

# THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Central Office Administration Building

9525 Hwy 301 South  
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 1, 2012

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, October 1, 2012. The meeting was held at the Central Office Administrative Building, 9525 Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

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

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Personnel, Dr. Farrell Young, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representatives from DPI: Dr. Pat Ashley, Dr. W. Crawford and Ms. Catherine Brooks and Board Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Dr. Donna Hunter greeted the audience with words of welcome to the October 1, 2012 meeting.

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

Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. S. Evans moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mrs. D. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried. One (1) Oppose - C. Hedgepeth

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Dr. Hunter read the Conflict of Interest Statement to the board. All board members responded that there were no conflicts 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. *All Agree*

### **Personnel Recommendations as presented in Closed Session:**

**CERTIFIED** – Connie Bushatz, Bridgett Pridgen, Patrick Quast.

**NON-CERTIFIED** – Quarry Williams, Shelton Muhammad.

**BUS DRIVERS** – Brittany Rook, Latisha Dickens.

**CHILD NUTRITION SUBSTITUTE** – Kemaya McDaniel, Lagreta Burnette.

**TEACHER SUBSTITUTES** – Justine Simmons, Lula Robinson, Montressa Scott, Mary Brake, Wanda Boone, Teanna M. Richardson.

**RESIGNATIONS** – Trina Robertson, Dr. Farrell Young, Vanessa Mills, Tara Medlin.

**RETIREMENT** – Betty Graham.

Mr. K. Hoggard announced the Student of the Month, Jacob Lynch, a fifth grade student at Hollister Elementary School. Board member, Mr. C. Carmon, presented the certificate and a bag of goodies.

Mr. K. Hoggard announced the Employee of the Month, Mattie Heyward, Teacher Assistant at Enfield Middle School. Board member, Mrs. S. Evans, presented the certificate.

Mrs. Mabel Taylor-Jones introduced the nominees for Teacher of the Year from each school. They received a certificate. Second runner up was Ms. Krystal Robinson from Enfield Middle and the First runner up was Christine Bunn from Hollister Elementary. The Teacher of the Year was Ms. Kamisha Smith, Teacher at William R. Davie Middle. Her motto is: “Do not expect to be what you have not worked to become.” Dr. D. Hunter presented the plaque. Ms. Christine Bunn was also presented a plaque by Dr. Hunter.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle and Ms. D. Umstead presented to the board the new K-2 report card as it relates to the Common Core Standards. Ms. Umstead stated that parents will be informed by pamphlets and also classes will be given at PTA meetings.

Ms. C. Brooks highlighted the DPI transformation team updates for the month of September. The transformation team continues to give support to the superintendent, central office staff and to our teachers and principals in the district. Mrs. Melany Paden will be working with DPI team at Enfield/Inborden School.

Ms. C. Jones gave the board an update of the budgets as of September 27, 2012. We will need to have all budgets on the system by the end of the month.

Mrs. Jennifer Whitfield presented to the board the contract for Project STAY Instructor for approval. Mr. Alfred D. Riddick was the person named.

Mrs. D. Hardy motioned to approve the contract for Project STAY Instructor as presented by Ms. Whitfield. Mr. T. Few moved in second. Motioned carried. *All Agree*

**Superintendent’s Comments:**

Dr. Frederick included in her folder to the board the following information:

News Article;

- Brawley, Eastman reopening still wanted
- Jiona Mills Student of the Year
- Employee of the Year
- White Oak Pre-k Remembers
- “assault” arrests
- Bus wreck
- K-12 Success Made Simple
- Attendance
- Operational Improvements in Halifax County School Districts Report
- Policy Code # 2120 Code of Ethics for School Board Members
- Letter to Ms. Sharon G. Edmundson, CPA
- NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development
- HCS 2012-2013 Calendar of Events
- Average Daily Membership
- HCS students attending charter schools
- Projected Membership
- Antonio Stevens has written and was funded an Upward Bound Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to be used at Northwest through Saint Augustine University
- Sending letter to parents concerning Attendance
- After School Program Learning Pot will be at Everetts Elementary with 150 students
- Special Call meeting will be needed to approve the Local Budget
- Community Forum will be held at Southeast Halifax on November 8<sup>th</sup> and on November 13 at William R Davie Middle

**Board Comments:**

Mr. C. Hedgepeth thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that the parents need to get behind the school system. We need to move in another direction.

Mr. T. Few thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. S. Evans visited the White Oak Child Care Center. She thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. C. Carmon thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. D. Hardy gave congratulations to all who was recognized tonight. Let us do what is best for our children.

Dr. D. Hunter stated “let us keep rowing in the same direction. Our students are taking ownership of their education”.

Dr. E. Frederick asked if any board member is planning on attending the NCSBA conference. Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Hedgepeth and Mr. Carmon will attend.

Mr. T. Few made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

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Board Chair

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Secretary

November 5, 2012