

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

May 2, 2011

The Montgomery County Board of Education convened in its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, 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 amend the agenda by deleting the budget hearing portion at this time. With a motion from Ann Long, and a second from Sandra Miller, the agenda was adopted with this change with unanimous approval from the board.

The opening devotional thought by Chairman DeBerry was from Psalms, Chapter 36, Verse 9. A little drop of water does numerous things. As many drops of water join, something larger happens joining with rivers, which join to the sea. We are like the drops of water showing strength, sharing, and joining to be part of something larger.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Green Ridge Elementary students; Rafael Marquez, Tashiana McBride, and Anna Wolf.

With no one signing up to address the board, the meeting moved on to recognitions.

Montgomery County Board of Education recognized the following appreciation weeks.

- National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week – May 1-7, 2011
- National Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2011
- National School Nurses Week – May 6-12, 2011
- National Bus Driver Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2011

The Montgomery County Schools Community Partnership Award was presented to Winston Dozier, who supports sports activities at West Montgomery High School. Accepting on his behalf was his brother, Bryan Dozier. Mr. Dozier gives of his time and support, showing young people to work for something good. He wants them to know that you can work on what you have to be the best that it and you can be. Montgomery County Schools thanks you Winston Dozier.

The 2011-2012 Gates Millennium Scholar is presented to Eduardo Hernandez, a Senior at East Montgomery High School.

The 2011-2012 Montgomery County Teaching Fellows Scholarship Award is presented to Arianna Perez a Senior at East Montgomery High School.

The 2011 North Carolina Governor's School – Montgomery County Schools Appointees are as follows:

Governor's School West

- Dance - Victoria Waynick, 10th Grade, East Montgomery High School
- Natural Science - Lucas Hyde, 11th Grade, East Montgomery High School

Governor's School East

- English - Maegan Gillis, 11th Grade, West Montgomery High School

The 2011 Skills USA Competition State Winners are as follows:

- 1st place in Furniture and Cabinetmaking- West Montgomery High School, Dillon Phillips, 12th Grade
- 1st place in the Tech Prep Showcase for Engineering – West Montgomery High School, David Thivarat, 12th Grade; Katherine Wright, 11th Grade; Dakota Stapleton, 11th Grade; and Nathan Parnell, 11th Grade

The meeting progressed to the consent agenda. With a motion from Sandra Miller, along with a second from Tommy Blake, the consent agenda was approved unanimously by the board as follows:

Board minutes from the April 4, 2011 budget and regular meeting.

Personnel and auxiliary reports as shown.

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

<u>Resignation/ Retirement</u>	<u>School/ Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1) Donna McMillan Resignation	East Middle School Social Studies Teacher	March 15, 2011
2) Marsha Russell Retirement	West Middle School Social Studies Teacher	June 15, 2011
3) Ellen Roose Retirement	West Middle School Comm. Skills Teacher	June 15, 2011
4) Tabitha Harris Retirement	West Middle School Comm. Skills Teacher	June 15, 2011
5) Sandra Blake Retirement	Star Elementary School Elementary Teacher	June 15, 2011

- b. Report of the following transfers:

<u>Transfer/ Effective Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) Matt Smith 3/21/2011	East Middle School Spanish	East Middle School Social Studies	Donna McMillan

- c. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approval of recommendation for employment of the following non-certified personnel:

<u>Employee/ Effective Date</u>	<u>School Assignment</u>	<u>Record Check</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
1) James Page 4/4/2011	East Montgomery High Part time custodian	Yes	Gary Noah

- d. Upon recommendation, approval of the following interim probationary contract 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) Nicholas Eddins 5/5/2011	West Montgomery High PE Teacher/Football Coach	Yes	John Pate

- e. Notice of teachers eligible to achieve career status during 2010-2011 as described by General Statute 115C-325:

Green Ridge Elementary

Brittany Caldwell
Cindy Niece
Teresa O'Connor

Mt. Gilead Elementary

Chris Blake
Nancy Biggs McLendon
Melissa Shields
Jerry Stevens
Gina Blake

Candor Elementary

Royal Little
Autumn McNeill

Star Elementary

Melanie Lamonds
Emily McIntyre

Troy Elementary

Chareta Green
Lucy Lloyd

Page Street Elementary

Suzette Miller

East Middle School

Jennifer Hare
Mary Beth Ingram
Kim Oxendine-Long

West Middle School

Daniel Bruton
Debra Knowles
April Daywalt
Allen Maupin

East Montgomery High

Kate Dunklegod
Michelle Larking
Scott Blue
Amy L. Reynolds

West Montgomery High

Holly Berriman
Rick Peters
Ron Golden

Montgomery Learning Academy

Teresa Curringa

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

June 24-25, 2011 – East Montgomery High School men's basketball to Team Camp, Charlotte, NC

Upon recommendation approval of the following student transfers is requested.

Montgomery County Schools to Moore County Schools

Cade Auman

The following budget amendments were approved as shown:

State Fund

Montgomery County Administration Unit

The Montgomery County Board of Education at a meeting on the 2nd day of May 2011, passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
1.5000.001	Teacher Salaries		(9,458)
1.5000.003	Non-Instructional Support	1,200	
1.5000.012	Driver Training		(18,000)
1.5000.055	Learn and Earn	6,258	
1.6000.056	Transportation Costs	8,258	
1.6000.009	Non-Contributory Benefits	85,000	
1.3100	Allocation State Public School Funds	73,258	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget		\$	24,885,531
Amount of Increase		\$	73,258
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget		\$	24,958,789

Federal Fund			
Montgomery County Administration Unit			
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Expense Code	Description of Code	Increase	Decrease
3.5000.017	VOC Ed Program Improvement	623	
3.5000.104	Language Acquisition	3,863	
3.5000.048	Drug Free Schools and Com	270	
3.5000.050	Title I	1,300	
3.5000.082	IDEA VI-B State Improvement	2,642	
3.5000.051	Chapter I Migrant	567	
3.5000.142	Title I School Improvement	77,495	
3.5000.146	Education Technology Formula	3,351	
3.5000.156	Race to the Top		(14,716)
3.8000.017	VOC Ed Program Improvement		(623)
3.8000.050	Title I		(1,300)
3.8000.051	ESEA Chapter I Migrant Reg	21	
3.8000.082	IDEA VI-B State Improvement	97	
3.8000.104	IDEA VI-B Capacity Bldg/Improvement		(3,631)
3.8000.048	Drug Free Schools and Com		(5)
3.8000.142	Title I School Improvement	2,831	
3.8000.146	Education Technology Formula	123	
3.8000.156	Race to the Top	14,716	
3.3600.142	Title I School Improvement	80,326	
3.3600.104	Language Acquisiton	232	
3.3600.146	Education Techology (Formula)	3,474	
3.3600.048	Drug Free Schools and Com	265	
3.3600.051	ESEA Chapter I Migrant Reg	588	
3.3600.082	IDEA VI-B State Improvement	2,739	
Explanation: Adjustments made for actual revenues and expenditures.			
Total Appropriation in Current Budget			6,938,784
Amount of Increase			87,624
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget			7,026,408

The meeting then progressed to Green Ridge Elementary, with principal, Terry Jordan, along with staff, Irene Robleto, Matt Wolf, Brandy Whitley, and Phillip Brown, presenting "Technology Showcase". Presentations on Play-away, which helps with reading skills and gives opportunities for reading practice with small groups. They can be taken home and have English and Spanish language, so that parents can participate. Also showcased are flip cameras to monitor and help children's reading skills. They can read and play it back to see what they have learned. They also can be taken home. Active slate was also brought forth as a tool which you use the whiteboard, but with sound and motion to bring things to life. It is very interactive with a variety of resources, including Blogs and WIKI. Active Expression is also another tool that is used to test student knowledge.

Superintendent Ellis presented his findings about the need for text books. In doing a survey of needs for text books we see the need of text books for West Montgomery High School

and West Middle School. Most schools have what they need in this area according to their feedback. There were questions from teachers on whether they have to use the text books for home work. The instructions design belongs to the teacher. They need to use the data for the good of the student. At some point they need to have reinforcement of the lessons. We will make sure that the schools have the textbooks and technology to do what is needed. We want to make sure there is some traditional teaching as well as the technology portion. The data should drive the course. No one went without a textbook because of funds.

Superintendent Ellis presented the National Teacher Day 2011 Proclamation for the board's confirmation. With a motion from Bryan Dozier, along with a second from Shirley Threadgill, the board unanimously approved this proclamation.

Feedback from the community area advisory meetings was given by Superintendent Ellis. The meeting that was scheduled at Troy Elementary was better attended than when we have them at the middle or high schools. We will consider having all of them at elementary schools. A back to school rally is planned for August to greet parents and students. Details will follow for this event.

Kevin Lancaster presented the policies that were presented at the April board meeting for approval. With a motion from Bryan Dozier along with a second from Sandra Miller, the board unanimously approved these policies.

Superintendent Ellis in his comments congratulated Kathy Johnson and the finance department for their award of excellence. We see some problems on the horizon with our budget. Some massive cuts have hung education out to dry. We see some \$500,000 possibly cut from the county. We will get to the tier III cuts. We have dealt with \$6,500,000 to \$4,900,000 this year. Those funds are well managed when they get here. Representative Justin Burr is putting Stanley County on the list for maintaining the Stanley County schools on a 4 day, 1 hour extra per day. We will look at this option for the 2012-2013 school year. We must be on the list for the legislation to approve our designation for this schedule. It is significant in cost savings for utilities, transportation costs. Board member, Shirley Threadgill was concerned because United States students have less instructional hours that other countries, so where will that put us with that standing? Montgomery County students must still have the 1,000 hours per year. It is just when those hours will occur that can be managed. Wilkes County Schools have been doing this for several years. A copy of the letters received for the finance group are to be sent to the Montgomery County Commissioners and the County Manager.

Chairman DeBerry asked for a motion to go into closed session for the discussion of personnel. With a motion from Sandra Miller, along with a second from Tommy Blake, the board unanimously approved the adjournment to closed session.

Upon returning from closed session, Chairman DeBerry then asked for a motion to adjourn. With a motion from Shirley Threadgill, along with a second from Tommy Blake, the meeting was duly adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011.

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

Dale Ellis, Ed. D., Secretary

