

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 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 counsel and give instructions regarding the matter of Chad Dickey, a minor, by and through his guardian ad litem, Karen Dickey v. Orange County Board of Education, 10 CVS 1552 and the matter of Laurie Calder-Green and Emily Roberts v. Orange County Board of Education and Patrick Rhodes and Stephen Halkiotis, 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 6:59 p.m.

Call to Order – The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Tony McKnight with the following persons in attendance: Tony McKnight, Chair; Donna Coffey, Vice Chair; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Brenda Stephens; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; 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, Attorney; approximately 18 staff, patrons, and media. Board members absent: Eddie Eubanks; Stephen Halkiotis.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – Mike Gilbert, Public Information Officer, recognized the following: Angela Breeze, Exceptional Child teacher from New Hope Elementary School, who was awarded the Orange County Exceptional Children’s Teacher of Excellence who will be representing the county at the state level; Orange Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church and Dr. V.W. Brayboy, Jr. for their commitment to educational excellence through support of a 4 year Cross Roads 21st Century Learning Center grant for 9th graders at Orange High School.

10-09-(2)-01 Agenda Adoption - Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens. Attorney Mike Parker made a request to add Agenda Item 10-09-(2)-07a Resolution of the Orange County Board of Education as a part of the Consent Agenda. Anne Medenblik made a motion to amend the motion to adopt the agenda as amended by Attorney Parker. The motion was seconded by Tony McKnight and the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

10-09-(2)-02 Public Comment – The following public comments were heard related to:

1. Phyllis Portie-Ascott – Central Elementary principal transition process.
2. E’Vonne Coleman-Cook – focus on student achievement as it relates to students of color.

Chairman McKnight reported board members Eddie Eubanks and Stephen Halkiotis are out of town this evening.

10-09-(2)-03 Board Reports, Comments and Discussion - The following board reports, comments and discussion were heard related to:

Anne Medenblik – attended Habitat for Humanity kickoff; attended Powder Bowl at Orange High; College Fair to be held at the Dean Dome September 21, 2010.

Brenda Stephens – no report.

Debbie Piscitelli – ongoing conversations and gathering of data related to student absences, tardies, and student assistance provided; attended Habitat for Humanity kickoff; school visits to Pathways and Cameron Park Elementary schools; attended A.L. Stanback faculty meeting as the assigned board liaison.

Donna Coffey – attended Individual Education Plan (IEP) Workshop sponsored by Orange County SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association); the need to be aware of things occurring on the local side of the House of

Representative related to funding and policy and possible changes in the county's Capital Improvement Plan process, timeframe and funding distribution.

Tony McKnight – meeting of Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools superintendents, board chairs and vice chairs re: joint meeting topics to discuss with County Commissioners; visited Pathways Elementary School; attended Orange High and Cedar Ridge High School football game.

10-09-(2)-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: voter registration drive held at the Orange/Cedar Ridge High School football game; Exceptional Children division audit conducted by the State Department of Public Instruction; thanks to Orange Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church for student assistance at Orange High School.

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

10-09-(2)-05 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The minutes of the September 7, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented and the August 16 and September 7, 2010 Closed Session minutes were approved as reviewed.

10-09-(2)-06 Personnel Report and Action CONSENT AGENDA – The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Licensed Recommendations

Ruziecki, Eleanor	Technology Facilitator	PE/HE
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Classified Recommendations

Efland, Mark	Technology Technician II	District
Snipes, Frederick	Technology Technician II	District

The following classified resignation was reported for information:

Clayton Albert	Bus Driver	Transportation
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10-09-(2)-07 Overnight School Trip Request CONSENT AGENDA – The following Overnight School Trip requests were approved: Orange High School Future Farmers of America to Indianapolis, IN October 20-22, 2010; Orange High School Women's Cross-Country Team to Charlotte, NC October 1-2, 2010.

10-09-(2)-07a Resolution of the Orange County Board of Education CONSENT AGENDA – The Resolution of the Orange County Board of Education in settlement of claims related to Karen Dickey v. Orange County Board of Education, 10 CVS 1552, was approved.

10-09-(2)-08 SAT/ACT Test Results – Chief Academic Officer Dr. Denise Morton and Director for Testing and Accountability Dr. Mary Calhoun provided SAT and ACT information to include: participation rate, state ranking, SAT prep and use of online software, SAT results to include: Cedar Ridge and Orange High 2003-04 to 2009-10 SAT Analysis Composite Scores and 2005-06 to 2009-10 SAT Analysis Grand Composite Scores, and ACT results to include: Cedar Ridge and Orange High Data Analysis 2003-04 to 2009-10.

10-09-(2)-09 Home School/Private School Students Policy #4160 – 2nd Reading Approval – Chief Academic Officer Dr. Denise Morton reviewed policy revisions. Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Anne Medenblik, the Home School/Private School Students Policy #4160 was unanimously approved on 2nd Reading.

10-09-(2)-10 Long-Term Suspension, 365 Days Suspension, and Expulsion of Students Policy #4353 – 1st Reading Approval – Director of Student Services and Healthful Living Donna Williams reviewed recommended policy revisions. Following board discussion, upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the Long-Term Suspension, 365 Days Suspension, and Expulsion of Students Policy #4353 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading.

10-09-(2)-11 First Aid and Emergency Care Policy #4205 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Director of Student Services and Healthful Living Donna Williams reviewed recommended policy revisions. Board discussion included, but was not limited to: persons in charge of CPR, AED and medication assistants training; inclusion of training for bus drivers; DNR orders.

Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the First Aid and Emergency Care Policy #4205 was unanimously approved for 1st Reading. Administration will incorporate revisions the board recommended for 2nd Reading Approval.

10-09-(2)-12 Board Member Voting Delegates to the N.C. School Boards Association (NCSBA) Annual Conference – Upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Anne Medenblik, the following voting delegates were approved to represent the Board of Education at the N.C. School Boards Association Annual Conference November 15-17, 2010: Debbie Piscitelli, Donna Coffey, Brenda Stephens, Stephen Halkiotis, and Anne Medenblik as alternate.

10-09-(2)-13 Joint Meeting with Board of County Commissioners and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools – Board members discussed agenda topics for the September 23, 2010 joint Board of County Commissioners and School Boards of Education meeting to include: Update on fiscal 2010-11 Approved Budget, Outlook for fiscal year 2011-12, and Update on the 10th and 20th Day Membership. Additional areas for discussion with the county commissioners included: potential unknown county generated changes in the Capital Investment Plan policy, fair funding, what happens with the CIP after 5 years.

Adjournment – At 8:40 p.m., upon motion by Brenda Stephens and second by Debbie Piscitelli, the meeting was adjourned.

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