

Attendees

Voting Members

Mr. Claude Cooper, Chair
Mrs Joyce Lashley, Vice Chair
Mr. Tyus Few, Board Member
Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Board Member
Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Eric Cunningham, Superintendent

I. Closed Session

Closed session started at 5:25 pm.

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Motion seconded by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

II. Opening Ceremonies

Open session started at 7:01 pm.

a. Welcome

b. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

c. Mission Statement & Goals

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Motion seconded by: Mr. Tyus Few

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

e. Public Comment

Mr. Charles Chambliss

f. Conflict of Interest Statement

None

III. Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - The open meeting law was the reason I didn't attend the personnel closed session.

a. Approval of Minutes - Open Minutes

IV. Information

a. Halifax County Recognitions - Mrs. Chatesha Dickens

b. Halifax County Custom Policies - Ms. Carolyn Hawkins

c. Capital Improvement Update - Mr. Anthony Alston

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Did we make a decision on the bus?

Dr. Eric Cunningham - Once we know the information, then we will know what our choices are.

d. Expenditures Report - Ms. Lynn Harrold

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - I thought the state covered all of the fuel cost.

Ms. Lynn Harrold - They give us a specific amount of money, but they do not completely fund all fuel.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - If you stop dual enrollment, it will stop buses from crisscrossing.

Mr. Tyus Few - If we didn't have the supplement tax, we would not have the option to move money.

I think we are doing wise things with the funds and it all benefits to the children.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - If you are not on the finance committee, I suggest you meet with Ms. Harrold and offer these points before the meeting.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - We need to meet with Dr. Cunningham to look at the county lines. We could lower Weldon's supplement if we get the county involved and getting our students back. \$76K is wasteful money and stop dual enrollment. Why are two buses running down the same road?

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - Are you on the finance committee?

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Yes, but it is always cancelled.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - If you are on the committee then you can meet with them.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Yes.

V. Action Items

a. School Resource Officer Grant - Mrs. Tyrana Battle

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Which two schools?

Mrs. Tyrana Battle - Hollister and second school to be determined but maybe Scotland Neck.

Mr. Claude Cooper - Is this extra officers?

Mrs. Tyrana Battle - Grant is written for elementary schools.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - We will have seven officers.

Mr. Tyus Few - The funds will be used for Halifax County Sheriff's Dept. What about the transportation?

Mrs. Tyrana Battle - We will have to talk about that.

Mr. Tyus Few - That was just a practical question.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - I thought the Sheriff's Dept furnish the vehicles? In the contract we are paying for gas.

Mr. Claude Cooper - Our attorney will look into this.

Dr. Eric Cunningham - We are purchasing three more cars this year. We are putting a reliable car at every building.

Mr. Anthony Alston - We will need two more cars.

Dr. Eric Cunningham - I don't know if officers will have a car dedicated to them but a car will be at the building.

Hawkins - I don't think they have a copy of what we have. I assuming that they didn't get the amount of grant.

Battle - \$100K.

Motion made by: Mr. Tyus Few

Motion seconded by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant - Mrs. Tyrana Battle

Motion made by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Have we surveyed the parents about the program?

Mrs. Tyrana Battle - Yes, we have. Principals are sending out additional update to the parents for them to sign up. We are partnering with school nutrition and we did actually extend the hours.

c. Must Innov8 Memorandum of Understanding - Mrs. Tyrana Battle

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Motion seconded by: Mr. Tyus Few

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

d. Art Council Grant - Mrs. Tyrana Battle

Motion made by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Voting:

Mr. Claude Cooper - Vote Not Recorded

Mrs Joyce Lashley - Vote Not Recorded

Mr. Tyus Few - Vote Not Recorded

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - Vote Not Recorded

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Vote Not Recorded

e. Reading Recommendation - Mrs. Carolyn Roberts, Mrs. Gail Powers, and Mrs. Tyrana Battle

Motion made by: Mr. Tyus Few

Motion seconded by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - I think we can do a lot with the CADA program and day cares.

Dr. Joyce Lashley - The program are we using in the schools now is letter land.

Mrs. Carolyn Roberts - We would love to have it K-2 in all buildings.

Dr. Joyce Lashley - Teachers use parts of it.

Mr. Tyus Few - I am trying to understand the payment of the program?

Dr. Eric Cunningham - More school resources up to \$100K up to. These are the tools in the teacher's hand.

Mrs. Carolyn Roberts - Reading teachers only

Mrs. Gail Powers - When the students make the transition to middle school, we have discussed PD for the secondary level.

Mr. Tyus Few - I would like to see the program and how it is working.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Is there any other school districts using this and test scores are successful

Mrs. Carolyn Roberts - We customized everything for the district, our needs, and it reaches all 5 components.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - Unreadiness, this is part of the curriculum committee? Dr. Lashley, is part of the committee.

Dr. Eric Cunningham - We not just buying a reading program. We are providing core reading and writing programs, tooling the schools need, enhancing libraries, and updating school libraries. We doing a custom approach to get lower number ones and twos.

f. MOU Wolfpack - Mrs. Karen Riddick

Motion made by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

g. Testing Calendar Schedule - Dr. LaVonne McClain

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Motion seconded by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

h. 7th Grade Academic Athletic Eligibility Hardship Waiver - Dr. Christopher Weikart

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Motion seconded by: Mr. Tyus Few

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Tyus Few - If I am 6th grader and play with the Enfield Warriors, can I play with Enfield middle school? How does it impact the community?

Mr. Claude Cooper - They don't play on the school football team if they play with the Warriors.

i. Budget Presentation - Ms. Lynn Harrold

Motion made by: Ms. Carolyn Hawkins

Motion seconded by: Mrs Joyce Lashley

Voting:

Mr. Claude Cooper - No

Mrs Joyce Lashley - No

Mr. Tyus Few - No

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - Yes

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - No

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth – Give the cafeteria workers their hour back that was cut.

Mr. Joseph Otranto - About six years ago, we reduced their hour by one hour. We are the only district with six and eight hour employees.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - Some employees are working after hours to prepare for the next day.

Mr. Claude Cooper - We need to make the motion based on what Ms. Harrold has put in her presentation.

Mr. Larry Armstrong- You can't just add money to the budget unless it comes from something else.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - \$2M in your budget for school nutritional and you can't give cafeteria workers an hour back

Dr. Joyce Lashley - She asked us to approve this.

Few – Unreadiness, I am not clear as it supposed to be approved from the presentation. This is a completely separate issue.

Motion for the cafeteria workers to receive one-hour increase by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins. Motion approved 2 to 3. Opposed by Dr. Joyce Lashley, Mr. Claude Cooper, and Mr. Tyus Few.

Motion approved 4 to 1. Motion for approval Budget Presentation by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Joyce Lashley. Oppose by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth - If I catch one employee working off the clock and I will call the labor board.

Mr. Tyus Few- Unreadiness, if we have employees that are working and not being paid that is a problem. If they are staying an hour after clocked out, that is a problem Mr. Otranto. You will need to comeback and amend the budget.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins - We were in this predicament before Mr. Otranto got here. He came into this situation.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth – Motion approved 4 to 1 for Dr. Cunningham to bring back the numbers to the board meeting and seconded by Dr. Joyce Lashley. Allow Mr. Otranto to review his budget and bring it back to the next board meeting. Opposed by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins.

VI. Superintendent Comments

VII. Board Comments

VIII. Announcements

a. Principal Meeting, Sept 12, 2018 at Central Office

b. District Bootcamp, September 22nd at Enfield Middle, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

c. Halifax County Schools Board of Education Meeting, October 1, 2018, Central Office at 5:00 pm

IX. Adjourn

Motion made by: Mr. Tyus Few

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Hedgepeth

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Open session ended at 9:15 pm.