

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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January 10, 2008

Opening

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

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Ms. Carla Freemyer honored the Randolph County Board of Commissioners for its continuous support of the Asheboro City Schools, specifically assisting with the Zoo School and Guy B. Teachey addition and the Commissioners' desire to partner with Asheboro City Schools to fulfill its vision of academic excellence. Chairman Harold Holmes accepted a certificate of appreciation.

Cheryl Perkins, technology teacher at McCrary, and Sarah Fuller, 5th grade teacher at McCrary, shared information using a SmartBoard on the UNITE project (Uganda and North Carolina International Teaching for the Environment). Both teachers visited Uganda this past summer. UNITE is a project of the North Carolina Zoo which establishes extraordinary partnerships between schools in Uganda and North Carolina to advance conservation education.

Erica DeCoeur, 7th grade math teacher at South Asheboro Middle School, and Niki Taylor, Asheboro High School Spanish teacher, demonstrated SmartBoards and how they use them to teach in their classrooms.

Ms. Jennifer Smith recognized the latest National Board for Professional Teaching Standards recipients who have successfully completed the rigorous program including: Michael Fleming and Rita Dougan, Asheboro High School; Christa Hartman, Lindley Park; and Nichole Smith, South Asheboro Middle School.

In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, board members were presented with a token of appreciation and letters from students and teachers.

Public Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the floor to public comments. Four parents of students at Asheboro High School expressed concerns about the athletic department, notices for SAT/ACT tests, cell phone usage, and student/faculty and staff relations.

Consent Agenda

The following items under the Consent Agenda were approved:

Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2007

Personnel

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Williams, Todd	Donna L. Loflin/Grade 2	2/1/08
Ford, Jenee	Donna L. Loflin/Grade 3	1/1/08
Rembert, Charles	South Asheboro Middle/ Social Studies	1/22/08
Stanich, Martin	Asheboro High/English as a Second Language	1/22/08

Information, Reports, and Recommendations

Ms. Carla Freemyer demonstrated the newly launched Asheboro City Schools website and expressed her appreciation to faculty and staff for their hard work in assisting with the project. Webmasters at the school level are: DiAnn Stark, Asheboro High School; Cheryl Perkins, McCrary Elementary; Jay Williams, North Asheboro Middle; Teresa Clippinger, South Asheboro Middle; Tina Webster, Donna L. Loflin; Lisa Rhodes, Balfour Elementary; Kellie Garcia, Guy B. Teachey; Kathy Malpass, Lindley Park Elementary; and Deb York, Early Childhood Development Center.

Action Items

Mr. Harold Blair presented the 2006-2007 Audit Report for board approval. The Board unanimously approved the report.

After a 30-day review, Ms. Donna Clelland presented the following policies for board approval: Policy 2116 – Removal from Office; Policy 4100 – Age Requirements for Initial Entry; Policy 4110 – Immunization Requirements for School Admission; and Policy 4120 – Domicile or Residence Requirements. The Board approved the policy changes.

Ms. Clelland presented for board approval the following policies that have been updated to meet technical and conforming changes necessitated by state and federal law: Policy 6315 – Drivers and Policy 6340 – Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts. The changes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Tim Allgood reported on descriptor lines for 2007-2008 depicting clear direction as to where attendance boundary lines actually lie for Balfour School, McCrary Elementary, Donna L. Loflin, Teachey Elementary and Lindley Park Elementary. The Board unanimously approved the descriptor lines as presented.

Dr. Dot Harper and Kemper and Carolyn Fitch shared information and requested approval of an opportunity to partner with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in The Scholars' Latino Initiative. The program is designed to encourage intellectual, cultural, and social development for Latino students. The Board unanimously approved the request. Four sophomore students from Asheboro High School will begin the program in the spring.

Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events

Superintendent Frost reported she will be attending the second meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee January 17, 2008 in Raleigh and will update the Board with information regarding the Study Commissions' findings.

Dr. Frost indicated that Asheboro City Schools has been selected to interview in the IMPACT Grant process. The grant, if received, will give additional grant resources for technology.

Ms. Freemyer shared the Calendar of Events noting several important dates as follows: Board

of Education Appreciation Lunch, January 24 at Guy B. Teachey; Middle School Science Fair, January 24 at South Asheboro Middle School; Strategic Plan Presentation/Report Card Pick Up, January 28 at South Asheboro Middle School; PTA Meeting/Strategic Plan Presentation, January 31 at Donna L. Loflin; Spelling Bee, February 12 at the Professional Development Center; Evening of Excellence, February 25 at Asheboro Country Club; and the Legislative Breakfast, February 29 at the Professional Development Center.

The Board was reminded of the following activities: Winter Retreat, February 1-3 in Pinehurst, NC, Board Appreciation Luncheon, January 24 at Guy B. Teachey Elementary School, and the February board meeting being moved to February 21 instead of February 14.

Board Operations/Committee Reports

Chairman Kidd provided the Board of Education committee assignments for the 2008 year as follows: Finance Committee – Chris Yow, Phillip Cheek, Jane Redding, Kyle Lamb, Steve Jones and Linda Cranford; Policy Committee – Derek Robbins, Joyce Harrington, Kelly Harris and Steve Jones; and Legislative Committee – Joyce Harrington, Linda Cranford, Derek Robbins and Steve Jones.

Chairman Kidd presented Steve Jones, as outgoing chairman, with a plaque and the gavel used during his tenure as chairman. In addition, Dr. Frost provided a special tribute to Mr. Jones in the donation of a book to Asheboro High School and one to Mr. Jones honoring him for his leadership as chairman from December 2004 through December 2007. The books are entitled, *Launching a Leadership Revolution*.

The Board received dates for Master Board III training as follows: February 2, March 6, April 24, June 5 and September 4, 2008.

Adjournment

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