

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Diane L. Frost, Superintendent



Asheboro City Schools

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October 14, 2010

Opening

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

Dr. Kelly Harris gave the invocation and William Moon, a South Asheboro Middle School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Special Recognition and Presentations

Carla Freemyer recognized the Asheboro High School Booster Club and thanked the club for its long-time and continued support of Asheboro High School athletics. Parents of the AHS Booster Club work each year on behalf of the student athletes to raise over \$35,000 to benefit the teams. On hand for the presentation were John Grey, 2010-2011 club president, Kurt Sullivan, 2009-2010 president and Lisa Cheek, 2011-2012 president.

Principal Ann Carol Grant, of South Asheboro Middle School, and Mr. Mike Renne, Career Technical Education teacher, presented information on a program being implemented at South Asheboro Middle School "A Mouse in Every House." SAMS has partnered with Kramden Institute of Durham making it possible for all students at SAMS to acquire a computer at a reasonable rate for educational use in their home.

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 – September 9, 2010
- *Overnight Out-of-State Field Trip Request for the Yearbook/Journalism group at Asheboro High School
- *Budget Amendments LG-01, F-01, & CO-01

**Personnel*

Resignations/Retirements/Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>School /Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Moody, Nancy	Central Office/ Director of High School Curriculum	2/28/11
Roddy, Brenda	ELL Reading	1/31/11
Currie-	Loflin/Kindergarten	10/29/10
Hunsucker, Dionne		

Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Harris, Ronald	Asheboro High/ GEAR UP Coordinator	9/9/10
Poole, Mary	Asheboro High/ Custodian (Part-time)	10/4/10
Davis, Kimberly	McCrary/Art Teacher	10/18/10

Information, Reports and Recommendations

Dr. Brad Rice introduced Asheboro Police School Resource Officers, Charles Perrin and Todd DeHaven and Officer Russ Smith who conducts the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. programs in the schools. He thanked them for all they do to keep the students safe. Dr. Rice presented an overview of the 2009-2010 Reportable Offenses. There were a total of 27 reportable offenses, four less than the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Hazel Frick presented, for 30-day review, Policy 4360 – Appeals of Consequences No Greater Than Short-Term Suspension. Updates to the policy include an addition of a statement further clarifying the conditions whereby the superintendent may impose a more severe consequence and further details of a student's right to a hearing and the procedure to be followed when the board decides to grant a hearing.

Action Items

Administrators and members of the school leadership teams from North Asheboro Middle School, South Asheboro Middle School and Asheboro High School presented continuous improvement plans highlighting the schools' goals for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board unanimously approved the goals as presented.

Superintendent's Report/Calendar of Events

Carla Freemyer shared the Calendar of Events highlighting the following: Project Fit Dedication at Loflin School, October 19; Choice Bus Tour, October 19; Community Hike, October 23; Parent Night at North Asheboro Middle, October 25; Bandorama, October 26; and NCTC One-Act Play Performances, October 27.

Ms. Freemyer reported on *Points of Pride* across the district as follows: One hundred fifty-two students at Lindley Park completed the Summer Reading Challenge; Fourteen students selected for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council; Juan Rios, Asheboro High School, recognized as a teacher making a difference among Hispanic students; Rebecca Kidd, McCrary School and Steve Luck, Asheboro High School, favorite coaches in the Courier-Tribune's Reader's Choice; and Robin Harris, Lindley Park, named Asheboro City Schools' Principal of the Year.

Dr. Frost reported that Lindley Park School, along with six other schools, has been pre-selected by the State of North Carolina to be eligible to receive the National Title I Distinguished Schools Award for closing the achievement gap between subgroups. There is an application process and the winner will be announced during the 2011 National Title I Conference, January 31-February 3 in Tampa, Florida.

Superintendent Frost referred to Board Goals for 2010-2011 noting two focus areas addressed during the meeting: Increase of technology for students in grades 4-8 – South Asheboro Middle School's "A Mouse in Every House" and Asheboro City Schools will provide a safe and nurturing learning environment – Discipline/Safety update report by Dr. Rice.

Dr. Frost reported that North Asheboro Middle School Assistant Principal, April Thompson, will appear on UNC-TV on Sunday, October 23rd, at 1:30pm during a documentary on GEAR UP.

Dr. Frost shared that Asheboro City Schools will be receiving Race to the Top allocations totaling approximately \$1,000,000 to be used over a four-year period. A team has been formed to develop Asheboro City Schools' plan with the goal of the plan to support the work of the district's current strategic plan. Most of the funds will be directed towards professional development and technology.

Board member Linda Cranford reported on an opportunity to visit a school in Detroit during a conference she attended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

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