

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

December 5, 2011

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, December 5, 2011. The meeting was held at the Central Office, 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 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 2:35 p.m.

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

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Susie Evans moved to approve the meeting consent agenda as presented in closed session. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Dr. Donna Hunter asked that we add to Action Items (g) Board of Education change January meeting date.

Dr. F. Young introduced the principal of William R Davie Middle School, Mr. Victor Fenner.

Mr. Keith Hoggard recognized the student of the month, Kristen Pampilo, a fifth grade student at Pittman Elementary School. Dr. E. Frederick awarded a certificate and goodie bag to the student.

Mr. Keith Hoggard recognized the employee of the Month, Samantha Harrington, an Exceptional Children's Teacher at Pittman Elementary School. Mr. Tyus Few presented the certificate to Ms. Harrington.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle presented the Curriculum and Instruction update. Mrs. Battle updated the board on the Daily Five in the classroom: 1)Read to Self 2)Read to Buddy 3)Work on Writing 4)Word Work and 5) Listen to Reading. The board members requested a copy of the Daily Five.

Mrs. Battle also informed the board that Read Seed Inc. donated over 2000 books to Halifax County Schools.

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transformation Team Updates for the month of December.

Mrs. Gladys Walden asked for board approval of the policies that have been on the table for thirty days.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve as presented. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Mr. Daniel Harris asked for board approval for the 2011-2012 Procurement Plan.

Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to approve the plan as presented by Mr. Harris. Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Dr. Elease Frederick asked for board approval for Early dismissal on December 21, 2011 for students and staff.

Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the early dismissal on December 21, 2011. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Dr. Frederick asked for board approval for Northwest High School Class of 2012 to participate in an overnight field trip to Universal's Grad Bash in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the overnight field trip. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Ms. Charlene Jones highlighted the Budget Updates.

Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the budget updates as presented by Ms. C. Jones. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Ms. Charlene Jones gave the budget amendments for board approval.

Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to approve the budget amendments. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Dr. E. Frederick asked for board approval to reschedule the Board meeting for January until January 9, 2012.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve the January 9, 2012 board meeting date. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (5 – Agree)

Superintendent Comments:

- 2011 changes to the Teacher Dismissal Process
- Classroom Management Training for selected Teachers Part II
- Attendance
- NCSBA Training Events

Mr. Tyus Few is hearing that there are still issues with the accuracy of the TACS clock. It has been told that everybody is not using the program. Some are not clocking in on a daily basis but getting credit for working.

Dr. Frederick stated that we are monitoring the TACS clock. We will have a face to face meeting with those individual that are not signing-in properly.

Dr. Donna Hunter reported that if you are knowledgeable of concerns that are happening in the community. You need to make the superintendent aware of them.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked everyone for attending. She congratulated the new principal, Mr. Victor Fenner. She attended Northwest High for their interview Day with the seniors. I wish you a Happy and Safe Merry Christmas.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Susie Evans thanked everyone for attending. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Tyus Few wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He asked that we continue to work hard.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked everyone for attending. The board appreciates everything that you do.

Dr. D. Hunter thanked everyone for attending. I wish you a safe and Merry Christmas. We have homeless children and children less fortunate than we are. Let's make sure they are warm and have food this Christmas.

Mrs. Gladys Walden made a motion to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

January 9, 2012