

Meeting Minutes
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April 18, 2012 Work Session & Policy Review

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JP Knapp Professional Learning Center Caratoke Highway Currituck, NC 27929

Attendees - other

Dr. Bill Dobney
Jackie Simmons
John Barnes
Karen Etheridge
Amy Innes
Allison Sholar

Chair
Vice Chair
Board Member
Board Member
Superintendent

- A. Budget Work Session begins at 2:00 p.m.
- B. (c) Discussion Topics for Budget Work Session
- C. Work Session with Policy Review- begins at 4:00 p.m.

D. CCHS Power Hour

CCHS School Improvement Plan Team members presented to the Power Hour initiative. Power Hour promotes student accountability. The hour provides students with an hour to have lunch, socialize, participate in clubs, exercise, etc. The time will also be used for tutoring and performing service hours. Power Hour privileges are earned and can be lost by negative behaviors or low grades.

Teachers are given 30 minute duties with 30 minutes duty free time. A negative is the lack of student rosters during the Power Hour. Staff is working on the possibility of using and sharing documents on Google Docs to address the concern. Power Hour would be implemented in 2012-2013.

E. Weather Tower at Jarvisburg Elementary

Willis Simmons, Executive Director of Maintenance & Grounds, informed the Board of his research on the tower. The location of the tower will not affect the school's waste water area. However, there is a question about access to the tower due to surrounding fields. The Board felt that the school system would not benefit and there were many more questions.

F. Tuition to Dare County Schools

Dare County Schools will accept tuition assistance from Currituck County Schools for the Corolla students for the 2012-2013 school year.

G. Proposed Increased Lunch Prices & Food Preparation Update

Angela Rodriguez, Child Nutrition Director, informed the Board that DPI was requiring a mandatory increase. Ms. Rodriquez recommended an increase of .15. Current Elem.- \$2.00 increased to \$2.15; M/HS \$2.25 increased to \$2.40. The increase would assist in staff development costs and increased food costs. The last increase was approximately 3 years ago. Mr. McClellan said there is concern with the price increase causing less student participation.

To help with the loss of salt, Ms. Rodriguez has looked into additional spices and types of peppers. Staff is experimenting with recipes and adding some new foods.

Food Preparation Update - Dr. Dobney asked about using potassium chloride versus sodium chloride. Ms. Rodriguez said the state had concerns. Superintendent Sholar asked about using an advisory group. Ms. Rodriguez said a survey is in progress.

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Secretary

CN will look at ways to handle the Power Hour lunch.

Recommended price increases will be placed on the May agenda.

H. First Review of Policy Series 4000 part A -Students

NCSBA Policy Customization Process -The first review of Part A of the 4000 Series was conducted.

I. Grading Guidelines

Chairperson

Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, has been working with staff to gather input on assigning grades. Using a grading exercise she found various interpretations. Ms. Kinzel provided the Board with a summary from across the district; content knowledge and application knowledge should be included in a grade and there was a lot of discussion on counting homework. Consensus included K-2 should remain on the rubric scoring system and the possibility of using A-F system in grades 3-5. Issuing zeros should be permitted- found primarily given for not doing homework and projects.

Ms. Kinzel will continue to meet with staff. A draft of guidelines will be presented to the Board in May. Dr. Dobney asked about the 4-3-2-1 system. Ms. Kinzel said there were issues regarding the conversion – she would speak with DPI.

J. Informational Only

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