

The Halifax County Board Of Education
May 2, 2011

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, May 2, 2011. The meeting was held at William R. Davie Middle School, located on 4391 Hwy 158, Roanoke Rapids, 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 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.

Changes in the agenda as presented in the close session:

- Change - Reopening of School from (Action Item e.) to (Information Update (h.))
- Change – Standard Form of Agreement Between HCS (Action Item f.) to (Information Update (i.))
- Change – Action Item IV. g. (separate items 1-2-3)
- Change – Action Item IV. g. (Architects fee) pending

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved to approve the meeting consent agenda and the personnel recommendations as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Keith Hoggard introduced the Student of the Month, Tiphany Watson, a third-grade student, at Aurelian Springs Elementary School. Dr. Frederick presented her with a certificate and a bag of goodies.

Mrs. T. Battle gave an update on Curriculum and Instruction.

- Funding through the School Improvement Grant
 - Dawson Elementary, Inborden Elementary, William R Davie Middle, and Northwest High met the deadline for applying for this grant.

- Ms. Dottie Umstead gave an update on Advance-Ed formally known as SACS
 - All eleven schools have met accreditation for SACS
- Jennifer Whitfield reported on the AIGT Spelling Bee & Battle of the Books competitions

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transition Team Updates.

Dr. Frederick gave the update on the Reopening of Brawley and Eastman Schools.

Dr. Frederick updated the board on the White Oak Parent/Child Center. She met with CADA personnel and they are planning to provide services to the center.

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

- # 4326 Gang-Related Activity
- # 5000 Schools and the Community (*Rescinds 3400,8200,8300,8310*)
- # 5005 Public Information Program (*Rescinds 8000, 8100*)
- # 5010 Parent Organizations
- # 5015 School Volunteers
- # 5020 Visitors to the Schools (*Rescinds 8700*)
- # 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- # 5025 Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages (*Rescinds 6238 – in part*)
- # 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products (*Rescinds 6239 – in part*)
- # 5027/7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited (*Rescinds 6235 – in part*)
- # 5030 Community Use of Facilities (*Rescinds 8400*)
- # 9205 Pest Management (*Rescinds 9010*)

Dr. E. Frederick presented to the board the design work for the reopening of Brawley. We are in the planning stage of reopening of schools and due to funds it takes less work to reopen Brawley than Eastman. Only funds received is the sale of timber. Only funds used were for the cost for advertising.

Dr. E. Frederick presented to the board the Standard Form of Agreement between Halifax County Schools and the Architect. This agreement is pending.

The Time and Attendance Capture System was presented to the board by Dr. Frederick for approval for the district. This system is currently being used at the central office and Hollister Elementary School and eventually will be used for the entire district. The system is another document of tracking the attendance for payroll purpose.

Mrs. D. Hardy motioned to accept the time and attendance capture system as presented by Dr. E. Frederick. Mrs. G. Walden moved in second. (Three favor – Hardy-Walden-Carmon) and (Three oppose – Few-Hawkins-Evans) Dr. D. Hunter voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Chambliss presented to the board for approval the 2011-2012 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education Plan (CTE).

Mrs. D. Hardy motioned to accept the CTE plan as presented. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Chambliss asked for board approval for the 2011-2012 school calendar.

Mrs. S. Evans motioned to accept the school calendar as presented. Mr. C. Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Dr. E. Frederick asked to move the Personnel Board Meeting until May 23, 2011.

Mrs. S. Evans motioned to accept the move of the Personnel Board Meeting. Mrs. D. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Chambliss presented to the board approval for lottery funding request to repair the roof at Northwest 900 building, replace HVAC Unit at Northwest in the 600 and 700 buildings and the Fire Alarm System at Everetts Elementary.

Mrs. G. Walden motioned to approve the lottery funds request as presented. Mrs. D. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

Ms. C. Jones presented to the board the Financial Update. With two more months to operate, there are concerns with PRC 056.

Mrs. C. Jones gave an update to the board on the auditors report for year 07-08 and 08-09.

Superintendent Comments

- Attendance
- Teacher Absences
- North Carolina School Boards Association
- Meeting Evaluations
- Shared the agenda for the Board Work Session

Board Comments:

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked the principal and staff at Davie Middle for the use of the facilities tonight. She attended the Community Forum. The focus is the

importance of our children attending school. The information received was great but not well attended. Let's continue to work together to improve the education in Halifax County.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins stated that she voted against the time clock in Halifax County. She also shared information from the NC School Boards Association.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.

Mr. Tyus Few thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for coming out. How can we get our parents involved in their children's education? We need to talk to these parents and get them to come out.

Dr. Donna Hunter thanked everyone for coming out. She will continue to attend PTA's. We are holding children accountable for their education. It's important for employees to come to work also. Let's continue to be a role model for the children.

No other comments shared by the board.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

June 6, 2011