

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:

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Coffey with the following persons present: Donna Coffey, Chair; Stephen Halkiotis, Vice Chair; Eddie Eubanks; Tony McKnight; 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; Mike Parker, Attorney; 31+ 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 Donna Rose, Rachel Hawkins and Millie Hunter, representatives of the Hillsborough Kiwanis Club, for their continuous support of Orange County Schools.

11-10-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented with the following addition: Agenda Item 11-10-01a - Personnel Recommendation.

11-10-01a Superintendent Rhodes recommended Marcus Gause for the position of principal at Gravelly Hill Middle School. Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the superintendent's recommendation was unanimously approved.

11-10-02 Public Comments – None.

11-10-03 Board Reports and Comments – The following comments were heard related to:

Tony McKnight – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; attended the joint School Boards/Board of County Commissioners meeting; attended Orange High School Ag Fair.

Eddie Eubanks – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; attended the North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Black Caucus Conference.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; attended the joint School Boards/Board of County Commissioners meeting; attended Orange High School Ag Day; attended G.A. Brown Elementary School playground dedication accepting the Champ Award for Problem Solving presented to the Board of Education by the school; visited four schools: Cedar Ridge High, Pathways Elementary, Hillsborough Elementary and G.A. Brown Elementary.

Anne Medenblik – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; reviewed printed article regarding Wake County Public School board approving single-gender academies.

Brenda Stephens – attended G.A. Brown Elementary School playground dedication accepting the Champ Award for Problem Solving presented to the Board of Education by the school.

Stephen Halkiotis – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; attended the joint School Boards/Board of County Commissioners meeting; attended Orange High School Ag Fair; relayed commendations from a representative from the State Agriculture Commissioner's office for being the only school system in the state with a high school that still maintains an annual agriculture fair and for putting an emphasis on growing crops.

Donna Coffey – attended the North Carolina School Boards Association District 5 meeting; attended the joint School Boards/Board of County Commissioners meeting; attended the North Carolina High School Athletic Association annual meeting; reviewed draft letter from the Board of Education nominating the Board of County Commissioners for the North Carolina School Boards Association Commissioners' Award.

11-10-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: October as the month to honor school principals.

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

11-10-05 Minutes CONSENT AGENDA – The minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting were approved with one adjustment.

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

Classified Recommendations

Finley, John	Bus Driver	Transp.	9/14/2011
Haith, Phyllis	Bus Driver	Transp.	8/25/2011
Miller, Robert	Bus Driver-Sub	Transp.	9/19/2011
Morgan, Judy	Bus Driver	Transp.	9/14/2011

Administrative Recommendations

Gause, Marcus	Principal	GHMS	11/4/2011
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Coaching Recommendations – Fall 2011

Strowd, Greg	Asst Football	ALS
Schreengost, Brian	Asst Boys Soccer	ALS
Myers, Valerie	Head Girls Cross Country	CWS
Carreno, Pedro	Asst Boys Soccer	GHMS
Lackey, Marc	Asst Football	CRHS
Burton, Toi	Head Cheerleading	CRHS
Bailey, Jamie	Asst Football	OHS
Hunter, Jenna	Head JV Mens Soccer	OHS
Brooks, Shanta	Asst Cheerleading	OHS

The following was reported for information:

Classified Transfers

	<u>To:</u>		<u>From:</u>		
Kirkman, Denise	Accounting Technician	CO	Payroll Assistant	CO	9/16/2011
Rath, Rhonda	Payroll/Benefits Assistant	CO	Accounting Tech	CO	9/16/2011

Classified Resignations

Hollaway, Melissa	Bus Driver	Transp.	9/20/2011
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11-10-07 School Trip Request CONSENT AGENDA – The following school trip request was approved: Orange High School Wrestling Team to Greenville, TN January 13-15, 2012.

11-10-08 2010-2011 Budget Amendments CONSENT AGENDA – The following budget amendments were approved: State Public School Fund - \$241,679; Local Current Expense Fund - \$2,500; Federal Grant Fund - \$ 0; Capital Outlay Fund - \$ 0; Child Nutrition Fund - \$69,080; Other Restricted Fund - \$ 0.

11-10-09 Race to the Top (RttT) Initiative Update – Denise Morton, Chief Academic Officer, and staff provided information on how RttT funding has been used. Highlights included: awareness training, Train the Trainer model on Common Core and N.C. Essential Standards.

11-10-10 Single Gender Classes at Cedar Ridge High School – Principal John Wheeler, staff members and students provided information on the World History single gender classes that were scheduled for the 2011-2012 year at Cedar Ridge High School presenting positive results and comments made by students and parents present.

11-10-11 School Technology Report – Director of Media and Technology Angie Veitch reviewed information on past, current and future planning for the use of instructional technology in the district. Highlights of the report and discussion included: the district's 2-year technology plan; future survey plans to determine how many homes have Internet; sources to provide Internet services; plans for staff development based on need; how technology funds will be spent; the need for additional technology funding.

11-10-12 Parental Involvement Policy #1310 Revised – 1st Reading Approval - Upon motion by Stephen Halkiotis and second by Eddie Eubanks, the Parental Involvement Policy #1310 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading Approval.

11-10-13 Board of Education Fall Retreat Discussion – Donna Coffey requested board members email date preferences for a board retreat.

At 9:07 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the board adjourned into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.

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

Adjournment – At 9:15 p.m., with there being no further business, Donna Coffey declared the meeting adjourned.

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