

The Halifax County Board Of Education

February 7, 2011

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, February 7, 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. Gladys Walden, Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Mrs. Susie Evans, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins and Mr. Clarence Carmon.

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Personnel Director, Dr. Farrell Young, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Charles Chambliss, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, 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 7:10 p.m.

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

Mr. Tyus Few moved to approve the meeting agenda, minutes and personnel recommendations as presented in closed session. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Teicher Patterson, HCAE, thank the board for the opportunity to voice the concerns of teachers in Halifax County Schools:

- Teacher Supplements
- Insurance and Benefits
- Resources for classrooms
- Employee moral
- Job security

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CERTIFIED - Amanda Carter, Bruce Page, Patrick Smith, Tiffany Wilson, Jennifer Joyner, Lisa Studer, Regina Brooks, Karen Pleasant.

NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – Antione Alston, Norris K. Taylor (DECLINE), Chelsey Dixon, James Havis.

TEACHER SUBSTITUTES – Carol Backus, Kimberly S. Sellers, Timeka Pittman.

CHILD NUTRITION SUBSTITUTE – Linda M. Lyons.

TRANSFERS – Judy Green, Brenda Lemon, Connie Pulley, Dail Pittman.

RETIREE Coming Back To Work – Mamie Scott.

RESIGNATIONS – Amy Yates, Linda Smith, Stacy Pittman, Allisha Hicks, Dennis Carrington, Heather A. Harris, Archie McLeod.

Mr. Keith Hoggard introduced the Student of the Month, Omarion Reid, a third grade student, at Hollister Elementary School. Dr. Frederick presented a certificate and a bag of goodies. After receiving his awards he addressed the crowd with a thank you.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle gave updates on Curriculum and Instruction.

- Mrs. Mabel Taylor-Jones presented to the board and the community the Parent Leaders of Halifax County Schools. The Parent Leaders play an important role in our school system. She introduced the leaders and the schools they represent.
- Mrs. Battle stated preliminary data from the high schools testing will be shared at the Board Work Session.

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transition Team Updates. A copy was given to the public.

Dr. E. Frederick gave the update on the Reopening of Brawley and Eastman Schools. Due to inclement weather, the committee did not meet. The next meeting date is scheduled for February 14, 2011; individual committees will meet at that time.

Mr. C. Chambliss presented the facilities school usage fee. Mrs. Walden stated that this policy was received at the policy meeting, but did not see the need to make changes. Mr. Few stated that the rates are too high that people are turned off from using the schools. This policy will go back to the committee for revision.

Mrs. G. Walden presented to the board the following board policies that will be placed on the table for thirty (30) days for review:

- # 4317 Student Conduct on School Vehicles (Rescinds 6250)
- # 4320 Tobacco Products – Students (Rescinds 6239)
- # 7920 Professional Personnel Reduction in Force (Revised)

Mr. C. Chambliss presented the revised calendar due to bad weather on February 11, 2011.

It was motioned by Mrs. G. Walden to approve the revised calendar as presented by Mr. C. Chambliss. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Six (6) agrees. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Chambliss and Mr. D. Pearson presented the revised Capital Outlay Budget. After discussion, it was motioned by Mrs. D. Hardy to approve the revised Capital Outlay Budget as presented. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Six (6) agrees. Motion carried.

Ms. C. Jones presented the financial and audit update. She also explained the error in the payroll for January. A letter will be sent to each employee explaining the error and it will be corrected in February payroll. It was motioned by Mr. T. Few to approve the updates as presented. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Superintendent Comments:

- **Reviewed the announcements on the back of the agenda**
- **CN Director introduced to the Board**
- **Student Attendance needing to improve**

Board Comments:

Mr. Tyus Few is happy know that the error in payroll was a computer glitch NOT finance.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy attended the Motivational Assemblies. They were great. She also visited classrooms.

Mrs. Gladys Walden stated we need volunteers to proctor during testing. Amazed that some children do not have learning on their mind.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins distributed the North Carolina School Boards Calendar of events to fellow board members.

Dr. Donna Hunter reminded everyone of the board work session on Saturday, February 19th. Attended the Motivational Assemblies. She thanked Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Jordan for their vision. Students need to buckle down and stay focus. We need to get parents to stay focused on education. Discipline is a major problem. Dr. Hunter asked that we place on the web for our students to attend summer camps and scholarships. She also stated that she will be attending PTA meetings and that she asked principals to allow her to be on the agenda for 10 minutes.

Mrs. D. Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

March 7, 2011