

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES

March 1, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Education convened in its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Board members were present as follows:

Steven W. DeBerry, Chair  
James M. Spivey, Vice Chair  
Almetta Armstrong  
Tommy A. Blake  
Ann S. Long  
Shirley M. Threadgill

Chairman DeBerry called the meeting to order and called for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Upon a motion by Mr. Spivey and a second by Mrs. Long, the agenda was adopted with unanimous approval from the board.

The opening devotional thoughts by Chairman DeBerry were from Proverbs. When it looks like you are not getting anywhere, keep going. He went on to talk about the life story of Jerry Richardson, who after a football career made the choice to take a chance on a small hamburger fast food place called Hardees. Then after a successful career there, went on to purchase the Carolina Panthers ball team. You need to keep trying and take chances, you'll never know if you don't try.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Green Ridge Elementary School students, Drason Little and Anna Wolf.

With no one signing up for public comment, the meeting progressed to the recognitions.

Chairman DeBerry asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for former educational personnel, Louise A. Hancock.

**WHEREAS**, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite love and wisdom, saw fit to call home Louise A. Hancock on February 6, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, her services as a cafeteria manager to the Educational System of Montgomery County were a living testimonial of her integrity and skill, and

**WHEREAS**, her loss will be deeply felt, not only by those with whom she served, but also throughout her entire community and county.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Montgomery County Board of Education goes on record in expressing a sense of real loss and regret in her passing; that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to her family as an indication of our deep sympathy; and that a copy of the same be filed as a part of the permanent minutes of the board of education.

Recognitions progressed to Monica Hassell, student from East Middle School who was chosen to be part of the Southeastern district all-district honor band.

East Middle School students, Lindsay Davis won first place in the technology and engineering category of the 2010 North Carolina region IV science fair, Chris Smith placed first in the earth and environmental science category, and Zane Grey competed in the physical science category.

2010 Montgomery County Spelling Bee school level winners and runners up are: Emilio Jaimes and Dillon McNeill, Candor Elementary School; Marissa Alvarez and Evelyn Munoz, East Middle School; Lori White and Drason Little, Green Ridge Elementary School; Mason Coble and Damon McCallum, Mt. Gilead Elementary School; Savana Harris and Owen Whitesell, Page Street Elementary School; Meredith Hinshaw and Leo Lopez, Star Elementary School; Deanna Klass and Jacob Vang, West Middle School.

The 2010 Montgomery County Schools Spelling Bee winner is Drason Little of Green Ridge Elementary, and Evelyn Munoz of East Middle as the runner up.

The Montgomery County Board of Education was recognized for their training status by the North Carolina School Board Association.

Mr. Jim Brady and Mr. Phil Kirk of Brady Energy Services came to further recognize Dr. Donna Peters, North Carolina's 2010 A. Craig Phillips Superintendent of the Year. They presented Dr. Peters with a \$500 scholarship to be given to a senior from Montgomery County Schools in her honor from Brady Energy Services.

With a motion from Mrs. Long, and a second from Ms. Armstrong, the consent agenda was unanimously approved by the board as follows:

Board minutes from regular board meeting held on February 1, 2010.

The personnel report as follows:

- a. Upon the recommendation of the principal, approval of the following additions to the substitute teacher list:

<b><u>Noncertified</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended By</u></b>	<b><u>Record Check</u></b>
1) Craig Lawrence	Emilie Simeon	Yes
2) Betty Harvel	Brent McSwain	Yes

- b. Upon recommendation, approval of the following interim probationary contracts for 2009-2010 as provided by General Statute 115C-325:

<u>Contract/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Nancy Carter 2/25/10-6/10/10	West Middle School EC Teacher	Yes	Rick Peters

Upon recommendation approval of the following overnight trips is requested.

March 4-5, 2010 – East Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade band to Winston Salem, NC to participate in Youth Piedmont Honors Band

March 25-26, 2010 – West Montgomery High School HOSA Club to Greensboro, NC for the HOSA State Conference.

March 25-27, 2010 – East Montgomery High School AFJROTC to Washington DC for US Capitol Tour with Congressman Kissell

April 25-26, 2010 – Mt. Gilead Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Asheville, NC to visit the Biltmore House, Mt. Mitchell, and Emerald Village.

June 13-18, 2010 – East Montgomery High School AFJROTC to East Carolina University, Greenville, NC for Summer Leadership School

June 26-30, 2010 – East Montgomery High School AFJROTC to Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC for Cadet Officer Leadership School

June 30-July 4, 2010 – West Montgomery High School Beta Club to Louisville, Ky. for National Beta Club Convention.

Upon recommendation approval of the following student transfers is requested.

**Montgomery County Schools to Asheboro City Schools**

Culberson Ann Elkins                      Samuel Leeland Elkins, IV

**Montgomery County Schools to Moore County Schools**

Caleb Beane                      Rebecca Beane      Kaitlyn Chandler  
Jackson Chandler              Connor Chandler

**Montgomery County Schools to Stanly County Schools**

Alyssa Danielle Prior

Sue Hatley introduced Donna Kennedy, Principal of Green Ridge Elementary, who along with Katie Tucker gave a presentation on optimizing student success through collaborative problem solving. The student assistance team is for students who need assistance. Teachers make referrals based on behavioral or academics. The team is made up of representatives in the school and parents. This becomes a process of improvement for the student. Parent support is key to this being successful for the students. Students either progress to the normal learning levels or they are referred for exceptional children testing. The student is helped in the way that benefits them most.

Kevin Lancaster spoke about the School Resource Officer Agreement. He reminded the board that it will be on the action item agenda for April.

Donna Peters presented the updated Montgomery County Schools Core Values and asked the board to approve it as shown. With a motion from Mrs. Long, and a second from Ms. Armstrong, the board unanimously approved Montgomery County Schools Core Values.

Kathy Johnson then presented an auditors contract for using Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC for auditing Montgomery County Schools for 2010. This represents a 10% savings from the previous company. With a motion from Mr. Spivey, and a second from Mrs. Threadgill, the board unanimously voted to approve this change.

Kevin Lancaster then presented these policies and regulations for approval with information that three policies note with \* were not to be voted on at this time due to additional updates sent from North Carolina. They will be given as first readings. With a motion from Mr. Blake, and a second from Ms. Armstrong, the board unanimously voted to approve these policies with the three noted ones for first reading.

- **\*Policy Code 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement**
- Policy Code 1610/7800 – Professional and Staff Development
- Policy Code 2600 – Consultants to the Board
- Policy Code 3120 – Lesson Planning
- Policy Code 3200 – Selection of Textbooks and Supplementary Materials
- Policy Code 3220 – Technology in the Educational Program
- Policy Code 3410 – Testing and Assessment Program
- **\*Policy Code 3460 – Graduation Requirements**
- Policy Code 4100 – Age Requirements for Initial Entry
- Policy Code 4120 – Domicile or Residency Requirements
- Policy Code 4130 – Discretionary Admission
- **\*Policy Code 7410 – Career Status**
- Policy Code 7425 – School Administrator Contracts
- Policy Code 7510 – Leave of Absence
- Policy Code 7810 – Evaluation of Licensed Employees
- Policy Code 7811 – Action Plans for Licensed Employees
- Policy Code 7930 – Professional Employees: Demotion and Dismissal
- Policy Code 8325 – Daily Deposits

- Policy Code 9010 – Site Selection
- Policy Code 9020 – Facility Design
- Policy Code 9110 – Selection and Use of Architects and Engineers
- Policy Code 9210 – Care and Maintenance of Grounds and Outdoor Equipment
- Policy Code 9400 – Sale and Disposal of Board-Owned Real Property

***\*Policies Removed and Added to First Reading 3/1/2010***

Kevin Lancaster gave these policies and regulations for first reading to be voted on at the April 12, 2010 meeting.

- Policy Code 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
- Policy Code 2116 – Removal From Office
- Policy Code 2123 – Board Members Opportunities for Development
- Policy Code 3320-R – School Trips
- Policy Code 3420 – Student Progression and Placement
- Policy Code 3460 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy Code 3470/4305 – Alternative Learning Programs/Schools
- Policy Code 4130-R – Discretionary Admission
- Policy Code 4140 DELETE – Appeal of Admission Decisions
- Policy Code 4353 – Long-Term Suspension, 365 Days Suspension, Expulsion
- Policy Code 4361 DELETE – Appeals of Long-Term or 365 Day Suspensions
- Policy Code 4370 – Student Discipline Hearing Procedures
- Policy Code 5000 – Schools and the Community
- Policy Code 6523 DELETE – Use of Computers
- Policy Code 7410 – Career Status
- Policy Code 7820 – Personnel Files
- Policy Code 7950 NEW – Probationary Teachers: Nonrenewal

Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to go into closed session. With a motion from Mr. Blake, and a second from Ms. Armstrong, the board unanimously approved going into closed session to discuss personnel.

After returning from closed session, Chairman DeBerry reconvened the meeting. With a motion from Mrs. Long and a second from Mr. Spivey, the meeting was duly adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010.

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Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

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Donna Cox Peters, Ph.D., Secretary