

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

August 1, 2011

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, August 1, 2011. The meeting was held at the Central Office, located on Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina.

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

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

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

Those present participated in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Public Comments:**

Rebecca Copeland asked the board with all the changes with the principals, would the community get the opportunity to meet the principals.

Dr. D. Hunter replied that all schools are making plans for open house. The dates and times will be published on the home page.

**Consideration of Agenda changes:**

- Add c Item II (Introduce New Staff)

Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved to approve the meeting consent agenda as presented in closed session. Mrs. Susie L. Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6) agree

Mrs. Tyrana Battle shared the Curriculum and Instruction informational update.

- Common Core Standards brochure will be sent home with every student.
- As a part of Title I, a letter of school choice will be sent home to every student.

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transition Team Updates for the month of July. She also stated that the team is preparing for the upcoming school year, the focus is literacy.

Ms. Charlene Jones gave the update from the Auditors Draft (07-08 and 08-09).

Mrs. Jennifer Whitfield presented the 2011-2012 Exceptional Children contracts for board approval. All contracts remain the same from last year. The budget can support all contracts at this time. Contracts presented: Academically Gifted Plan (AIG), Transportation, Head-Start Services, Hearing Impaired Services, Instructional Support, Interpreting Services, Medicaid Billing, One-on-One, Physical Therapy, Pre-k Handicapped Coordinator, Project STAY Instructors, Psychological Testing, Speech/Language Services and Visually Impaired Services.

Mrs. Susie Evans motioned to approve the 2011-2012 contracts. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried. (6 Agree)

Dr. Elease Frederick asked for board approval for additional instructional strategies that will impact student achievement. This strategy is to add 30 minutes to the Instructional Day for k-8 students.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins stated that she received telephone calls from the public concerning the thirty minutes added to the instructional day. They feel it is a waste of time. It is only put there to look good and sound good.

Dr. E. Frederick believes that this will benefit a new strategy and we need to do something different to improve student achievement.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve the Instructional Day plan. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried. (6 Agree)

Dr. Elease Frederick asked for board approval to establish a 182 Day Calendar for 2011-2012.

Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to accept the 182 Day Calendar for 2011-2012.  
Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (6 Agree)

Dr. Elease Frederick presented a request from CADA for use of Mobile Classroom at Scotland Neck Primary.

Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the request from CADA as presented by Dr. E. Frederick. Mrs. Susie L. Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6 Agree)

2011-2012 Testing Calendar was presented by Mrs. Margaret Howard for board approval.

Mrs. Susie Evans motioned to approve the 2011-2012 Testing Calendar as presented by Mrs. Margaret Howard. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Auditor's Contract from Anderson Smith and Wike was presented for board approval by Dr. E. Frederick.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins motioned to approve the Auditor's contract. Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment was presented by Ms. Charlene Jones for board approval.

Mrs. Susie Evans motioned to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Ms. Charlene Jones informed the board that all state and federal allotments were not setup and some allotments were not received.

It was asked to remove the financial report from action item to information update.

**Superintendent Comments:**

- Dr. D. Hunter will be one of the speakers at the State of Our Community Luncheon on August 25, 2011
- Board Retreat will be held at Hilton Gardens in Roanoke Rapids
- Summer Professional Development will be at William R Davie Middle School
- Agenda for the Retreat
- Received an invitation to attend the County Commissioners meeting on September 6, 2011

**Board Comments:**

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins gave the board the calendar of events from the North Carolina School Boards Association for the month of August and September. She thanked the public for their support to the board. You can call them, e-mail, and twitter. Utilize your board members.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked the public for coming out this evening. She received calls from the Northwest High concerning their sports. She hopes that you have a successful school year.

Mr. Tyus Few stated that the public could call him with any problems. He thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a better school year.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy congratulated all those who will hold new positions. We are committed to supporting you in your positions. She commended Dr. Frederick in making changes.

Mr. Clarence Carmon welcomed everyone. He welcomed all the new personnel to the county. We are here to move forward not backwards.

Mrs. Susie L. Evans thanked every one for coming out. She's looking forward to meeting the new personnel.

Dr. Donna Hunter stated this is our time – our year. Our kids have potential. We need our kids in the classrooms; we need our teachers in the classroom. You can call me if you have concerns, but follow the procedures. Thank you for coming out and have a good night.

Mrs. Gladys Walden made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

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Board Chair

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Secretary

September 12, 2011