

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 - At 6:00 p.m. upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Stephen Halkiotis and unanimous approval, the board moved into closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), to discuss student records and student disciplinary matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 43-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under N.C.G.S. 115C-402 and 20 USC 1232, to consult with our attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and to give instructions regarding our position in negotiating the compensation and other terms of an employment contract pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5).

The board adjourned out of closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Tony McKnight with the following persons in attendance: Tony McKnight, Chair; Donna Coffey, Vice Chair; Stephen Halkiotis; Anne Medenblik; Debbie Piscitelli; Brenda Stephens; Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent; 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; 8 staff, media, and patrons. Member absent: Eddie Eubanks.

Public Charge – The Public Charge was read.

Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.

Recognitions – None.

10-09-01 Agenda Adoption – Upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli and second by Brenda Stephens, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

10-09-02 Public Comments – The following public comment was heard related to:

1. Michael Hood – Violation of Nepotism Policy.

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

Brenda Stephens – visited Partnership Academy.

Anne Medenblik – visited Partnership Academy; attended: two high school open houses, Cedar Ridge High band booster meeting, Whitted Building tour, and solar field dedication at Mapleview Farm.

Stephen Halkiotis – requested update on hydrogen cell at Orange High and on healthy eating goals in our schools; visited four elementary schools to see hands on instruction and building improvements/needs – Central, G.A. Brown, Efland-Cheeks, and New Hope Elementary Schools.

Debbie Piscitelli – attended: Hillsborough Chamber Education Committee meeting, Triumph Academy opening, open houses, and data presentations at Orange High and Hillsborough Elementary to see data disseminated to faculty; requested an updated student transfer report; reviewed recollection of resolution and one-quarter cent sales tax discussion at last board meeting being different from meeting minutes summary; request for board members to receive a copy of information being used when persons are speaking on behalf of the board.

Board members discussed concerns with a Chapel Hill Herald article outlining how county commissioners and the county manager would split sales tax revenues between the two school systems, how projects would be selected for funding, and the limited 5 year timeframe for receipt of proceeds.

Donna Coffey – No comments.

Tony McKnight – No comments.

10-09-04 Superintendent Comments – The following comments were heard related to: Hands for Habitat Kickoff and Habitat teacher training workshop; 9th day student enrollment numbers; hydrogen fuel cell update; successful school year start for the Transportation Department.

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

10-09-05 Minutes Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The August 16, 2010 regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

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

Licensed Recommendations

Redden, Regina	Elementary Teacher	CE
Litwa, Jennifer	Elementary Teacher	EC
Jennings, Rachel	Elementary Teacher	GAB
O’Neal, Jo Beth	Elementary Teacher	PE
Sinatra Christina	Except. Child Teacher	ALS
Bottari, Paul	Except. Child Teacher	OHS
Craige, Ernest	ESL Teacher (PT)	OHS

Classified Recommendations

Berini, Kimberly	Teacher Assistant	CP
Franklin, Monica	EC Teacher Assistant (PT)	PE
Murray, Laurel	EC Teacher Assistant	OHS
Snipes, Sandra	Comm. Learning Ctr. Dir.	District

Coach Recommendations – Fall 2010

Laures, John	Soccer Coach	ALS
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The following was reported for information:

Licensed Transfers

	To:		From:	
Adams, Loralie	French/ESL Teacher	GH/CWS	French Teacher	CWS
Barger, Jeff	Elementary Teacher	CP	Literacy Coach	CP
Saul, Holly	Elementary Teacher	EC	PreK Teacher	EC
Wheeler, Jennifer	Intervention Specialist	PE	Elementary Teacher	PE

Licensed Resignations

Segars, Lisa	CTE-Business Teacher	CRHS
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Classified Resignations

Centeno, Norma	PreK Teacher Assistant	PE
Davis, Clifton	EC Teacher Assistant	CWS

Retirements

Brogden, Lou	Elementary Teacher	EC
Chaffin, Layne	Teacher Assistant	CP

10-09-07 School Board Member Code of Ethics Policy #2120 – 2nd Reading Approval CONSENT AGENDA – The School Board Member Code of Ethics Policy #2120 was approved on 2nd Reading Approval.

10-09-08 Disaggregated Student Achievement Data Report – Dr. Mary Calhoun reviewed information in a PowerPoint presentation to include: Analysis for 2007-2010 in Algebra I & II, Biology, Civics and Economics, English I, Geometry, Physical Science, and US History; Grades 3-8 School and Grade Level Ethnicity Analysis in Reading and Math; 2007-2010

District and Grade Level Grades 3-8 Reading Ethnicity Analysis; 2006-2010 District and Grade Level Grades 3-8 Math Ethnicity Analysis; Science Test District Analysis Grade 5 and 8; 2006-2010 State & District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate; Graduation Rate Comparison with State, an Ethnicity/Gender Comparison, Special Areas Comparison and by District Comparison for 2007-2010; Cedar Ridge and Orange High School Graduation Rate for 2010, comparison by Ethnicity, by Special Area, and Graduation Rate Comparison 2007-2010.

10-09-09 Parent Organizations Policy #5010 Revised – 1st Reading Approval – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed recommended policy changes following Board discussion held on August 2, 2010. Finance Director Donna Brinkley will hold a training session on September 30, 2010 on how to maintain accurate accounting records and to educate persons on fiduciary responsibilities and board policy.

Board discussion included: focus group to include parent and community members involved in policy changes; inclusion of outlined use of debit cards in the policy and/or procedures manual; training needs; procedures.

Donna Coffey made a motion to postpone the action on this item until no sooner than the first meeting in October. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens and was unanimously approved.

10-09-10 Home School/Private School Students Policy #4160 – 1st Reading Approval – Superintendent Rhodes reported that a policy is needed to address enrollment, participation, and placement of students who come into the school district from home schools and private schools. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Denise Morton stated the district receives 2-3 calls per year with enrollment requests, particularly on how students can participate in the district and still be home schooled. A proposed policy was presented for Board consideration. Board discussion included: surrounding system policies; request for Career and Technical Education course participation; requirements of the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

Debbie Piscitelli made a motion to approve the Home School/Private School Students Policy #4160 for 1st Reading Approval. The motion was seconded by Stephen Halkiotis and was unanimously approved.

10-09-11 Joint Meeting with Board of County Commissioners and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education – Board members discussed possible agenda items for the Board of County Commissioners and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools joint meeting, board discussion including: one-quarter cent sales tax, what the resolution is, and where the board sits now; possible key points that may need to be made in a statement by the superintendent and board chair related to the county manager's proposal, trust to make decisions, and reiterating the loss of county and state funds; arranging a meeting with the superintendent, chair and vice-chair of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools on the one-quarter cent sales tax item to determine if they are in agreement with how the Orange County Schools board feels in order to present a united stand; how projects would be selected for funding and how funds would be allocated between the two school systems; concerns with proposed county resolution only addressing revenues for a 5 year period; future of lottery proceeds; plans for bundling large future capital needs for the system.

Superintendent Rhodes recapped that he will meet with the county manager and staff this week to ask joint meeting agenda items include: one-quarter cent sales tax, student enrollment, long range state budget projections, Federal Education Jobs Funding. Mr. Rhodes will also arrange to meet with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools superintendent, board chair and vice chair to make clear our district wishes to use the fair funding model for appropriation of funding. Board members agreed by consensus.

Superintendent Rhodes provided an update on the federal jobs funding recently released and the Race to the Top funds.

10-09-12 Whitted Building Update #2 – Superintendent Rhodes reviewed previous board discussions and tour discussions related to possible use of the Whitted Building to house district administrative staff. Superintendent Rhodes is recommending the system respectfully decline the Board of County Commissioner's offer to use the facility due to: structural improvements needed in order to utilize the facility, known and unknown financial obligation which would be created by moving forward to occupy the building, unclear long-term revenue picture due to shifts and declines in both operational and capital funding, a shift of the N.C. Education Lottery funds away from school construction and toward other operational needs, the reduction in local capital appropriations which will limit the system's ability to up fit any non-classroom buildings, the end of the two-year federal stimulus funding and projected massive deficits that North Carolina is expected to experience, and probable additional state funding cuts.

Information was provided to clarify: the structural engineering study cost figure includes determining structural problems and design work; how operating costs and up fit costs were computed.

Board discussion included, but was not limited to: cost for up fit and maintenance of the Whitted Building; use of current central office building or use of other properties owned by the system; other alternatives and available facilities for housing staff; impact of pending student reassignment on central office facility needs; board subcommittee to look at other alternatives for housing staff using school-owned properties or possible lease or lease/purchase; change in financial picture since request for use of the Whitted Building was made some 3 years ago; unknown effect of future budget reductions on number of staff. Board members Donna Coffey, Brenda Stephens, and Anne Medenblik volunteered to serve on a board subcommittee to look at other possible options for housing of district level staff. Stephen Halkiotis and Debbie Piscitelli will serve as alternates.

Brenda Stephens made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to respectfully decline the Board of County Commissioners' offer for use of the Whitted Building by the school system. The motion was seconded by Stephen Halkiotis and unanimously approved.

10-09-13 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) – Request for Projects – Superintendent Rhodes recommended the Board approve the Resolution for the use of Qualified School Construction Bond II Proceeds for the following projects:

1. C.W. Stanford	Roof Replacement	\$1,000,000
2. Orange High	Roof Replacement	\$500,000
3. Central Elementary	Roof Replacement	\$100,000
4. Central Elementary	Breezeway enclosure	\$250,000
5. Efland-Cheeks	Renovations	\$200,000

Anne Medenblik made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens. Board member discussion included: 2010-2020 Capital Investment Plan items; cost of debt service pay; periodic review of the Capital Investment Plan. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

10-09-14 Legal Update – 2010 Legislative Action – Attorney Parker reviewed the Legal Update Summary – September 6, 2010 which included a substantial number of new laws, amendments, and requirements for public schools coming out of the 2010 short session of the General Assembly.

Closed Session - At 9:55 p.m. Donna Coffey made a motion to adjourn into closed session to discuss personnel in accordance with NCGS 115C-321 and 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Brenda Stephens and was unanimously approved. The Board adjourned out of closed session at 10:47 p.m.

Adjournment – At 10:47 p.m., upon motion by Debbie Piscitelli, second by Anne Medenblik and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned.

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