

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

October 3, 2011

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, October 3, 2011. The meeting was held at the Central Office, 9525 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, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments:

Mr. Hanif Omar – Capitol Educational Support, Inc. – Mr. Omar made an appeal to the board to reconsider its decision and allow education providers to use Halifax County School facilities to provide free tutoring for its students. Most parents can not afford to transport students from school and then to “off-site” locations for them to receive academic help.

Mr. David Harvey – President of Halifax County NAACP – Mr. Harvey thanked the board for their commitment to Halifax County Schools. He stated to continue to do what you do, and that you are not going to please everyone in the education system. The NAACP is supporting school consolidation.

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

Dr. Donna Hunter asked that we delete Action Item (b).

Dr. E. Frederick recognized the student of the month, Ke'Shya Bryant, an eighth grade student at Enfield Middle School. She was awarded a certificate and goodie bag. Principal, Jacqueline Williams was also present.

Dr. E. Frederick and Dr. F. Young recognized the employee of the Month, Tony Alston. He works as the Maintenance Department's Heating and Air Condition Mechanic. Dr. Frederick stated that this was a new program for the employees to be recognized for their work beyond the call of duty. Mr. Alston was presented a certificate.

Dr. E. Frederick recognized Charles Chambliss with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine plaque signed by the Governor. Mr. Chambliss retired in August with thirty-plus years.

Dr. E. Frederick, Mrs. T. Battle and Mrs. Taylor-Jones recognized the teachers of the year from each school. The TOY for 2011-2012 school year is Tammy Hedgepeth of William R Davie Middle School - 2nd Runner Up is Michael Bovell of Northwest Halifax High and 1st Runner Up is Krystall Robinson of Enfield Middle School. The TOY was presented a plaque and the check is in the mail envelope. Dr. Hunter gave words of expressions to the TOY and to all of the Runner Ups.

Ms. Catherine Brooks shared the DPI Transition Team Updates for the month of October. She introduced Dr. Pat Ashley, Dr. Will Crawford and the Instructional Coaches Staff from DPI. Literacy is the focus at the third-grade level. She introduced the Literacy Instructional Coaches that will be working with the third grade students.

Ms. Dottie Umstead introduced Sandra Shoulars, a third grade teacher at Pittman Elementary. She talked about the literacy plan from a teacher's perspective.

Dr. Elease Frederick asked that the board read through the Prepayment of Teacher information, additional information is needed from the North Carolina School Board before considering to accept.

Mrs. Gladys Walden presented to the board the policies that will be placed 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*)

Dr. Marvin Bradley, Principal at Northwest, made a presentation of the new uniform policy that he would like to see in the high schools for the coming year. The students

will have a school store on campus that will supply the shirts. Cost of the shirt is \$15.00 and for a physical education shirt, the cost is \$10.00.

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins asked that we revisit the dress code for staff.

Mrs. Gladys Walden presented Policy #4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury for immediate board approval. Mrs. Debbie Hardy motioned to approve Policy # 4270/6145 as presented. Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried. (6 agree)

Dr. E. Frederick asked for board approval for a partnership agreement between White Oak Parent/Child Center and the School System. Mrs. Gladys Walden motioned to approve as presented by Dr. Frederick. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried. (6 agree)

Dr. E. Frederick gave an overview of the budget report. The Local Budget is being worked through. All budgets are on the system. Ms. C. Jones was present, due to sickness was unable to present the report. Mr. Tyus Few motioned to approve the Budget Updates. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried. (6 agree)

Superintendent Comments:

- Substitute Teacher refresher course
- Duties of Superintendent
- Letter to Roanoke Rapids & Weldon Board Chairman
- Halifax County Tax Office
- Attendance Week of September 26
- Teacher Absences August 18 – September 2011
- 2011-2012 PTA/PTSA Dates
- 2011 – 2012 Calendar of Events
- Employee of the Month Recognition Program
- HCS Board of Education Boards' Work Sessions
- Commonwealth Progress - Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Sep. 28-Oct. 4

Board Comments:

Mr. Tyus Few congratulated Mrs. Hedgepeth again for being the TOY.

Mrs. Gladys Walden thanked the audience for attending the meeting. She also stated that she attended the district meeting held in Wilson County.

Ms. C. Hawkins shared the information from the North Carolina School Board. Congratulations was given to all teachers who represented their schools as TOY and to the TOY, Mrs. Hedgepeth. She asked that they let our students know that they can have a chance to be the student of the year and student of the month.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked everyone for coming out. She also asked the student of the month to stay focused.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for coming out. He also asked that we look forward to a good year.

Mrs. Susie Evans thanked everyone for coming out. She also congratulated all of the honorees.

Dr. Donna Hunter asked that we encourage our parents to send their children to school everyday, and for parents attend board meetings to stay abreast of what is happening in our schools.

Mrs. Gladys Walden made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mrs. Susie Evans moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

November 7, 2011