

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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November 13, 2008

Opening

Chairman 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 recognized Wal-Mart as a Community Partner. Wal-Mart supports Asheboro City Schools by holding a Tools for Schools program, Teacher of the Year program and contributions to the Asheboro City Schools Education Foundation.

Kindergarten Teachey teachers, Donna Menius and Jill Snotherly, along with several of their students shared ways they use interactive technology in their classrooms.

Superintendent Diane Frost recognized Ms. Janet Means, Balfour Elementary School's principal, as Asheboro City Schools 2009 Principal of the Year. Dr. Frost praised Ms. Means for her leadership style and for high quality instruction and parent involvement at Balfour School.

Public Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the floor to public comments. Comments were heard from three individuals requesting an amendment to a proposed change to Policy 5030 – Community Use of Facilities.

Consent Agenda

The following items under the consent agenda were approved:

Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2008

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Price, Elizabeth	AHS/English as a Second Language	10/8/08
Beaver, Freda	Teachey/Reading Facilitator	1/31/08
Lorimer, Curt	Central Office/Director Of Career/Tech. Ed.	2/27/08

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Thompson, Charlene	Teachey/Teacher Asst.	10/13/08
Everett, Callie	Loflin/Teacher Asst. P/T	10/20/08
Cox, Permelia	Central Office/Custodian	10/20/08
Woods, Randy	Lindley/Teacher Asst.	10/28/08
Taylor, Sarah	Balfour/Grade 2	11/10/08
Phillips, John	AHS/Mathematics	1/20/09
Smith, Helen	Lindley/Grade 1	1/30/09
Whigham, Johnnie	SAMS/Special Ed.	11/19/08
Watkins, Donnie	AHS/Physical Ed.	12/1/08
Webster, Jennifer	Substitute	9/23/08
Covington, Ann	Substitute	10/3/08
Danco, Teresa	Substitute	10/7/08
Jones, Diane	Substitute	10/14/08
Kearns, John	Substitute	10/14/08
Bain, Deborah	Substitute	10/14/08
Isley, Phillip	Substitute	10/14/08
Goley, Rhianna	Substitute	10/14/08
Chavis, Leslie	Substitute	10/14/08
Lamonds, Sandy	Substitute	10/14/08
Gentry, Frankie	Substitute	10/14/08
Perdue, Kimberly	Substitute	10/14/08
Nicely, Gordon	Substitute	10/14/08
ShIPLEY, Kelly	Substitute	10/15/08
Harris, Centerra	Substitute	10/17/08

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Harold Blair, Director of Business and Finance, along with Tony Buscemi of Sodexo, provided an update on last year's child nutrition program accomplishments and challenges. Mr. Buscemi requested the Board consider allowing an adjustment be made to the costs charged to the program as well as depreciation be waived from the formula used to determine whether Child Nutrition finished the year with an excess or deficit.

Dr. Dot Harper provided information on the *No Child Left Behind* status of the elementary schools. Balfour, McCrary and Loflin Schools are required to offer 'Choice Transfer' to their students to Lindley Park or Teachey School. Balfour will also offer supplemental educational services to qualifying students. These changes will begin second semester.

Dr. Hazel Frick presented the following policies for 30-day review:

- Policy 3460, Graduation Requirements – Proposed changes to the policy include an addition to allow students to graduate with fewer than 28 credits under criteria approved by the superintendent upon recommendation by the principal as long as the student meets all state graduation requirements and successfully completes a graduation project.
- Policy 4040/7310, Staff-Student Relations – A proposed change is the addition of a definition of the term “employees,” to include independent contractors and school safety officers with the exclusion of student employees.
- Policy 4240, Child Abuse/Reports and Investigations – The proposed change will bring the policy in compliance with North Carolina General Statute. Now included in the legal requirement for school employees to report suspected child abuse is the addition of “neglect, dependency, or death as a result of maltreatment.”
- Policy 4250/5075/7316, North Carolina Address Confidentiality Program – Presented to the Board is a new proposed policy that encourages eligible individuals to participate in the NC Address Confidentiality Program. It states that the program helps to protect the location of victims of acts of violence and provides program details and outlines the handling of school personnel and student information of those included in the program.

Action Items

Following recommendations from a graduation committee consisting of parents, students, faculty and board members, the Board approved graduation dates and times for Asheboro High Schools' Classes of 2009 and 2010. Graduation will be held for the Class of 2009 on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and for the Class of 2010 on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrators from the elementary schools and the Early Childhood Development Center presented their

2008-2009 Continuous Improvement Plans for board approval. The plans were unanimously approved by the Board.

Following a 30-day review the Board unanimously approved revisions to Policy 1755/7237 – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Employees.

Following a 30-day review revised Policy 5030 – Community Use of Facilities, was presented to the Board for approval. The Board requested the policy be sent back to the Policy Committee for further considerations.

Mr. Blair presented a proposed Asheboro City Schools Section 403(b) Retirement Plan which will allow employees to continue their contributions with their current 403(b) provider and have the same plan options and benefits as currently provided. Mr. Blair also presented an agreement between Asheboro City Schools and Great American Plan Administrators, Inc. that will allow Great American to monitor employee contributions, loans, withdraws, etc. to assure compliance with the approved plan. The recommendations were approved by the Board.

The Board unanimously approved surplus bids for stored items as presented by Mr. Mike Mize.

Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events

Dr. Diane Frost reported that the Asheboro High School Zoo School has been selected as one of the sites for the North Carolina School Innovation Tour and she encouraged all to come and visit the school on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Frost directed the Board's attention to an invitation to attend the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium's annual meeting on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is held to celebrate the success of Piedmont Triad school districts. Balfour Elementary School will be presented as a Signature School.

Dr. Frost shared dates of interest for board members: The Legislative Committee will meet on November 25, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at the Asheboro City Schools' Administration Building; a legislative breakfast will be held January 15, 2009; and a board appreciation luncheon will be held on January 22, 2009.

Ms. Carla Freemyer shared *Calendar of Events* highlighting important dates to remember: FAN Workshops, Preparing your Child Academically for Success on November 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. and November 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.; The Board of

Education's Strategic Plan Update, November 18, 2008 at South Asheboro Middle School and November 20, 2008 at Loflin Elementary School. Ms. Freemyer also noted a date change for the Senior Holiday Luncheon at Loflin Elementary. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Freemyer shared Points of Pride for Asheboro City Schools: Eight students were selected to All-State Honors Chorus; The AHS theatre class received numerous NC Theatre Conference competition awards; and Asheboro High School teacher, Owen George, being named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

Board Operations

Chairman Kidd shared that the Asheboro City Board of Education received the following recognitions at the North Carolina School Boards Association's Conference held November 11th in Greensboro: Master Board Level III Status making the Board the only system who has reached the Level III status; Special Achievement Award for Exemplary Boards for having all members earn at least 12 hours of training during the 2007-2008 academy year making them 1 out of 35 of 115 boards in North Carolina to receive this distinction; and Mr. Chris Yow being named to the 2008 All-State School Board for his outstanding service to the education of North Carolina's children. Mr. Yow was 1 out of 8 board members to receive this distinction.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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