

**THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2014**

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, December 1, 2014. The meeting was held at the Central Office Administration Building located on 9525 Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

Present: Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Chair, Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Susie L. Evans, Mr. Claude Cooper, Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, and Mrs. Joyce S. Lashley. **Absent:** Dr. Donna Hunter.

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Personnel, Mrs. Linda Bulluck, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representatives from DPI: Dr. Rebecca Garland, Ms. Catherine Brooks, Dr. Pascal Mubenga, and Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins gave words of welcome. Ms. Hawkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Phillip Rountree led us in the Mission Statement of the Halifax County Board of Education.

Ms. C. Hawkins asked for the approval of the Board Agenda.

Mrs. D. Hardy moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried. *Agree* (Hardy-Lashley-Cooper-Evans) *Oppose* (Hedgepeth)

There were no Public Comments.

Ms. C. Hawkins asked if any board member had a Conflict of Interest to the matters on the board agenda. All board members responded that there was no conflict of interest to the matters on the board agenda.

Ms. C. Hawkins asked for the approval of the consent agenda.

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the meeting consent agenda as discussed in closed session. Mrs. D. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations as presented in Closed Session:

CERTIFIED: Samantha Eason, Sitah Campbell, Katie Jenkins, Benjamin Sexton, Jasmin Carter, Cynthia Williams.

NON-CERTIFIED: Ernest Jones, Malika Banks.

RESIGNATION: Gloria Lynch, Lisa Starling, Gregory Cotton.

RETIREMENT: Ida Nicholson, Katie Richardson.

BUS DRIVER SUBSTITUTE: Pamela Daniel.

TRANSFER (INFORMATION ITEM ONLY): Rue Dale, Mary Williams.

Mr. K. Hoggard and Board member Mrs. D. Hardy gave special recognition to the student of the month, *Princess Wheeler*, a fifth grade student at Inborden Elementary School. Mrs. D. Hardy presented the certificate to the student; she also presented a goodie bag.

Mr. K. Hoggard and Board member Mr. C. Cooper gave special recognition to the employee of the month, *Mr. Chester Williams*, the Parent Leader at Pittman Elementary School. Mr. Cooper presented Mr. Williams with a certificate.

Dr. E. Frederick and Mrs. C. Debreaux recognized *Ms. Davona Mitchell*, a 2014 Exceptional Children's Program Teacher of the Year. She was recognized at the 64th Exceptional Children's Conference at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. She is a model teacher for Halifax County Schools.

Dr. E. Frederick introduced Mrs. Louise Francis, a retired employee, who for the past two years has given a bicycle to a student from Enfield Middle who has shown the most improvement on the EOG. This year, Kelsey Boyd, a seventh grader received a bicycle from the Francis Family.

Mr. P. Rountree gave the report on the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held on November 13th. The committee visited Pittman Elementary, Aurelian Springs Elementary, Dawson Elementary and Inborden Elementary Schools thus far. Overall the schools are doing well. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Claude Cooper reported from the Finance Committee Meeting met on October 23rd. This committee went over program codes. He stated that this is your school district and he would like you to be a part of this committee.

Mrs. T. Battle and Mrs. Mabel Taylor-Jones shared the partnership that we have with our Parent Advisory Council. Mrs. Jones introduced the Parent Leaders that we have in our school district.

Dr. P. Mubenga introduced Dr. Rebecca Garland, Department of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Garland gave remarks.

Mrs. Linda Bulluck and Ms. Sharon Arrington gave an overview of the Teacher Turnover Report and the Beginning Teacher Support Program. Mrs. Bulluck stated that we are required to report to the state Board the number of teachers leaving our district. We are the third highest county for teacher turnover. Ms. Arrington works with the beginning teachers program.

Mrs. Joyce Lashley asked the following questions:

1. Details of \$400,000 appropriated from Fund Balance into the Local Budget.
2. What is the Other Salaries - \$567,200.00 found in the detailed budget?

Ms. C. Jones gave a budget summary of the PRC line items that are in the red. She stated that she will be bringing a Budget Amendment to clear up the line items in red.

Ms. C. Hawkins asked for board approval for the following board policy.

3460 Graduation Requirements *Section C (*updated*)

Mr. C. Cooper moved to approve policy # 3460 Graduation Requirements. Mr. C. Hedgepeth moved in second. Motion carried. *ALL Agree*

Mr. P. Rountree ask for board approval for the sale of Bakers Elementary and McIver Elementary Schools. Chapter 160A-266a of Article 12 tells of different methods of sale. The county is looking at a Negotiated offer.

Mrs. J. Lashley asked what is the reason we are selling for \$50,000.00?

Mr. P. Rountree stated that the committee feels it is a fair amount.

Mrs. S. Evans asked, what would happen if you don't get the amount you are asking.

Attorney Armstrong stated that this is a process and offering price. This is the price you are asking.

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the selling of Bakers and McIver process. Mr. Cooper moved in second. Motion carried. *Agree* (Cooper-Evans-Hawkins) *Oppose* (Lashley) *Abstain* (Hedgepeth) A Conflict

Mrs. S. Lowe is asking for board approval for the Wireless Access Points for Dawson and Inborden Schools.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth stated that the student enrollment at Dawson is declining, may have to close the school.

Mrs. S. Lowe stated that wireless access is required for on-line testing.

Mr. C. Cooper moved to approve the Wireless Access Points for Dawson and Inborden Schools. Mr. C. Hedgepeth moved in second. Motion carried. *All Agree*

Superintendent Comments:

- Federal Program Monitoring Compliance
- December 10th Policy Meeting
- County Commissioners Meeting
- Proposed Audit Date – December 15th @ 5:00 p.m.
- Race to the Top followup on December 10th
- December 12th Play at HCC
- Attendance/Absences
- Bank Reconciliation
- News Articles
- The Navigator
- Meeting Evaluation

Board Comments:

Mrs. Susie L. Evans thanked everyone for coming and staying. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Joyce Lashley thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Claude Cooper thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins thanked everyone for allowing her and the Board to attend the conference in Greensboro. “In the best interest of the students. . .we are the adults.” Has nothing to do with power, but everything to do with responsibility. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Be Safe.

Mrs. Joyce Lashley made a motion to go into closed session for a disciplinary hearing at 4:55 p.m. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

January 12, 2014