

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

February 6, 2012

The Montgomery County Board of Education convened in its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. Board members were present as follows:

Steven W. DeBerry, Chair
Tommy Blake, Vice Chair
Bryan Dozier
Jesse Hill
Ann Long
Sandra Miller
Shirley Threadgill

Chairman DeBerry called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as shown with the change to approve the consent agenda after the closed session. With a motion from Tommy Blake, and a second from Ann Long, the agenda was adopted with unanimous approval from the board with this change.

Opening remarks by Chairman DeBerry were about making the most of our life. Cartoonist Charles Shultz shows us Charlie Brown being bested before he even starts. Lucy urges him to set immediate goals, which is the first step with any future. It is the step you do today that will show you the path for tomorrow and the future.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Sean Maness, and Daisy Valdovinos, both students at East Montgomery High School.

With no one signing up to address the board, the meeting continued on to the recognition portion of the meeting.

National School Counseling Week is February 6-10, 2012. Let us celebrate the work that our counselors do for our students.

Samantha Rush a student at East Montgomery High School won a place in the All-District Band playing the clarinet. She is the first student from Montgomery County Schools in 15 years or so to achieve this distinction. Samantha's band director, Marvis Rory was recognized also.

The Community Partnership Award went to Montgomery Community College. Dr. Mary Kirk, Jeff Hamilton, Beth Smith and Roger Reynolds were there to accept this award for their part in getting the College Promise program ready to go for the students of Montgomery County Schools. The dedication to the needs of Montgomery County's children shows their commitment to Montgomery County Schools. Montgomery Community College has hit a home run for our students. Their support is greatly appreciated by Montgomery County Schools.

Also nominated for the Community Partnership Award is the Mount Gilead Community Concert Association. President of the Association, Johnny Almond was there to accept the award. They have provided concert experiences for Mt. Gilead Elementary School and the Middle Schools. Thank you for the dedication to the cultural needs of the community and Montgomery County Schools.

Cameron Quick Whitley presented Montgomery County Schools with recognition by the American Cancer Society for having 100% participation in the Relay for Life Event last year.

Montgomery County Schools Board Members, Tommy Blake, Steve DeBerry, and Shirley Threadgill were presented with recognitions from the North Carolina School Board Association for the amount of training that each has put in. Each has put in 30 hours or more during 2010-2011 to receive this recognition.

The agenda continued to the presentation from East Montgomery High School. A presentation on Montgomery County Schools participation with the Sandhills Leadership Academy. Teacher, Amy Parsons is our representative which gives in-depth training to become a principal. Amy Parsons, April Daywalt, and Pearle Pratt and two other teachers are working to help incoming Freshman to get their reading proficiency up to higher levels. The overall goal is to offer a positive transition including growth and success for the students. This is the school improvement plan in action. Students will be tracked to see if this program has made lasting effects. Great job, East Montgomery High School. Bryan Dozier asked where we are with AIG. We will have an update in March per Dale Ellis.

Superintendent Ellis then presented parental involvement. We have schools 101 and would like feedback on how much more the board would like us to do. Principals and Lindsay Whitley work very hard to have good communication with parents. We continue to have cultural differences in this country. Parental discipline has eroded. Teachers are asked to communicate with parents at least twice a semester. Administrative guidelines need to be put in place for next year.

Next addressed is the SAT PDSA update. Per Superintendent Ellis we saw a decline in the SAT and have put a process in place with extra tutoring and attention. We will be transitioning to the ACT PDSA in March. This is fully funded by North Carolina. The next step will be to improve what the results are. The High Schools are offering tutoring for students to take the tests.

Montgomery County Schools Principals will spend part of the day once a month experiencing things done well at other schools. Principals don't get to other schools that often and this will give them more exposure to innovative ways, student activities, and engagement that are high performing.

Dr. Lancaster then presented the following policies and regulations for first reading. These will be voted on at the April 2012 meeting.

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| ○ Policy Code 6140 | Student Wellness |
| ○ Policy Code 7130 | Licensure |
| ○ Policy Code 7502 | NEW Tardiness and Absences |

Superintendent Ellis then gave his remarks. Board is to be commended with keeping their focus on students. Continuous improvement is always paramount. Get good results with the goal of success for the students. The budget process has started. The tiered list, such as we did last year will be used, with fewer resources next year, using resignation, retirement, etc. We will spend less fund balance, than anticipated. We can maintain for another year with the number one priority in keeping as many positions as possible.

Chairman DeBerry then asked for a motion to go into closed session for the discussion of personnel. With a motion from Bryan Dozier, along with a second from Shirley Threadgill, the board unanimously approved the adjournment to closed session.

Upon reconvening, Chairman DeBerry then asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. With a motion from Bryan Dozier and a second from Sandra Miller, the board unanimously approved the information as follows.

Minutes from the January 9, 2012 Montgomery County Board of Education meeting.

Personnel and Auxiliary Reports as follows:

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

<u>Noncertified</u>	<u>Recommended By</u>	<u>Record Check</u>
1) Tipton Harris	Charles DelForge	Pending
2) Queen Faulkner	Anne McLean	Yes
3) Amber Currie	Derek McCoy	Pending

- b. Superintendent reports the acceptance of the following resignations/retirements:

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>School Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1) Wilbur Pender Resignation	East Montgomery High Math Teacher	February 24, 2012
2) Amy Clubb Resignation	East Middle School Receptionist	February 10, 2012
3) Anthony Timmons Resignation	East Montgomery High PE Teacher/Football Coach	June 13, 2012
4) Shawn Day Resignation	West Montgomery High Guidance Counselor	January 18, 2012
5) Derek McCoy Resignation	West Middle School Principal	June 30, 2012

- c. Upon recommendation, approval of the following interim probationary contracts for 2011-2012 as provided by General Statute 115C-325:

<u>Contract/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Angela Brown 01/30/12	East Middle School PE Teacher	Yes	Jaclyn Zaccherio

- d. Upon recommendation, approval of the following administrative contract:

- Rodney Neal, Director of Technology, annual twelve-month term commencing, February 13, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014.

e. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of recommendation for leave of absence of the following personnel:

- Audrey Farlow, Green Ridge Elementary School, requesting an extension of leave of absence for medical reasons, extended thru March 1, 2012.

Upon recommendation approval of the following overnight school trips is requested.

February 23-25, 2012 – WMHS Wrestling Team to Greensboro to compete in the NCHSAA State Wrestling Tournament

February 24-25, 2012 – WMHS Quizbowl to Jacksonville, NC to compete in the Rotary Academic Challenge.

March 1-2, 2012 – East Middle School band to participate in Youth Piedmont Honor Band at Glenn High School, Winston Salem, NC.

March 14-17, 2012 – WMS Junior Beta Club to New York City to visit and experience cultures of the area.

March 30-April 1, 2012 – EMHS and WMHS AFJROTC to Washington, DC Students were invited by Congressman Larry Kissell to Washington to learn about the U.S. Capitol and visit Smithsonian Museums.

Upon recommendation approval of the following student transfer is requested.

Asheboro City Schools to Montgomery County Schools

Jessie Pratt

Montgomery County Schools to Stanly County Schools

Virginia Rae Currie

Upon recommendation approval of the following Montgomery County School students for early graduation is requested.

Montgomery Learning Academy

Marcus Caple

Tyler Graham

East Montgomery High School

Michael Jackson
Silvia Leyva

Autumn Moore

West Montgomery High School

Lisa Lee

Josh Livengood
Chelsea Williams

Also approved in the consent agenda was budget amendments 9 and 10.

Federal Fund #9			
Montgomery County Administration Unit			
The Montgomery County Board of Education at a meeting on the 6th day of February 2012, passed the following resolution.			
Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.			
Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
3.5000.044	IDEA VI-B Capacity Bldg		35
3.5000.103	Improving Teacher Quality	22,319	
3.5000.105	Title I School Improvement	107,260	
3.6000.103	Improving Teacher Quality	695	
3.8000.044	IDEA VI-B Capacity Bldg	35	
3.8000.103	Improving Teacher Quality	118,528	
3.8000.105	Improving Teacher Quality	1,850	
3.3600.103	Improving Teacher Quality	141,542	
3.3600.105	Title I School Improvement	109,110	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget			5,144,040
Amount of Increase			250,652
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget			5,394,692

Capital Outlay Fund #10

Montgomery County Administration Unit

The Montgomery County Board of Education at a meeting on the 6th day of February 2012, passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
4.9300.600	Purchase of Buses	3,750	
4.4910	Appropriated Fund Balance	3,750	
Explanation Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget		\$	-
Amount of Increase		\$	3,750
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget		\$	3,750

Also approved in the consent agenda was the Exceptional Children's Contract for additional Occupational Therapy Services.

Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to adjourn. With a motion from Bryan Dozier, along with a second from Sandra Miller, the meeting was duly adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

Dale Ellis, Ed. D., Secretary