

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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April 9, 2009

Opening

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

Maurice Williams, a 1st grader at Lindley Park Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Carla Freemyer recognized Ms. Freedom Sumner, Pre-K Coordinator with the Randolph Partnership for Children. Ms. Sumner provides professional development for staff members of Asheboro City Schools and is an instrumental member of the Ready Schools Committee.

Dr. Dot Harper recognized several Lindley Park kindergarten teachers and their students. They demonstrated how "Handwriting Without Tears" is being implemented at Lindley Park School.

Public Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the floor to public comments. Several parents expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Unified Dress policy.

An elementary student expressed support for the revision to Policy 1745/4207—Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Students.

Consent Agenda

The following items under the Consent Agenda were approved:

Approval of Minutes – March 12 & 23, 2009

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Greene, Linda	NAMS/Spanish	6/12/09

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Prevatte Glenn, Jr.	Substitute	3/23/09
Pritchard, Mandee	Substitute	3/23/09
Coble, Robert	Substitute	3/23/09

Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Greene, Linda	NAMS/Spanish	4/1/09-6/12/09

Administrative Contracts

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Fitch, Kemper	Asheboro High/Principal (amended date)	5/1/09-4/30/13
Mason, Penny	Asheboro High/Assistant Principal	5/4/09-6/30/11
Johnson, Pam	Central Office/Director of Exceptional Child Services	6/1/09-5/30/13
Jones, Leigh	NAMS/Principal	7/1/09-6/30/13

Budget Amendments S-05, CE-04, F-02, CO-06

Audit Contract

Field Trip Request – DECA Club

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Dr. Hazel Frick presented several policies for 30-day review: Policy 3460, Graduation Requirements – Additions to the policy are charts containing course requirements for the specific course of study by the student, "Children of Military Families" has been added to include policy provisions for students to facilitate their on-time graduation as contained in the "Military Compact," and added are waiver requirements, testing requirements for graduation and senior year transfer requirements; Policy 4050, Children of Military Families – This is a new policy that addresses unique circumstances faced by children of military families who are often required to transfer to a new school system because their parents have a new military assignment; Policy 4120, Domicile or Residence Requirements – A revision, based on legal mandates of the "Military Compact," has been made to this policy that includes an expanded list of military personnel exceptions to the domicile requirement. Clarification and updates have also been made to the section entitled Domicile of Students with Divorced or Separated Parents; Policy 4155, Assignment to Classes – Based on the legal mandates of the "Military Compact," a section titled New Enrolled Children of Military Families has been added. It states that transferring military children will be placed in courses according to their placement in the sending school until appropriate evaluation of the student can be made; and Policy 4400, Attendance – Also based on legal mandates of the "Military Compact," a paragraph that includes an expansion of excused absences has been added to the policy. The revision is required and gives

the superintendent discretion to grant additional excused absences for students to visit with parents or guardians for deployment-related activities.

Action Items

After receiving information from Mr. Brad Rice on the Unified Dress study, the Board of Education unanimously approved a recommendation by the administration not to implement the Unified Dress policy based on parent feedback. The administration will review the current dress policy and make appropriate adjustments for the coming school year.

Dr. Dot Harper requested approval of a new Huskins course, Fundamentals of Photography, and its co-requisite, Corrections and Finishing I, which Randolph Community College would like to offer students of Asheboro High School in the fall of 2009. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Following a 30-day review board members approved the following policies: Policy 1745/4027 – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Students; Policy 3410 – Testing and Assessment Program; Policy 4301 – Authority of School Personnel; Policy 7130 – Licensure; and Policy 9120 – Bidding for Construction Work.

Superintendent’s Report and Recommendations

Dr. Diane Frost reported that Senate Bill 265, Fund Only One School System per County, has been removed from the budget and taken off the table for the 2009 legislative session.

Dr. Frost shared areas of concern coming from the legislative session and urged all in attendance to contact their legislative representatives: Changes to “More at Four” program—moving pre-kindergarten under the realm of the Department of Social Services; possible increase of class size by two students; and yellow bus liability issues—requiring each LEA to repay 50% of any settlement paid by the State Board of Education arising out of any such incident.

Ms. Freemyer shared *Calendar of Events* highlighting important dates to remember: Upcoming kindergarten screenings April 21 at Loflin Elementary, April 22 at McCrary Elementary, April 28 at Teachey Elementary, April 29 at Lindley Park Elementary and May 7 at Balfour Elementary; Park Street Players April 30, May 1 and May 2; Third Grade Truck Day, May 4; Teacher of the Year Banquet, May 21; Senior Boards, May 27; Senior Awards Night, June 1; Graduation, June 10; and

Retirement and Service Recognition Breakfast, June 12.

Points of Pride were also shared by Ms. Freemyer: DECA Awards; Morgan Neely placing second in the State Science Fair plus several individual awards; AHS Student Council elected to position of State President School for 2009-2010; and events bringing community into our schools such as Hoops for Hearts and the Elementary Choral Festival.

Board members Linda Cranford, Joyce Harrington, Gidget Kidd and Jane Redding along with Superintendent Diane Frost reported on workshops they attended while at the National School Boards Association’s Conference in San Diego, California.

The Board entered executive session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

The Board returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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