

The Halifax County Board Of Education

March 7, 2011

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, March 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. 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, Representative from DPI: Mrs. Ann Brown.

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

Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to go into open session at 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments:

Reverend Andrew West – Concerned Citizens of White Oak Community – Reverend West spoke on behalf of the parents of children that attend Smart Start Program at White Oak Child Development Center. It was recently learned that because of budget cuts this program will not operate. The employees are working hard to provide a quality learning for our children at an early age. There are no other Day Care facilities that can help our children. The citizens are very concerned that you are closing another school.

Crystal Ward – Talked on the closing of the Smart Start program at White Oak Child Development Center.

Lashonda Evans – Also talked on the closing of the Smart Start program at White Oak Child Development Center. She asked that they reconsider the closing.

Dr. D. Hunter stated that usually we do not comment on public comments but she must say that the Board just received information about the White Oak Child Development Center closing. Halifax County Schools do not generate the funds for the child care center. We have a presenter to speak on behalf of the closing. This is not our fault.

Mr. T. Few moved to approve the meeting agenda, minutes and personnel recommendations as presented in closed session. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – Janice Ponger, Frederick Jefferson,

TEACHER SUBSTITUTES – Sonya D. Boone, Valerie Anderson, Christy Whitaker

RESIGNATIONS – Nikita Boykin, Lisa Glaser.

ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE – Dr. Viola Vaughan-Holland

ADMINISTRATORS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTRACTS FOR 2011-2015

- Dr. Farrell Young
- Jennifer Whitfield
- Margaret Peggy Howard
- Stacy Lee

Mr. Keith Hoggard introduced to the Board the Student of the Month, Demya Faulcon, a fifth grade student, at Everetts Elementary School. Dr. Frederick presented the goodie bag and certificate.

Mr. Charles Chambliss gave congratulations to Mr. Duriel Smith and Enfield Middle School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the Roanoke Valley Middle Schools Conference Championship and Tournament Championship with a record of 15-0. A certificate was presented to the coach and each player for a job well done.

Ms. Magda Baligh, Halifax-Warren Smart Start updated the board that after reviewing funds the Smart Start Board made the decision to end the program. Our children need this service. The community can write to the board with their concerns at Post Office Box 339, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870. The next board meeting will be held April 28th. Dr. Frederick read a letter from CADA in support of the Child Development Center.

Mrs. T. Battle gave updates on Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Battle introduced the personnel with Migrant Education Program. They gave a brief description of the program.

- Yolanda Lopez-Portillo, Recruiter and Jamilah Sweet, Data Entry Specialist

Dr. E. Frederick gave the update on the Reopening of Brawley and Eastman Schools. The next meeting date is scheduled for February 14, 2011. Committees will report out.

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

4331 Assaults, Threats and Harassment (Rescinds 6233)
4335 Criminal Behavior (Rescinds 6211 - in part)
4340 School-Level Investigations (Rescinds 6200)
4342 Student Searches (Rescinds 6160)
4345 Student Discipline Records (Rescinds 6800- in part)
Use of School Facilities (Revised)

Mrs. G. Walden asked for board approval for the following policies that have been on the board 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)

It was motioned by Mrs. G. Walden to approve the policies as presented. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Six (5) Agrees. Motion carried.

Mrs. M. Howard presented a change to expand NCEXTEND1 in the testing window. It was motioned by Mr. T. Few to accept the change in the testing window. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Six (5) Agrees. Motion carried.

Ms. C. Jones presented the financial and audit update. She introduced to the board a time clock system. The reason for getting this clock is because we were in violation with IRS on reporting our time. Central Office and Hollister Elementary School are pilot sites.

It was motioned by Mrs. G. Walden to approve the updates as presented. Mr. T. Few moved in second. (5) Agrees. Motion carried.

Ms. C. Jones stated that we are still sending data to the auditors as they request. They will be coming on site; no date has been scheduled. It was motioned by Mrs. S. Evans to accept the audit update. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Five (5) Agrees. Motion carried.

Dr. E. Frederick received a request for an overnight field trip from Enfield Middle AVID program on March 26-27. Mr. Linda Bullock, Principal, supported the trip.

It was motioned by Mr. T. Few to approve the overnight field trip. Mrs. G. Walden moved in second. Five (5) Agrees. Motion carried.

Superintendent Comments:

- Student Attendance
- Staff Attendance
- Parent Survey for Cell Phone Use due back to this office on Thursday, March 17, 2011
- Education Summit 2011 – Thursday, April 7th at The Centre at HCC

- Concerns Re: Charter School Law Changes

Board Comments:

Mr. Tyus Few addressed the audience concerning charter schools. You may not be aware of the monies that public schools pay charter schools. Charter schools are draining the public school system.

Mrs. Gladys Walden offered congratulations to the Enfield Middle School Basketball Team not only on athletics but on academics. Northwest Halifax High Band and Choir attended her church, attended the finance meeting, attended the Closing Achievement and Closing Gap Task Force meeting, and invited others to attend the Policy meeting.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins read a Thank You card from the family of the late Theresa Bell. She also shared the NCSB Association events with the board.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for showing up tonight. We need to continue to work together.

Mrs. Susie Evans stated her visit with Southeast Halifax was enjoyable. She read a card from the family of the late Daniel Lee Robinson, Sr.

Dr. Donna Hunter thanked every for coming out. She will visit the PTA meetings at Aurelian Springs, Hollister Elementary (March 15) and Everetts (March 10). Dr. Hunter's focus is discipline. We need more PE programs in our schools. Our children are overweight. We need to prepare a balanced meal. We need to work as a team and be committed to what we do.

Mr. Tyus Few made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

April 4, 2011