

**Meeting Minutes**

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August 8, 2011 Board of Education Meeting**8/8/2011 7:00:00 PM**

Currituck Historic Courthouse

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

Allison Sholar	Superintendent
Chelsea Heflin	Student Board Member
Jonathan Jackson	Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Buy Local Campaign

Diane Nordstrom, Tourism Director, Josh Bass of the Chamber of Commerce, Peter Bishop, Economic Development Director, and Judy Vassar with the Tourism Dept. announced Currituck County's Buy Local Campaign. Due to the downturn of the economy and loss of local businesses, a partnership has been developed to create and promote the Buy Local Campaign in Currituck County. The program is funded with occupancy taxes. The Buy Local Campaign encourages local residents to buy local to promote local businesses. It is also designed to educate citizens on how buying local helps the local overall economy. This campaign also targets big box companies because they create employment opportunities. An overview of the initiative was presented by the group.

In closing, Ms. Nordstrom asked for the participation of the school system. Students could possibly convert the initiative into a school project. The logo is open to use to help the schools with local purchases. All businesses are invited to contact the group. The Board was positive the system could take part.

4. Public Comment Session
Chairman Dobney thanked Paul O'Briant for serving as interim superintendent. Allison Sholar, Superintendent, was welcomed.

Renee Dowdy, Principal of JP Knapp Early College, thanked the Maintenance Dept., Technology, Child Nutrition and Transportation staff for helping with the early start.

Nancy Lerf, Teacher and NCAE President of the Currituck Chapter, welcomed Superintendent Sholar to Currituck Co Schools.

5. Approval of Agenda (Action)
Motion made by: John Barnes
Motion seconded by: Amy Innes
Voting
Unanimously Approved

B. Globally Competitive Students

1. Student School Board Member Report
Chelsea Heflin and Jonathan Jackson, Student Board Members, reported on school events.
2. ABC/AYP Presentation
Paul O'Briant, Chief Information Officer, presented an update on the AYP/ABC data. He explained that targets had been increased for various grades and tests. The reason was due to the No Child Left behind legislation that has a goal of 100%. There is some discussion at the state and federal levels about the negative impact the increasing targets have on school systems. Mr. O'Briant presented results for each school. In some cases the school did not meet the growth standards; however, did meet Adequate Yearly Progress. This is reverse in other cases. Mr. O'Briant explained how the number of sub-groups impacts the data.

Data will be analyzed to focus on improvement. The district will work with the models again next year. Following next year, changes will be forthcoming.

C. Healthy Responsible Students

1. Final Reading of Student Discipline Policies (Action)
Revisions of the existing Student Discipline Policies were presented for adoption. The focus is to keep students in school rather than out of school suspension.

New Student Discipline Policies were presented for adoption. A range of consequences will be included in the 2011-2012 student handbook. The policies include the ability for appeals only if the students' rights have been violated.

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

- a. Revision of Six Existing Policies:
 - b. Adoption of Six Key Student Discipline Policies:
2. Adoption of Policy 4270/6145 Concussions and Head Injury (Action)
Student Concussion Policy # 4270/6145 was adopted. The policy is mandated by the state and addresses the schools' handling of students with possible head injuries and/or concussions. School nurses and staff will develop a plan.

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

D. 21st Century Systems

1. Adoption of 2011-2012 Budget (Action)
The 2011-2012 School Budget was presented for adoption. During discussion Mr. Simmons added that he was proud that everyone worked together and the Fund Balance was not used to balance the 2011-2012 budget. This has not been accomplished in almost 40 years that the fund balance was not appropriate. The Board thanked Mr. O'Briant for his efforts.

Mr. O'Briant added that he wanted everyone to be aware the Fund Balance will help

cushion the \$900,000 that will be cut from next year's budget. The local budget is approximately 30 million.

Motion made by: John Barnes

Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting

Unanimously Approved

2. Approval of Revised 2011-2012 School Calendars (Action)

The Board approved the revision to the 2011-2012 school calendar. Due to state legislation, 5 student days have been added to the school calendar. However with a waiver allowed by the state, the days can be turned into mandatory teacher work days. This applies only to the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

E. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: John Barnes

Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated August 8, 2011
 - a. (p)(c) Supporting Documents for Personnel Report
2. Student Transfer Requests 2011-2012
3. Board Minutes for July 11, 2011
4. Final Reading of Student Transportation Policies
 - a. 12 Policies in 6000 Series:
5. Bank Reconciliation - INFORMATION ONLY
6. SmartBoard Contracts

F. Information Items

G. Board Members Comments

Ms. Innes thanked everyone for the work that went into making ABC and AYP schools.

Mr. Barnes also thanked everyone and welcomed staff to the new school year.

Ms. Etheridge thanked everyone for the hard work that went into the budget. She also asked to keep the military families in prayer.

Mr. Simmons reported on his attendance at an Air Force graduation to see a former Currituck student graduate. He also thanked everyone for their help on the budget.

H. Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by: John Barnes

Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary