

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Central Office Administration Building

9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 22, 2012

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, October 22, 2012. The meeting was held at the Central Office Administrative Building, 9525 Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

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

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, and Board Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Mr. Tyus Few, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Mr. Tyus Few greeted the audience with words of welcome to the call meeting on October 22, 2012.

Mr. Tyus Few 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. *All Agree*

Ms. C. Jones presented the proposed Budget Resolution for the 2012-2013 school year for approval. She stated that the auditors asked that we use this format so that we will be in compliance. We discussed the format in August at the board retreat.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth asked why wasn't this information mailed to the board members within the (5) five days, as stated by our policies. The board is in violation because we did not have the information within (5) five days to review.

Mr. T. Few shared his experience with budgets; it's a planning allotment. As it relates to violations, if the board would like to meet again next week, to approve the proposed budget resolution we may do so. In the future make sure you have dotted your I's and crossed your T's. When information is brought to the board make sure we are not in violation.

Dr. E. Frederick stated that we barely have enough funds to make ends meet. We have to call to get permission from DPI for line items. We are trying to get information out in a timely manner. This proposed budget needs to be adopted before October 31, 2012.

Mrs. D. Hardy moved to approve the proposed budget Resolution for the 2012-2013 as presented by Ms. Jones. Ms. C. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried. Agree - Hardy-Carmon-Evans. Oppose – Hedgepeth–Hawkins.

Mr. T. Few asked that we make sure in the future that we are not going to be in violation of any policies.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth stated this is why our school system is in the situation we are in now. If we are not going by the policies, we don't need them. When you receive your board package, don't wait until you get to the board meeting before you review the information.

Mr. T. Few has always believed that communication is the key.

Dr. E. Frederick gave announcements. She gave the board members a notebook with the final report of the Evergreen Solution Report to be reviewed at a later date.

Mr. T. Few stated that if we could partner with Weldon and use the old Andrew Jackson as an Alternative Setting. This will be a central location. As reported in the Evergreen Report, the closing of Everetts and Dawson is not a good idea.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth stated that students travel from Hobgood to Enfield and the board is not doing anything to fix that problem.

Ms. C. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

November 5, 2012