BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent

Asheboro City Schools

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March 11, 2010

Opening

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

Board member, Kyle Lamb, delivered the invocation. McCrary Elementary fifth grader, Tyrese Austin, delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Ms. Carla Freemyer recognized Energizer for their continued support of Asheboro City Schools. Mr. Danny Mull, Assistant Plant Manager, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation. Annually Energizer generously provides thousands of batteries to ACS to support the many pieces of equipment that require batteries. Energizer employees have also served as judges for the middle school science fair.

Ms. Julie Brady, Ms. Paula Owens, and Ms. Brianne Crotts from McCrary Elementary School shared their experience of revamping the total school program by reactivating their Positive Behavior Support framework. Ms. Brady reported there have been positive changes in student behavior, especially on the buses.

Board members, Linda Cranford, Joyce Harrington, and Gidget Kidd received certificates of recognition from the North Carolina School Boards Association for participating in over 30 hours of school board training during the 2008-2009 academy year.

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 – February 6, 7 and 18, 2010

*Overnight Out-of-State Field Trip for DECA

*Budget Amendment F-02

*Personnel

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	School /Subject	<u>Date</u>
Brady,	Central Office/Bus	12/16/2009
Mischale	Driver	
Spencer,	Central Office/Bus	3/2/2010
Danzell	Driver	
Kennedy,	Asheboro High/	6/15/2010
Maurice	Custodian	

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	School /Subject	Date
Murray, April	Substitute	3/3/2010
Henderson,	Asheboro High/	7/1/2010
Chuck	Physical Ed/Football Coach	

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Mr. Tom Quinn, Sodexo Child Nutrition Director, provided nutritional information on meals being served in the Asheboro City Schools. He also shared there will be a free six week wellness workshop, Create Your Weight, being offered to elementary children and their parents every Wednesday beginning March 24th through April 28th.

Ms. Freemyer shared information on several strategic planning sessions held across the community during the month of February. Valuable input received from the community will be used in planning the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan for Asheboro City Schools.

Ms. Nancy Moody reported on Asheboro High School's Graduation Project sharing two main changes: The required research paper will be done in the junior English class. The students can begin working with an approved mentor during the summer before his or her senior year.

Dr. Hazel Frick presented for 30-day review, proposed changes to Policy 7500 - Workday and Overtime, and Policy 7510 – Leave of Absence. Policy 7500 has been revised to include changes in legal references and to provide a more thorough explanation of the working hours for all employees. A section on the use of overtime and compensatory time has been added. Policy 7510 has been updated in order to comply with North Carolina State Board policy that requires the addition of a new section regarding Military Leave.

Dr. Frick shared favorable results on the 2010 Parent Survey Summary. The feedback and data from parents will be utilized for continuous improvement purposes.

Action Items

Following a 30-day review, board members unanimously approved Policy 2120 – *Code of Ethics for School Board Members* and Policy 4100 – *Age Requirements for Initial Entry*.

The Board revisited their decision made at the February meeting regarding their revisions to the 2011-2012 School Calendar, specifically because New Year's Day is a public holiday. The Board unanimously approved revising the 2011-2012 Calendar making December 22nd an instructional day, December 30th becoming a vacation/annual leave day, and January 2nd a holiday.

The Board unanimously approved a middle school elective proposal, S.W.A.T. (Students Working to Advance Technology) for middle school students as presented by Dr. Dot Harper. Work in the classroom will focus on the information skills and the computer/technology skills components of the Middle School Student Library Media Assistant Curriculum.

Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events

Dr. Frost shared the 10-Year Facilities Plan for Asheboro City Schools that will be presented to the County Commissioners at the March 20 Commissioners' Retreat.

The Board set June 29, 2010 for its Summer Board Retreat. The retreat will begin at 5:30pm at the Professional Development Center and end at 8:30pm.

Ms. Carla Freemyer presented the Calendar of Events pointing out the following events: Regional Middle School Math Fair, March 13; AHS Chorus Concert – 10 Year Reunion, March 13; Evening of Excellence, March 15; Legislative Breakfast, March 19; Strategic Planning Team Meetings, March 22 & March 29; Board of Education Work Session, March 30 and April 22; Expert Project Fair, April 21; Teacher of the Year Banquet, May 20; and Graduation Projects, May 26.

Ms. Freemyer shared *Points of Pride* as follows: District Spelling Bee; Middle School Math Fair; Regional Science Fair winners; Nikki Domally, Asheboro High School, named North Carolina Student Council Advisor of the Year; Strategic

Planning Sessions; 8th Grade Future Ready Core parent meeting; and Wax Museum held at Donna L. Loflin School.

Chairman Kidd reminded members of the Board that next month's board meeting will be held on April 15th, the 3rd Thursday instead of the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Adjournment

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

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