

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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January 14, 2010

## Opening

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

Steve Jones delivered the invocation. Teachey Elementary students, Juan Cruz and Alexis Dilldine, led the Pledge of Allegiance and read letters of appreciation to board members in recognition of Board Appreciation Month.

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

## Special Recognition and Presentations

Teachey Elementary teachers, Danielle Sklarski and Dubraska Stines, shared how parents at their school realize the importance of being involved in their children's education by participating in Family Fun Nights. They also provided information about co-teaching which they are doing this school year with their fifth grade class.

The following teachers were recognized for earning National Board Certification: Wendy Graham, Natalia Johns, Trisha Muse – Balfour School; Gail Meyer – Lindley Park; Kerri Lamb – North Asheboro Middle; Jennifer Miller – South Asheboro Middle; and Molly Lyons, Lisa Robertson, Adam Reeder and Juan Rios – Asheboro High School. The following teachers were recognized for earning National Board Renewal: Cheryl Perkins – McCrary Elementary; Angie Flowers – Balfour School; and Kathryn Escobar – Teachey Elementary.

## 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 – December 10, 2009*

\**Personnel*

## Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School /Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Medley,	Central Office/Bus	12/22/09
DeMario	Driver	

<u>Name</u>	<u>School /Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Reagan,	South Asheboro	12/30/09
Martha	Middle/Custodian	

## Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School /Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
English, Lori	McCrary/Teacher Assistant	1/19/10
Davis, Linda	Central Office/Bus Monitor	1/19/10
Spencer, Danzell	Central Office/Bus Driver	1/21/10
Gonzalez, Yomara	Lindley Park/Teacher Assistant	1/4/10
Shane, Michael	Central Office/Maintenance	1/19/10
Blakenship, Kristie	Substitute	12/16/09
Eller, Katie	Substitute	12/21/09
LaClair, Rebecca	Substitute	12/21/09
Domally, Marc	Substitute	1/7/10
Lawrence, Wendolyn	Substitute	1/8/10
McLeod, Kari	Substitute	1/13/10
Wayne, Rhonda	Substitute	1/13/10
Bates, Julie	Substitute	1/13/10

## Information, Reports and Recommendations

Carla Freemyer reviewed upcoming dates and events for the strategic planning process for Asheboro City Schools. "Coffee and Conversation" events will be held across the community on different dates to gather input from all stakeholders on top issues the system should address for the next three years.

Dr. Dot Harper shared information on a new partnership with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Asheboro City Schools will partner with UNC-G to develop future elementary and exceptional education teachers.

Dr. Hazel Frick presented the following policies for 30-day review: Policy 1710/4021/7230 – *Prohibition against Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying including Hazing*. This policy, with board approval,

will be replaced with the North Carolina School Boards Association's policy. The policy prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment along with bullying and hazing by students, employees, volunteers, and visitors during any school function. The Policy 1720/4015/7225 – *Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying Complaint Procedure*, with board approval, will replace two Asheboro City Schools' policies. The policy provides a detailed outline of steps required for reporting and investigating complaints in compliance with federal requirements.

#### **Action Items**

The Board unanimously approved the 2008-2009 Audit as presented by Harold Blair. The audit was conducted and received a qualified "clean" opinion from the accounting firm of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland.

Mr. Blair shared information on a new benefit proposal for Asheboro City Schools employees, a 457 Plan investment option which will allow employees their accumulated funds penalty free before age 59 and a half. The Board unanimously approved the plan investment option as presented.

Board member, Chris Yow, reviewed the 2010 Legislative Platform highlighting the key priorities as proposed by the Legislative Committee: Maintaining local control, adequate funding from the state, and support for public schools. The Board unanimously approved the Legislative Platform as presented.

#### **Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events**

Carla Freemyer shared the Calendar of Events pointing out important dates as follows: Board Appreciation Lunch, January 22, 2010; District Spelling Bee, February 16, 2010; Asheboro High School Children's Theatre, February 21, 2010; and Asheboro High School hosting the North Carolina Student Council Convention, March 4 and 5, 2010.

#### **Board Operations/Committee Reports**

Chairman Kidd presented newly organized board committees for 2010 as follows:

Finance Committee: Kyle Lamb, Chair; Steve Jones; Joyce Harrington; Derek Robbins; and Chris Yow.

Policy Committee: Archie Priest, Chair; Phillip Cheek; Kelly Harris; and Linda Cranford.

Legislative Committee: Chris Yow, Chair; Derek Robbins; and Linda Cranford.

Board members were provided with an agenda for its winter retreat that will be held February 5-7, 2010. At the retreat board members will focus on the following topics: New Gifted Education Standards; Comprehensive Review of Career and Technical Education Programs – Preparing for Future Smaller Learning Communities; Health and Wellness Initiatives; Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, and Core Values; Long Range Facilities Planning; New Teacher Evaluation Instrument; Race to the Top; and Preparing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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