

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, NC 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 2013

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, October 7, 2013. The meeting was held at the Central Office Administration Building, located at 9525 Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

Present: Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, Mr. Tyus Few, Vice-Chair, Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Mrs. Susie L. Evans, and Mr. Clarence Carmon. (*Absent: Ms. Carolyn Hawkins*)

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Eleese Frederick, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Personnel, Mrs. Linda Bulluck, Representatives from DPI: Dr. Pat Ashley, Dr. Will Crawford, Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Ms. Catherine Brooks, and Board Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Dr. Donna Hunter greeted the audience with words of welcome and thanked everyone for coming.

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

Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. D. Hunter asked for the approval of the Board Agenda.

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. **Agree** (Evans-Carmon-Hardy) **Oppose** (Few-Hedgepeth)

Add to the agenda: III. c. Teacher Assistants

There were no public comments.

Dr. D. Hunter read the Conflict of Interest Statement to the Board. All Board members responded that there was no conflict of interest to the matters on the Board agenda.

Mrs. D. Hardy moved to approve the meeting consent agenda as presented in closed session. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. **Agree** (Evans-Carmon-Hardy) **Oppose** (Hedgepeth-Few)

Mrs. S. Evans moved to accept the recommendation of the superintendent for the teacher assistants hours to remain the same (reduced). Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. **Abstain** (Hardy) **Agree** (Evans-Carmon-Hunter) **Oppose** (Few-Hedgepeth)

Mr. C. Hedgepeth stated that his reason for opposing is that we have people overpaid and those that are red circled.

Personnel Recommendations as presented in Closed Session:

CERTIFIED: Virginia Boone, Benjamin Reichert, Melissa Thompson, Karey Pooton, Henry Brown, Cathy Keeter (Interim Director of Exceptional Children).

NON-CERTIFIED: Shirley Dashield.

BUS DRIVER SUBSTITUTES: Valarie Hughes, Keisha Caudle, Mark Barfield.

CHILD NUTRITION SUBSTITUTE: Tamyka Jones.

TEACHER SUBSTITUTES: Reather Caudle, Lydia Kearney, Samara Brown.

ELIBIBLE TO RETURN TO WORK: Jacqueline Harper.

RESIGNATIONS: Sheila Wilson, Angela Lloyd, Davon Wilkins, Vivian King Jackson, Chelsea King, Leighann Atkins, Alfredo Ching, Chertina Woodard, Veronica Davis, Christina Amatangleo.

TRANSFER (Informational Only): Brenda Horton.

2013-2014 School Bus Driver Assignments:

Aurelian Springs: Pattie Arrington, Rhonda Boone, Carolina Pulley, Nadine Daniels, Gwendolyn Faulcon, Celestine Harvey, Louise Harvey, Mary Howell, Ida Rosser, Tawasha Taylor, Bettie Wilkins, Mary Edmonds.

Dawson: Veronica Davis, Enoch Hood, Evelyn Knight, Dianne Powell, Marisa Powell.

Inborden Elementary and Enfield Middle: Dale V. Barnes, Porsha Clark, Dollie N. Dennis, Susan P. Dickens, Priscilla Evans, Barbara Hudson, Katrina Hunter, Belinda Johnson, Warren Reed, Elaine Ruffin, Betty Solomon, Minnie Tillery, Tanisa Watson, Phyllis Whitaker, Syvilla Whitaker, Meashel Williams.

Everetts: Aretha Brown, Crystal Burgess, Callie Deloatch, Henry Deloatch, Deborah Evans, Jeanette Harris, Nettie Martin.

Hollister: Crystal Lynch, Tarsch Nicholson, Bessie Richardson, Erika Richardson.

Northwest: Rhonda Arrington, Sandra Britt, Kevin Crossen, Sharon Daniel, Dorothy Fobbs, Wendy Fobbs, Tamika Harris, Angela Knight, Carla Lynch, Johnnie Lynch, Brenda Rosser, Robert Rosser, Curtis Silver, Lashaunda Silver, Richard Solomon.

Pittman: Bettie Ausby, Emily Bullock, Patricia Johnson, Wilma Jones, Brittany Rook.

Southeast: Stewart Arrington, Rosa Ausby, Janice Jones, Joseph Lewis, Ella Parker, Elma Pittman, Curtis Shields, Thomas Smith, Tammie Whitaker-Jones.

Scotland Neck Primary: Marquita Camblee, Lateshia Dickens, Sharon Powell, Kimberly Boone.

William R. Davie: Brenda Arrington, Brenda Burgess, Mildred Flagg, Shelia C. Hollis, Crystal Jefferson, Glorya King, Lisa Lynch, Sandra Garner, Robert Smith, Milton Solomon, James Wiggins, Calvin Williams.

Special Recognition was given to the Student of the Month by Mr. K. Hoggard and Mrs. D. Hardy. The month of September, Student of the Month was Zarionna Campbell, a third grade student at Scotland Neck Primary School.

Special Recognition was given to the Employee of the Month by Mr. K. Hoggard and Mrs. S. Evans. The month of September, Employee of the Month was Ms. Brandy Whitman, a third grade teacher at Inborden Elementary School.

Dr. D. Hunter received from the North Carolina School Boards Association a Special Achievement Award on behalf of the Board at the District meeting. This award was given for successful completion of the 12-hour training requirement by all members of the Board.

Mrs. T. Battle and Ms. C. Seabrook presented to the Board the 2013-2014 roll-out for laptops through the School Improvement Grant. A short clip was shown of activities that have taken place over the years. There will be training for students and parents. We distributed 178 at Enfield Middle and 124 at Southeast High.

Mr. C. Carmon asked how can we monitor the units when the students take them home, to make sure they don't visit sites that they should not visit. He also asked can we track what they do at home.

Ms. C. Seabrook stated that we have safety nets in place.

Dr. E. Frederick shared updates of the budget.

Dr. E. Frederick presented the proposed 2013-2014 Organizational Structure for approval.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth asked who is under Mr. P. Rountree, Mr. D. Harris and Mr. A. Alston. He would like to table until next Board meeting.

Mr. T. Few stated that when there is Capital Improvement, Mr. Rountree always present. Mr. Few is only reading the lines of communication.

Mrs. D. Hardy motioned to accept the Organizational Structure for 2013-2014 as presented. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried. *Agree* (Evans-Carmon-Hardy) *NO Vote* (Few -Hedgepeth)

Dr. E. Frederick and Mr. A. Alston gave an update of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Grant which will enhance physical activity at seven elementary schools and two middle schools. All projects should be completed by January, 2014.

Mrs. S. Evans stated that she read it will be open to the community. How will they monitor each school?

Mr. C. Carmon asked if they will go out and check on Sunday before school on Monday.

Mrs. D. Hardy motioned to accept the proposed contracts as presented. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. *All Agree*

Superintendent Comments:

- Staff Development
- Finalize the Board Retreat
 - Set a date for the retreat after we receive the test scores

Board Comments:

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he didn't vote on a lot of things. He received a threatening letter from the State Board. He is an elected official. No one threatens him. Some one needs to stand up for the Board. The public needs to get behind the school system.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked everyone for coming. She stated to the students and teachers that the Curriculum Team will be visiting the schools soon.

Mr. Clarence Carmon stated that it has been a challenging night. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. Susie Evans stated that she hopes everyone has a safe journey home. She thanked everyone for coming.

Dr. Donna Hunter stated that there are not cover ups on this board. Our students are working hard. We have one vote. We are moving in the right direction. It's not about me. As board chair she will move this board the way it should go. She will not lose her focus. This Board is totally committed.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

November 4, 2013