

SHARON SUE OZMENT

EDUCATION:

GREENSBORO COLLEGE, Greensboro, NC
B.A., Business Administration and Economics
Minor in Accounting - May 1991

GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Jamestown, NC
A.A.S., Accounting - August 1983

WALTER HINES PAGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Greensboro, NC
Diploma - June 1974

EXPERIENCE:

- Chief Financial Officer,
GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
September 2000 – Present
 - Perform the following duties as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 115C-436:
 - Keep the accounts of the local school administrative unit in accordance with generally accepted principles of governmental accounting, the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and the rules and regulations of the Local Government Commission.
 - Give the preaudit certificate required by G.S. 115C-441.
 - Sign and issue all checks, drafts, and State warrants by the local school administrative unit, invest idle cash, and receive and deposit all moneys accruing to the local school administrative unit.
 - Prepare and file a statement of the financial condition of the local school administrative unit as often as requested by the superintendent, by the board of education or the board of county commissioners.
 - Perform such other duties as may be assigned by law, by the superintendent, or by rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and the Local Government Commission.

- Executive Director of Financial Services/CFO,
GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
July 1999 – August 2000

- Assistant Finance Officer/Director of Financial Services,
GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
September 1995 – June 1999

- Director of Financial Services,
GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
July 1993 - August 1995
 - Performed highly responsible supervisory, administrative and fiscal control work; plan, coordinated and directed all aspects of financial management and administration; planned and directed the receipt, disbursement and accounting of revenues and expenditures; managed the investment of funds; assisted Superintendent, Finance Officer and Budget Analyst in preparation and monitoring of annual budget; supervised a staff of professional, technical and clerical personnel.

- Director of Financial Services,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
August 1991 - June 1993
- Acting Supervisor of Financial Accounting,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
November 1990 - August 1991
 - Directed the operation of the Financial Accounting Office; providing responsible cash management, accurate accounting, maintenance of records, and compilation of reports in compliance with local, state and federal rules/regulations/guidelines and board policies.
- Budget Analyst,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
September 1987 - October 1990:
 - Directed the process of allocating school funds in such a way as to insure that the school system derives maximum educational benefits from the prudent expenditure of every school dollar.
- Interim Treasurer,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
December 1985 - September 1987:
 - Directed the operation of the Finance Office, providing responsible cash management, accurate accounting, maintenance of records, and compilation of reports in compliance with local, state and federal rules/regulations/guidelines and board policies.
- Accounting Technician,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Greensboro, NC,
January 1977 - November 1985;
 - Performed moderately complex technical accounting and fiscal-clerical work maintaining complete and systematic records of school system financial transactions according to individual funds, including receipts/deposits, reconciliation of records and preparation of reports.
- Xerox Operator,
GREENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
Greensboro, NC,
July 1974 - December 1976

MEMBERSHIPS:

- National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Board (*NCCJ is a humans relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America. NCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.*)
- Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)
- North Carolina Association of School Business Officials (NCASBO)
- Guilford County Association of Educational Office Professionals (GCAEOP), Associate Member
- Phi Delta Kappa, Triad NC Chapter #1190
- Presbyterian Church of the Cross (PCC), Elder; President of the PCC Corporation

SELECTED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and clarity of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Report for the Guilford County Board of Education.
 - The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (*GFOA*) has awarded a *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* to the Guilford County Board of Education for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 through June 30, 2006.
 - The Association of School Business Officials International (*ASBO*) has awarded a *Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting* to the Guilford County Board of Education for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 through June 30, 2006.
 - These awards are made only to governmental units that publish a comprehensive annual financial report that is easily readable, efficiently organized, and conforms to program standards as well as satisfies generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. The awards are valid for a period of one year only.
 - The Board's CAFR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 has been submitted to these respective organizations for consideration of renewed certificate eligibility and award. These are prestigious awards recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

- Responsible for preparation of annual budget documents for the Guilford County Board of Education.
 - The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (*GFOA*) has awarded a *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* to the Guilford County Board of Education for its annual budget for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000 through July 1, 2006.
 - In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program proficiency criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. The awards are valid for a period of one year only.
 - The Board's budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 has been submitted to GFOA for consideration of renewed certificate eligibility and award. The award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

- Co-authored an article with Superintendent Terry B. Grier entitled "*The Business Side of the House*". The article, which appeared in the May 2004 issue of *American School Board Journal*, addressed the cost avoidance and cost reduction strategies that the district employed when faced with budget reductions of \$10.9 million during the 2001-02 through 2003-04 fiscal year timeframe.

- Co-presented a session on “*Weighted Student Formula – Our Dollars Follow Our Students*” with Chief of Staff Eric Becoats, at the 50th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools in San Diego, California, October 25-29, 2006. The presentation included a discussion of the district’s Equity and Equity Plus Funding system that has provided increased funds and staff in our schools most impacted by poverty as measured by free and reduced lunch percentages and how that process evolved into a weighted student formula (WSF) method of distributing resources to schools in an equitable manner based on certain characteristics such as numbers of students eligible for free and reduced lunch and the number of English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students.

REFERENCES:

- Provided upon request