

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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March 12, 2009

Opening

Chairman Kidd called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Monica De La Vega, a 6th grader at South Asheboro Middle School, led the pledge of allegiance.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Carla Freemyer recognized Mr. Duffy Johnson and Carolina Bank for their participation in Asheboro City Schools' community book drive and for being a long time supporter of the schools through financial support and volunteer hours.

Dr. Dot Harper recognized teacher Bethann Fravel and several of her AVID students who shared highlights on how the AVID program is impacting teaching and learning at South Asheboro Middle.

Public Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the floor to public comments. Ms. Valinda Norton requested information and a contact person regarding the Unified Dress study for middle schools.

Consent Agenda

The following items under the Consent Agenda were approved:

Approval of Minutes – February 7, 8 & 12, 2009

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Walden, Jason	Central Office/ Maintenance	2/27/09
Poe, David, Dr.	Loflin/Principal	6/30/09
Smith, Renie	Teachey/Secretary	6/12/09
Coley, Ron	North Asheboro Middle/ Principal	6/30/09

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Chandler, Natasha	NAMS/Science & Math	3/9/09
Skoglund, Melissa	Teachey/Special Ed.	3/9/09
Allred, Melissa	Teachey/Reading	3/9/09
Dicks, Terra	Substitute	2/19/09
Flowers, Amanda	Substitute	2/19/09
Lyons, Charles	Substitute	2/19/09

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Miller, Jermaine	Substitute	2/19/09
Potts, Brenda	Substitute	2/19/09
Sanchez, Graciela	Substitute	2/19/09
Smith, Lorraine	Substitute	2/19/09
Staley, Donna	Substitute	2/19/09
Thompson, Amanda	Substitute	2/19/09
Tugwell, Bryan	Substitute	2/19/09
Tugwell, Donna	Substitute	2/19/09
Vickers, Charles	Substitute	2/19/09
Prillaman, Christine	Substitute	2/19/09

Budget Amendments CO-05 & S-04

ADM and Lottery Applications

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Gail Hicks shared 2007/2008 continuous improvement performance data for students with disabilities.

Carla Freemyer, Janice Kite, and teachers representing the five elementary schools provided information on an elementary summer reading initiative that took place last summer and plans that will be implemented to continue the initiative this summer.

Dr. Dot Harper shared that only children who will turn 5 years old on or by August 31, 2009 are eligible to register for kindergarten. The revised law moves the legal school entry age up by a month and a half in an effort to reduce drop-out rates in later grades and make sure students are ready for formal school when they begin kindergarten.

Carla Freemyer and Brad Rice updated the Board on the Unified Dress study. A meeting to address the possible implementation of a middle school unified dress code for the 2009-10 school year will be presented to middle school parents at Asheboro High Schools' Performing Arts Center on March 17 beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Diane Frost presented several policies for 30-day review: Policy 1745/4027, Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Students – Changes in wording has been made to the existing policy to bring it into compliance with the state board policy. The terms discrimination, harassment or bullying have been

substituted for the term sexual harassment; Policy 3410, Testing and Assessment Program – In order to comply with state board policy a paragraph has been added that further limits the amount of testing time for students; Policy 4301, Authority of School Personnel – The policy has been revised to give teachers and other personnel authority to use reasonable force to remove disruptive or dangerous students from classrooms and other locations within the school building; Policy 7130, Licensure – Updates have been made to include current requirements related to licensure required by *No Child Left Behind*. A paragraph has been added regarding equitable distribution of highly qualified teachers; and Policy 9120, Building for Construction Work – The policy has been updated to comply with state board policy and increases the threshold amounts for informal bids.

Action Items

Board members unanimously approved required changes to legal references in Board policies presented by Dr. Diane Frost.

Harold Blair presented recommendations for application to draw funds from the public school building fund and the lottery distribution to pay debt service on the Teachey project and the Asheboro High School expansion project. The Board unanimously approved the recommendations.

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

Dr. Diane Frost reported on information received regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for 2009 and that the system is anxiously awaiting guidelines on how the funds are to be spent.

Ms. Freemyer shared *Calendar of Events* highlighting important dates to remember: The Regional Math Fair, March 14 at North Asheboro Middle School; "Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" and "Cinderella, Cinderella" on March 15 at the Asheboro High School Performing Arts Center; Unified Dress parent meeting, March 17, Asheboro High School Performing Arts Center; District Expert Project Fair, March 18, Guy B. Teachey School; Budget Work Session, March 23 at the Professional Development Center; Elementary Choir Festival Concert, March 27, North Asheboro Middle School; All Randolph County Jazz Band Concert, March 27, Eastern Randolph High School; FAN Workshop – Helping Your Child Explore Careers, March 30, Professional Development Center; and FAN Workshop – Helping Your Child Explore Careers, March 31, Professional Development Center.

Points of Pride were also shared by Ms. Freemyer: Middle School math fair winners; Asheboro High School Mock Trial Blue Team, regional winner, plus several other awards; Evening of Excellence honoring Asheboro City Schools' national board certified teachers; and ESL parent night at Balfour.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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