

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aurelian Springs Elementary School
10536 Hwy 48
Littleton, NC 27850

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

November 7, 2011

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, November 7, 2011. The meeting was held at the Aurelian Springs Elementary School, 10536 Hwy 48, Littleton, 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, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Personnel Director, Dr. Farrell Young, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representatives from DPI: Dr. Pat Ashley, Dr. Will Crawford, Ms. Catherine Brooks and Board Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Public Comments:

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins – Citizen and Former Parent – Ms. Hawkins reminded the board and made the citizens aware that the blame for the education of our students is not the teachers, the students, or the parents. The blame is totally in the hands of those who make the rules. It's time to let the students know they are not in charge. If students know that there are stiff consequences if they do wrong, rules will be enforced.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved to approve the meeting consent agenda as presented in closed session. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (6 - Agree)

Mr. Keith Hoggard recognized the student of the month, Ty'Teana Harris, a third grade student at Dawson Elementary School. She was awarded a certificate and goodie bag. The principal, teacher, mother and father were present.

Mr. Keith Hoggard recognized the employee of the Month, Karyn Pleasant, Science Teacher at Enfield Middle School. Ms. Pleasant was presented a certificate by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins.

Mrs. Yvonne Spruill Harris was awarded the 2011-2012 Teacher Assistant of the Year. Mrs. Gladys Walden presented the certificate. Mrs. Mabel Taylor Jones presented the plaque. Mrs. Casandra Mills was recognized as the First Runner-up. Mrs. Gladys Walden presented the certificate.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle present the Curriculum and Instruction update. Aurelian Springs highlighted a fourth grader learning the 21st Century Technology.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle introduced the School Improvement Grant Laptop Handbook which will be offered at Southeast Halifax High and Enfield Middle Schools. There will be an orientation for the students and parents before receiving these devices. If a parent decides not to sign the agreement, the device will only be used in the classroom.

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transformation Team Updates for the month of November. Ms. Brooks introduced high school Instructional Coaches. They came forward and shared their roles on a daily basis.

Mrs. Tyrana Battle shared with us the proposed Staff Incentive Plan for 2011-2012 for student achievement for staff.

Dr. Elease Frederick shared the proposed Performance Incentive Initiative to recruit and retain highly qualified Principals, Assistant Principals and Instructional Coaches.

Mrs. Gladys Walden presented to the board the policies that will be placed on the table for thirty days for review. Also, a board member asked about the policy for staff dress code. A dress code policy is in place, it only needs to be enforced at each school.

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

- # 6000 Support Services (*Rescinds 6620,6630,6600*)
- # 6100 Goals of Student Health Services (*Rescinds 6640*)
- # 6110 Organization of Student Health Services (*new*)
- # 6120 Student Health Services (*Rescinds 6640,6716*)
- # 6200 Goals of Student Services (*Rescinds 7050*)
- # 6210 Organization of Student Food Services (*Rescinds 7010,7020,7030*)
- # 6220 Operation of Student Food Services (*Rescinds 6730 in part, 7040, 7041*)
- # 6225 Free and Reduced Price Services (*Rescinds 6770,7042,7043*)
- # 6230 Nutritional Standards for Food Selection (*Rescinds 7060*)
- # 6235 Beverage Vending Sales (*Rescinds 7060 in part*)
- # 7920 Professional Personnel Reduction in Force (*Rescinds March 7, 2011*)
- # 6241 Uniform Policy – (*Amendment*)

Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve as presented. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6 – Agree)

Mrs. Tyrana Battle asked for board approval for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Contracts. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins motioned to approve as listed. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried. (6 – Agree)

Dr. Eleese Frederick asked for board approval of the Audits: 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, in which the board received for review.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins motioned to approve the audits. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6 – Agree)

Ms. Charlene Jones highlighted the Budget Updates.

Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the budget updates as presented by Ms. Charlene Jones. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried. (6 – Agree)

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

Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve the budget amendments. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (6 – Agree)

Ms. Charlene Jones presented the local budget for approval. Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to approve the local budget. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried. (6 - Agree)

Superintendent Comments:

- **Board Work Sessions (tentative topics)**
- **Proceeds of sale of unclaimed property**
- **K-12 Funding Priority**
- **Virtual Teacher Job Fair**
- **NCAE**
- **Teacher Absences**
- **Attendance Week of October 25, 2011**
- **(Draft) Fall Community Forums**
- **Round Table Discussion**
- **(Revised) PTA/PTSA/PTO Dates**
- **Report Cards**
- **Migrant Education Program Brochures**
- **News Articles:**
- **Courts to punish parents on school attendance issues**
- **Feedback forums planned**
- **More than a coach**
- **Tobacco Survey**

Board Comments:

Mr. Tyus Few thanked everyone for coming out. Our children will achieve.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked everyone for coming out. She attended the PTA at Southeast Halifax.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins recognized the Teacher Assistant of the Year and the staff members. Also we have not forgotten our seasoned staff.

Mrs. Susie Evans thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked Aurelian Springs personnel for their hospitality. The audits have been completed and now we can begin with a fresh start.

Dr. Donna Hunter stated that this school board made the decision to write Roanoke Rapids School Board and Weldon School Board to meet and discuss merger. Both boards decline to meet to talk merger. We need to do what is best for the children in Halifax County Schools.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

December 5, 2011