

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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September 9, 2010

Opening

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

Joyce Harrington gave the invocation and Olivia Gaccioni and Chloe Rich, Early Childhood Development Center preschool students, led the pledge of allegiance.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Carla Freemyer recognized Girl Scout Troop 40746 who are sponsored by First United Methodist Church. The students have participated in parent FAN Fair events sponsored by Asheboro City Schools providing craft activities for children while their parents attended the workshops.

Holly White, preschool coordinator and Stacey Federhart, prekindergarten teacher at the Early Childhood Development Center, provided information on a program being implemented at the center entitled Conscious Discipline which ensures that adults help students of all ages understand behavioral and social expectations through the use of developmentally appropriate strategies.

Monica Alfaro Cuadra, a senior at Asheboro High School, shared information and slides on her summer experience through GEAR UP. Monica was selected to participate in the Global Public Service Academy for Health and spent four weeks in Calhuitz, Guatemala living with a host family and working in a health clinic.

Public Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the floor to public comments; no one signed up to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

The following items under the Consent Agenda were approved:

**Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2010*

**Overnight Out-of-State Field Trip Request*

**Personnel*

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School /Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Abbott, Sandra	Asheboro High/ Instructional Management Coordinator	8/31/10
Boone, Angela	Teachey/Instructional Assistant	8/9/10
Pollard, Dianna	Teachey/Instructional Assistant	8/17/10
Smith, Nichole	South Asheboro Middle/Media Coordinator	8/27/10
Fleming, Carol	McCrary/Lindley Park/ Art Teacher	9/9/10

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dawson, Julia	South Asheboro Middle/Media Coordinator	8/30/10
Faircloth, Nicole	Teachey/Instructional Assistant	8/30/10
Keeter, Marc	Central Office/ Technician	9/20/10
Leitinger, Daniel	Lindley Park/ Custodian (Part-time)	8/17/10
O'Briant, Lynda	North Asheboro Middle/Business Education	8/23/10
Peterson, Joanna	Asheboro High/ Instructional Management Coordinator	TBD
Richau, Kim	Teachey/Instructional Assistant	8/18/10
Slate, Amy	Early Childhood Dev. Center/Pre-Kindergarten	8/23/10
Thompson, Amanda	Asheboro High/ Special Education	TBD
Brewer, Amy	Substitute	8/25/10
Bristow, Kimberly	Substitute	8/25/10
Bynum, Tony	Substitute	8/25/10
Coble, Amber	Substitute	8/25/10
Dunker, Mary	Substitute	8/25/10
Erickson, Dainya	Substitute	8/25/10
Ireland, Sarah	Substitute	8/25/10
Nance, Jeffrey	Substitute	8/25/10

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Neely, Anne	Substitute	8/25/10
Roessing, Carly	Substitute	8/25/10
Spivey, Rebecca	Substitute	8/25/10
Thompson, Amanda	Asheboro High/ Special Education	9/7/10
Todd, Karen	Substitute	8/25/10

Transfers

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carson, Tammy	Early Childhood Dev./ Daycare to ECDC/Instructional Asst.	8/18/10

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Kemper Fitch, principal of Asheboro High School, shared progress on the 1:1 Initiative to provide each high school student with a computer they can use at school and home. During the first full week of the second semester is the projected timeline for students to have their computers.

Dr. Tim Allgood reported the teacher turnover rate for the period of March 2009 to March 2010 was 11.5%, the lowest since 2005. Fifteen of those teachers were retirees; twenty-four teachers resigned; 4 moved to non-teaching positions in Asheboro City Schools, and 1 is deceased. Dr. Allgood also shared 37 teachers have been hired during the 2010-2011 school year with 34 teachers being from within North Carolina.

Dr. Dot Harper provided information on an amendment to the Title I Plan approved at the August 12 board meeting. Three elementary schools that currently do not have parent coordinators have built in part-time parent outreach coordinators into their budgets using discretionary Title 1 funds allotted to those schools.

Carla Freemyer updated the Board on the Web 2.0 on-line communication tools which the school system expects to launch on September 16th. Plans are to have a Facebook and Twitter account for Asheboro City Schools—another productive way to communicate with parents and the community in addition to the traditional methods already used.

Action Items

Following a 30-day review, the Board unanimously approved the following policies: Policy 7730 – Employee Conflict of Interest; Policy 7820 – Personnel Files; Policy 7821 – Petition for Removal of Personnel Records; Policy 7900 – Resignation; and Policy 7910 – Retirement.

Harold Blair provided an overview of the 2010-2011 Budget Resolution totaling \$49,305,139. The Board unanimously approved the resolution as presented.

Following a presentation from Mr. Blair, the Board approved setting the maximum limit at \$175,000 for the indirect cost amount used to calculate the breakeven guarantee in the 2009-2010 Sodexo contract the Board also approved a 2010-2011 Sodexo contract.

The Board approved a request from Superintendent Frost giving permission for Asheboro City Schools to collaborate with four school systems in the Piedmont, UNC-G, and the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium to apply for Race to the Top funding to develop a principal leadership academy for aspiring principals who wish to serve in high needs schools.

Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events

Carla Freemyer shared the Calendar of Events highlighting the following dates: Asheboro High School vs. Eastern Randolph, September 10; Blue Comet Academy Open House, September 15; PTO meeting at McCrary, September 16, 6:00pm; PTA meeting at Loflin, September 16, 6:30pm; Asheboro High School vs. Trinity, September 17; Communities in Schools Reality Store, October 5; and Project Fit Dedication at Loflin Elementary, October 19.

Dr. Frost provided 10-day enrollment figures. Total enrollment after 10 days for Asheboro City Schools was 4611, up 58 students from last year. She reported the average K-5 class size for the school district is 20.0, up from 19.8 a year ago. There are no combination classes this year.

Superintendent Frost shared a reorganized Asheboro City Schools Strategic Plan Milestones noting several goals already being implemented.

Board Operations

Chairman Kidd reported that the North Carolina School Boards Association has requested nominees for the Raleigh Dingman Award sponsored by the Association. The Raleigh Dingman Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies leadership and board service. The Board unanimously selected Linda Cranford as Asheboro City Schools' candidate for the Raleigh Dingman Award.

Chairman Kidd reminded members of the Board of the following important dates:

- NCSBA District Meeting, September 22
- NCSBA Law Conference, October 20-22
- NCSBA Annual Conference, November 15-17

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

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