

# BOARD BRIEFS



**Asheboro City Schools**

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent

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December 8, 2011

## Opening

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

Chairman Kidd gave the invocation and Dayanera Gross, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student at North Asheboro Middle School, led the pledge of allegiance.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

## Swearing in Ceremony

Clerk of Court, Pamela Hill, administered the Board of Education oath of office to Gidget Kidd, Kyle Lamb, Jane Redding, and Gustavo Agudelo. Ms. Kidd, Mr. Lamb, and Ms. Redding will serve a six year term as re-elected members to the Asheboro City Board of Education. Appointed by the Board, Mr. Agudelo will serve two years until the 2013 general election.

## Special Recognition and Presentations

Carla Freemyer recognized Sam Ramsey, Chick-fil-A, for his continuous support of our schools. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Ramsey.

Eighth grade students from North Asheboro Middle School, Jessica Sturdivant and Dayanera Gross gave a presentation on digital learning at NAMS. Jessica talked about blogging and how it is a good tool to express oneself. Dayanera showed how she organized her math notebook using Google Docs for Education. Melanie Richey and Jay Williams presented a video demonstrating how students at North Asheboro Middle School use technology in today's classroom.

Gidget Kidd recognized Dr. Diane Frost for being selected as the 2012 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Frost thanked the board for their support and working together to make Asheboro City Schools excellent.

In recognition of Dr. Diane Frost's selection as the 2012 A. Craig Phillips NC Superintendent of the Year the following presentations were made:

- Phil Kirk, Director of Brady Energy Services, presented a \$500.00 scholarship to Randolph Community College to be used by a senior at Asheboro High School.
- Jim Copeland with Moseley Architects presented Asheboro City Schools with a check for \$2,000.00 to be used for a student scholarship or other needs in the system.

Heather Soja was honored for being named as a North Carolina finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Award.

Carla Freemyer announced the 2011 Holiday Art Award winner, Mary Vargas, a third grade student at Balfour Elementary School. Mary received a \$100 savings bond along with her original framed artwork.

## 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 – November 10, 2011*

*\*Personnel*

## RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Poole, Mary	AHS/Custodian	11/30/11
Riggio, Joseph	NAMS/Custodian	12/2/11
Taylor, Summer	DLL/Special Ed.	12/30/11
Brinkley, Tammy	LP/Instructional Asst.	12/30/11

## APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Neal, Heather	LP/ESL	11/28/11
Van Kirk, Yvonne	NAMS/ESL	12/5/11
Adams, Tammy	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Allred, Brandy	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Antill, Diane	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Fields, Nancie	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Gullett, Briana	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Hilliard, Kaleb	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Lyons, Susan	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Marion, Gabriel	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Przbylowski, Ann	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Rankin, Ann	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Schmidt, Crystal	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Smith, Leslie	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Thornton, Teresa	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11
Woodbury, Vivian	Substitute - \$69.00 day	11/21/11

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fenech, Ilona	LP/Instructional Asst.	1/17/12- 3/23/12

### **Information, Reports and Recommendations**

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

- Policy 3300 – School Calendar and Time for Learning
- Policy 3530 – Citizenship and Character Education
- Policy 4100 – Age Requirements for Initial Entry
- Policy 4155 – Assignment to Classes
- Policy 4335 – Criminal Behavior
- Policy 7240 – Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace

Julie Pack shared information about the proposed new North Carolina high school accountability model. The new accountability model seeks to include both performance indicators as well as growth measures for schools to signify how well schools are preparing students and if students are getting better over time. Currently the North Carolina State Board of Education has adopted the indicators for the model, and the NC Department of Instruction is seeking further feedback on the proposal to formalize their waiver request due in February, 2012.

### **Action Items**

Julie Pack presented a recommendation for new high school courses that will help prepare our students for 21st century careers and college. The Board unanimously approved AP Statistics, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Computer Science, and Robotics I and Robotics II to be added to Asheboro High School curriculum for school year 2012-2013.

Dr. Rice presented a recommendation to pilot reduced walk zones for McCrary, Loflin, and Lindley Park beginning second semester. The extra stops address several safety issues and concerns expressed by parents and school staff. Following discussion by the board members the vote was 10 to 1 with Mr. Lamb voting no.

Dr. Allgood requested approval of the “2012-2013 School Calendar with Start Date Waiver.” This calendar would be applied if legislation is not changed by the General Assembly. Approval was also requested for the “2012-2013 School Calendar with Start Date and 185 Day Waiver.” This calendar would be applied as allowed by changes in legislation. The board unanimously approved both calendars with preference for the 2012-2013 calendar with both waivers applied.

Following a 30-day review, board members unanimously approved the following board policies:

- Policy 3610 – Counseling Program
- Policy 4270/6145 – Concussion and Head Injury
- Policy 6340 – Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- Policy 6401 – Ethics and the Purchasing Function

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

Superintendent Frost presented an update on the 2011-2012 Asheboro City Schools’ Strategic Plan goals.

Carla Freemyer provided a Calendar of Events listing the many performances and activities planned this month. Ms. Freemyer extended an open invitation to board members to attend as many holiday events as schedules permit.

Ms. Freemyer reviewed the latest edition of Points of Pride highlighting several student and staff recognitions.

### **Board Operations**

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

- Board Appreciation Luncheon – January 20, 2012, 11:30 a.m., at AHS/PDC
- Legislative Breakfast – January 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m., at PDC
- Winter Board Retreat – February 4, 2012, at Lindley Park Elementary
- NSBA Annual Conference – April 21-23, 2012, Boston, MA

Ms. Jane Redding was nominated and unanimously approved as Chairman by the Board of Education under the reorganization of the board. Mr. Archie Priest received the nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman and was unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Kidd expressed appreciation to fellow members for their great support and decisions that have enhanced the learning of the students of Asheboro City Schools.

Superintendent Frost recognized Gidget Kidd for her service to Asheboro City Schools and her ability to keep our system focused on its missions and goals. Dr. Frost spoke about Ms. Kidd’s willingness to learn and attend professional development sessions and her outstanding communications skills. Ms. Kidd has presided over ACS Board of Education during a period of unprecedented progress in enriching our schools with technology. Dr. Frost thanked Ms. Kidd for her service and leadership over the past four years as Board chairman. A plaque with her gavel and the book, *Steve Jobs*, was presented to Ms. Kidd. A second copy of the book will be placed in the media center at Asheboro High School in her honor.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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