

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**CALL MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

August 17, 2011

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. The meeting was held at the central office administration building located on Hwy 301 South in Halifax, North Carolina.

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

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Personnel Director, Dr. Farrell Young, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representative from DPI: Mrs. Ann Brown, Board Attorney, Larry Armstrong.

Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, called the call meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

Dr. Donna Hunter greeted the public with words of welcome.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented in closed session. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gladys Walden moved to approve the personnel recommendation as presented in closed session by Dr. F. Young. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6 agree)

Dr. E. Frederick asked for board approval to name the Football Field at Northwest "Johnnie F. Wills Field". It is imperative that the policy is followed. That the superintendent is informed on everything that is happening at our schools. The policy committee will revisit this policy. Not following policies will bring problems in the future.

Mr. Tyus Few moved to approve the naming of the Football Field at Northwest High. Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved in second. Motion carried. (6 agree)

Superintendent's Announcements:

- Plan to join us on Opening Day Session (August 18th) sponsored by Central Office Team
- Central Office Duty List – please add the extensions
- Tentative Board Work Session Topics
- FYI an article concerning extending the school day

- Board Chair sent a letter to the board chairs at Roanoke Rapids and Weldon School District concerning merger
- Calendar of Board Meeting's next meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at Southeast High

Board Comments:

Mrs. Debbie Hardy congratulated the Northwest High football team on the naming of the field. She charged the team to let the character of Johnnie Wills reflect what he stood for. You should be totally different. A strong character. Have a positive and a work hard attitude. Don't let that name go in vain.

Mr. Clarence Carmon stated that Mr. Wills was a good person. Young men you have to work hard on the field and in the classroom. Do the right thing.

Mrs. Susie Evans stated that you have to put your heart in the right place. Strive to become the type of man Mr. Wills was.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins shared that she can be found on face book "Princess". She will hold comments until September meeting. We need your support like we have it tonight.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Very proud of all of you.

Mr. Tyus Few echoed what all the board members have said tonight. Mr. Wills gave a significant contribution to the county. He deserved this honor. He also stood for academics.

Attorney Armstrong also played football at Enfield Middle School. Remember never to give up. Learn a lesson on the football field as well as in the classroom.

Dr. Donna Hunter had nothing negative to say about Mr. Wills. It is good to be in sports, but education comes first. Keep Mr. Wills name a legacy in the county. Football Team you stand out at your school with positive friends. Get your education. Have school pride, respect others. Keep Johnny Wills name alive.

Dr. Frederick thanked the Ivory Hill Baptist Church for inviting her to a Back to School Bash, it was outstanding. The theme "Bringing Academic Success to Halifax County".

Mrs. Debbie Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mrs. Gladys Walden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

September 12, 2011