

**January 10, 2011- Board of Education Meeting****1/10/2011 7:00:00 PM**

Currituck Historic Courthouse

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees - voting members

Dr. Bill Dobney Chair
Jackie Simmons Vice Chair
John Barnes Board Member
Karen Etheridge Board Member
Amy Innes Board Member

Attendees - other

Dr. Meghan S Doyle Superintendent
Michelle Page Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight-Knotts Island Elementary School

Knotts Island Elementary School was featured during the January Spotlight. Principal Tommy Wilson provided a video showing students in grades Kindergarten through 5th studying foreign countries and related holiday traditions. With the help of staff and members of the PTA, students made a wide variety of crafts and native foods.

4. Public Comment Session

Melissa Jensen, Public Information Officer, announced January was Board Appreciation Month. She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication that creates an education system that meets the needs of today's and future students.

Monique Wilkins-Combs, Director of Career-Technical Education, announced that 75 students were enrolled in the new Microsoft Information Technology Academy. Students have the ability to receive certification in technology areas. There are hopes to expand the program to include Access and Excel certifications next year. At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the CTE Department also added an Electronics I industry certification program.

Mrs. Combs was pleased to announce the FFA program received a \$2,500 grant.

B. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Approval of December 13, 2010 Board Minutes (Action)Motion made by: John BarnesMotion seconded by: Jackie SimmonsVoting

Unanimously Approved

D. Approval of December 23, 2010 Closed Session Minutes (Action)Motion made by: Karen EtheridgeMotion seconded by: John BarnesVoting

Unanimously Approved

E. Globally Competitive Students

1. Student School Board Member Report

Michelle Page presented the Student School Board Member Report. Ms. Page announced Currituck County High School was no longer allowing students to use/carry cell phones or other electronic devices during the instructional day-effective January 26th. Rehearsals for the spring production of Beauty and the Beast have started. Exams will start on January 19th.

2. Field Trip Requests (Action)

- 1.) JP Knapp - Beta Convention, Greensboro, NC- 2/3-2/5/11
- 2.) CCHS - Beta Convention & College Visit, Greensboro, NC-2/3-2/6/11
- 3.) JP Knapp- Robotics Competition, Greensboro, NC -2/18-2/19/11

Motion made by: John BarnesMotion seconded by: Jackie SimmonsVoting

Unanimously Approved

a. Field Trip Documentation

3. Approval to Suspend Portions of Policy 3115- Student Accountability for Academic Achievement (Action)

Paul O'Briant, Chief Information Officer, asked the Board to suspend a portion of Policy 3115-Student Accountability for Academic Achievement. Mr. O'Briant explained that the North Carolina State Board of Education recently eliminated the state policy on Student Accountability Standards. This means formal waiver committees are no longer required to consider promotion/credit decisions for students who score less than a level III on end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests. The current local policy still requires formal waiver

committees.

Mr. O'Briant said staff will continue to gather input from stakeholders and put administrative guidelines in place to ensure individual student situations are reviewed when the student scores less than a level III on EOC/EOG tests.

Jackie Simmons inquired about the impact the policy may have on the requirements of the Senior Graduation Project. Mr. O'Briant said additional information was forthcoming and he should have more to report to the Board during the April board meeting.

The Board used Policy 1090-Suspension of Policies to suspend the waiver portion of Policy 3115-Student Accountability for Academic Achievement.

Motion made by: John Barnes

Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

F. 21st Century Professionals

1. January 10, 2011 Personnel Report (Action)

The January 10, 2011 Personnel Report was approved as submitted.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

a. (c) Supporting Documents -Confidential

2. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

With assistance from Melissa Jensen, Public Information Officer, the Board recognized the newly Board Certified Teachers; Amber Elliott, Lisa Doxey, and Deidre Simmons. Valerie Person earned her renewal.

G. 21st Century Systems

1. Budget Outlook

The Budget Outlook was presented by Superintendent Doyle. Over the past 3 years Currituck County Schools has lost approximately \$5.2 million in state funding. This represents a loss of 21.9% in state funds. Dr. Doyle provided information on the loss of Small Schools Money and the use of Federal Stimulus money to cushion the state cuts. Superintendent Doyle explained the federal money has restrictions and can be used only in specific areas.

Future projections show a loss in state revenue and a loss of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) funds. The total projected state budget shortfall is estimated between \$3.7 to \$4.0 billion.

Superintendent Doyle proceeded to show what a 5%, and 10% cut would do to the Currituck County School budget: 5% reduction impact of \$1,295,477; 10% reduction impact of \$1,980,679. She encouraged everyone to visit the North Carolina DPI website to see potential areas of cuts. More budget information from the state is forthcoming. Currituck County Schools will also begin working on a budget to address the cuts for the 2011-2012 school year. Superintendent Doyle said she will work with local and state agencies to lobby for school funding.

Chairman Dobney inquired about current actions to save money. Superintendent Doyle stated the system is freezing the hiring of non-essential positions and looking at programs and policies at the central office level to save funds and reduce spending of the Fund Balance. Chairman Dobney asked for clarification on the 5% and 10% cuts listed on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website. Kelly McClellan said the dollar figures listed were specific to position allotments. Another DPI website has additional information on non-recurring cuts. Factoring in the non-recurring cuts will increase the \$1.2 and \$1.9 million loss in state funding.

2. Facility Study by Operations Research/Education Laboratory

During the Work Session earlier in the day, the Board heard the results of a facility study conducted by Operations Research/Education Laboratory-NCSU and Smith Sinnett. Superintendent Doyle explained the data will assist administration and the Board when making future decisions about capital improvements. Capital funds are different from position allotment funds. The survey pointed out a decrease in student enrollment, especially in the southern end of the county. This is very important when it comes to the allocation of teachers, teacher assistants, and resources. The survey helps to identify capital areas and facilities that need to be increased, as well as areas that need to be reduced. The survey showed steady student enrollment during the 2001 and 2006 school year followed by a leveling off and then a drop in numbers. It is anticipated student growth will return; however; it is influenced by the economy.

H. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Financial Items
2. Student Transfer Request
3. Contracts
4. Series 1000 Policy- Second Approval

5. Series 1000 Policies- Final Approval

I. Information Items

1. Work Session-February 14, 2011- 4:00 p.m. at Knapp Professional Learning Center
2. Board Meeting- February 14, 2011- 7:00 p.m. at Currituck Historic Courthouse
3. NCSBA is accepting application from interested Board members to serve on the 2011 NCSBA Legislative Committee.

J. Board Member Comments

Earlier in the day the Board toured Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary. They were very impressed with the staff and pleased with the condition of the facility.

Chairman Dobney asked Currituck County High School Principal Diane Newbern to report on the success of the school's recent holiday event that provided the community with food and clothing. Mrs. Newbern said she was very proud of the efforts of her staff and students.

K. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary