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Please Note: These are not the official minutes of the school board work session. The official minutes and all board policies are located [here](#).

Highlights from the April 25 Meeting

Congratulations to Cedar Ridge High School's Family and Consumer Science teacher, Monique Holmes. She was chosen by her Career & Technical Education (CTE) colleagues to represent Orange County Schools as a contender for the 2021-2022 North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) CTE Teacher of the Year for North Carolina. *PHOTO: Ms. Holmes (left) received an official recognition from OCS Director of the Arts & CTE Shannon Braxton.*



The Orange High School FFA chapter recently won the State Horse Evaluation Career Development Event. The team took the top honors from among 26 teams and 89 individual competitors. Team members are Samantha Durham, Allie Wilkerson, Chloe Hoffman, and Hayleigh Whipp. Samantha Durham had the highest score for the entire contest in horse evaluation. The team will begin preparing for the national competition.

OCS is grateful for our dedicated school volunteers who continue to meet the needs of our schools. **NC Volunteer Appreciation Week** - April 17-23

We are appreciative of the dedication of our afterschool employees and honor them for **Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week** - April 25-29.

May 6-12 is **National School Nurse Week**. OCS is fortunate to have school nurses and we applaud each of them today and every day!



**National Teacher
Appreciation
Week**

May 2-6

BOARD Matters



Additional May 2022 Recognitions:

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.** Check out these resources. [LINK](#)
- **Mental Health Awareness Month.** We have a special section of our website devoted to mental health events and resources via OCS and our community partners during May. [LINK](#)
- **Better Hearing & Speech Month.** With speech and language disorders among the most common conditions that young children experience, we stress the importance of early intervention. Families should contact Kathy Coulter, lead Speech-Language Pathologist for OCS at kathy.coulter@orange.k12.nc.us.

The Board received the following update:

School Bus Transportation Review & Draft of School Bell Times for SY 2022-2023 ([slides 53-64](#)) - Transportation services are directly related to the bell times set for each school. Bus drivers first transport elementary students and then transport middle and high school students. During the past few years, buses have not been able to meet a high level of on-time performance due to bus driver vacancies and meeting the current demands of the schools' bell schedules. The Board and OCS officials will continue to review and explore options for updated school bell times that will help with bus transportation expectations.

The Board approved:

- Student Transporters' Recruitment, Attendance and Referral Bonus Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year ([slides 24-30](#))
- Student Services Reorganization: one local position repurposed to Student Support Services (the original locally paid position will continue, but with another funding source). ([slides 31-44](#))
- SY 22-23 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar: Meetings in 2022-2023 will shift from Monday to Wednesday to better accommodate staff's time and reduce as many potential conflicts as possible for the public to attend.
- ESSER Funded Competitive Robotics Grant Application for Schools PRC 201 ([slides 50-52](#))

Reminder of Dates

Next School Board Meeting - May 9 at 6:30 p.m. (The Whitted Building is not available for use on May 9 and July 11. Therefore, the May 9 and July 11 board meetings will be held **in person**, in the board room located at 200 E. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278. There will **not** be an option to attend remotely and these will not be hybrid meetings. We apologize for any inconvenience.)

2022 Graduation Dates

Partnership Academy, June 9 at Cedar Ridge at 10:00 a.m.

OCS Online Academy, June 9 at Cedar Ridge at 1:00 p.m.

Orange High, June 10 at Dean Dome at 4:30 p.m.

Cedar Ridge, June 10 at Dean Dome at 7:30 p.m.

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