

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, December 27, 2012

The Halifax County Board of Education met in a call meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2012. The meeting was held at the Central Office, located on Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

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

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Personnel, Mrs. Linda Bulluck, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representatives from DPI, Ms. Catherine Brooks and Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Dr. Hunter asked that the board add to the agenda to go into closed session after open session.

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition. Mr. C. Carmon seconded the motion. Motioned carried. *All Agree*

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

Dr. E. Frederick introduced Mr. Mike Wike of Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC audit firm and stated that he was here to present the audit for the July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012 year.

Mr. Wike reported that this was a good audit report. It was an improvement from the last past years. There were reductions in audit findings of 13 for the 2011-2012 year. The district received an unqualified opinion. The school system is moving in the right direction.

Board members listened and asked questions as he presented the audit.

As requested by Mr. Hedgepeth, Mr. Wike explained in detail all of the 13 findings in the audit report.

Mrs. D. Hardy stated that she is grateful to see that we have an unqualified audit and our findings are going down from the last audit.

Dr. Hunter couldn't say thank you enough to the audit firm and the retired finance team. We have a long way to go. She thanked the finance staff and Mrs. Jenny Billings and her staff (Harvey Gay, Frances Hammer) for helping us. They are catching up the records while the finance department is doing their daily duties.

Dr. Elease Frederick asked the board to approve the Audit Report for the 2011-2012 year as presented by Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC.

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the Audit Report for the 2011-2012 year as presented. Mrs. D. Hardy seconded the motion. Motioned carried. *All Agree*

Dr. Frederick thanked the audit firm for working with the district, especially our finance staff. She also thanked the retired finance officers for their working with us. Our goal is to work together. Thank you for coming to the audit review meeting. This meeting was needed to get the approval recorded by December 31, 2012.

Dr. Frederick also asked that the board members bring to the next meeting their calendars to plan the next work session to be held in February.

Mrs. D. Hardy made a motion to adjourn from open session into closed session at 10:15 a.m. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried. *All Agree*

Board Chair

Secretary

February 4, 2013