment in AP courses included in School Improvement Plans grades K-12; need for focus on the district’s strategic goal to increase minorities taking upper level courses. Board members requested administration let the board know what is needed in order to address AP/IB issues.

10-10-(2)-08 Dropout Prevention Plan Report – Dr. Denise Morton presented information to include: dropout statistical data; prevention efforts and initiatives; approved budget allotments to support prevention efforts. Board member discussion included: barriers for dropouts who wish to come back into the system; direct contact with dropouts to encourage return to school; other possible initiatives, i.e., on-line courses in the evening, AVID at the high school level.

10-10-(2)-09 Budget Approval 2010-2011 – Donna Brinkley presented the superintendent’s recommended 2010-2011 budget and information to include: 2010-2011 Budget Resolution; Purpose Code Explanations; Memo dated June 16, 2010 concerning other restricted fund (Fund 8) – Background Information; NC DPI FY 2009-2010 ABC Transfer Policy; State Public School Fund Appropriations; Federal Grants Fund Appropriations; Local Current Expense Fund 2010-2011 Budget; Other Restricted Fund 2010-2011 Budget; Other Restricted Fund 2010-2011 Budget; Capital Outlay 2010-2011 Budget.

Budget discussion included, but was not limited to: the nominal amount of Race to the Top funds the system will receive after state deduction for the technology “cloud”; required use of multiple funding sources to make up for loss of stimulus dollars to meet program needs; need for a simplified budget document for public information to show budget funding sources and what the system is able to do with the budget dollars received; future quarterly financial reports and pending audit report.

Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Stephen Halkiotis, the 2010-2011 operating budget was unanimously approved as presented.

10-10-(2)-10 Reports, Comments and Discussion – The following reports, comments, and discussion were heard related to:

Board – location of board reports, comments, and discussion on the meeting agenda. General consensus of the board is to move the agenda item titled as Board Reports with a 2 minute time limit per member back to the beginning of the meeting agenda. A plan for future board retreats to allow for in-depth board discussions will be brought to the board at a future date.

Eddie Eubanks – no report.

Anne Medenblik – visited two assigned schools: New Hope Elementary; Cedar Ridge High.

Stephens – to support students and their love of science, will glean what she can for our students from the Museum of Life and Science when the opportunity arises.

Stephen Halkiotis – no report.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended Raising Achievement and Closing the Gap meeting; attended data presentation session at Central Elementary; attended Community Learning Center open house at Central Elementary; attended Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours principal reception and golf tournament; request to get this year’s legislative breakfast calendared; attended a legislative breakfast in Chapel Hill.

Donna Coffey – volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce golf tournament; timeline and process for scheduling the legislative breakfast; request for a comprehensive opening of school report at the beginning of the next school year.

Tony McKnight – one-quarter cent sales tax information posted on the district’s website; letter received from the chair of the Board of County Commissioners stating their commitment to the November 2, 2010 one-quarter cent sales tax referendum asking the Board of Education to support addressing community needs precipitated by growth pressures – additionally,

asking the Board of Education join and support the County's commitment to address these needs; Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools nomination of the Board of County Commissioners for an award given by the N.C. School Boards Association; distribution of educational materials on the one-quarter cent sales tax referendum.

10-10-(2)-11 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: GlaxoSmithKline workday held at Efland-Cheeks Elementary; Chamber of Commerce golf tournament; death of retired teacher Sue Liner as a pillar in the community.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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