

Halifax County Board of Education
April 12, 2010

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, April 12, 2010. The meeting was held at the central office administrative building located on Hwy. 301 in Halifax, North Carolina.

Present: Debbie Hardy, Chair, Gladys Walden, Vice-Chair, Tyrone Williams, Carolyn Hawkins, Dr. Donna Hunter, Michael Hawkins, and A. Faye Young.

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, Charles Chambliss, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. MiShawna Moore, Public Relations Officer, Keith Hoggard, Asst. Finance Officer, Charlene Jones, Representative from DPI: Dr. Pat Ashley and James Ellerbe, and Board Attorney, Larry Armstrong.

Mrs. Hardy, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Walden moved to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing information that is privileged, confidential or not a public record under N. C. General Statute § 143-318.11 (a) (1). Dr. Hunter moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Chair called the open session to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Yolanda Johnson – Committee to Save Education in Halifax County – asked the following questions:
 - How much money was saved with the closing of the schools?
 - What happened to the funds with the closing of the schools? We were told there would be a savings.
 - How were they disbursed?
 - What are you planning for next year?
 - There is more than one way to skin a cat. Every decision you make is a direct decision on children-instruction.
- Mrs. Margaret Parrish – Committee to Save Education in Halifax County Schools – stated the committee acknowledges the response received on March 9, 2010 relative to the proposal for Halifax County Schools Consolidation Feasibility Study that was presented on February 8, 2010 by the Committee. The Committee is asking that a written proposal be available to the general public for review.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

- Minutes from March 1, 2010.
- Personnel recommendations, as presented in closed session.

Mr. Keith Hoggard introduced to the Board members and the Superintendent, Twashonda Armstrong, a 7th grade student at Enfield Middle School as Halifax County Schools' Student of the Month for March 2010.

Special recognition was given to the board members for receiving Ethics Training Certification. Also certificates of Merit from NCSBA Award of Excellence was given to board members Gladys L. Walden and Tyrone T. Williams.

Ms. Dottie Umstead gave the Curriculum update. She referenced a pilot program (K-1 Diagnostic Assessment Pilot in Reading and Math) that our district volunteered to participate in. K-1 students at Aurelian Springs and Scotland Neck Primary will participate in Math and Pittman Elementary will participate in Reading.

Mrs. Catherine Brooks, DPI District Transformation Coach was unable to be here tonight, her update was removed from the agenda.

Board members received the following board policies to be placed on the table for review for thirty (30) days:

- #3000 – Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (*Replaces 2000 – adopted May 4, 1992 & 5000 – revised Aug. 13, 1987*)
- #3100 – Curriculum Development (*Replaces 5010 – revised Jan. 11, 1999*)
- #3101 – Concurrent Enrollment and Other Curriculum Expansions (*Replaces 5035 – adopted Aug. 13, 1987*)
- #3110 – Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction (*Replaces 5030 – adopted Aug. 13, 1987 & 5250 – adopted Aug. 13, 1976*)
- #3115 – Curriculum and Instructional Pacing Guides/Blueprints (*Replaces 5010 – revised January 11, 1999*)
- #3120 – Lesson Planning (*Replaces 1050 – (New)*)
- #3130 – Organizing and Grouping for Instruction (*Replaces 5100 & 5130 - adopted Aug. 13, 1987; 5131 – adopted Aug. 5, 1991*)
- #3131 – Hospital/Homebound Program (*Replaces 5037 – adopted – Dec. 5, 1994*)
- #3140 – Evaluation of Instructional Programs (*Replaces 5500 – adopted Aug. 13, 1987*)
- #4328/5029/7272 – Animals Allowed in Schools (*New*)

Dr. Eleese Frederick presented the financial update. Assistant Finance Officer, Charlene Jones assisted her. Mrs. Carrie Neal, Finance Officer resigned as of March 31, 2010.

- Board asked that we research the minus balances.

Mrs. A. Faye Young requested board approval for the policies which have been on the table for thirty (30) days. Mr. Williams moved in approval of board policies as presented by Mrs. Young. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Chambliss presented the 2010 – 2011 school calendar for board approval. There were concerns for the month of April. After discussion found the calendar had a type-o. Mr. Williams moved in motion to accept the 2010 – 2011 calendar with the amended change. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Williams made the motion to remove the surplus of Bakers Elementary School from the agenda until further study. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Hawkins moved in approval for the Budget Amendment as presented by Dr. Frederick. Mrs. Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Williams moved in approval for the Interim Local Budget. Ms. Hunter moved in second. Motion carried.

- Change the wording to Proposed
- Dr. Hunter requested Mr. Chambliss give to the board dates on Capital Outlay Projects completed, locations and incomplete projects.

Mrs. Walden made a motion to approve the Interim Budget Resolution as presented by Dr. Frederick. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

- SIG Grant meeting on Thursday (April 15th) Schools involved are Enfield Middle and Southeast Halifax
- A list of approved Field Trips being taken in March and April
- Attendance being monitored

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Dr. Donna Hunter – Technology is great. When committees meet if they would share their minutes on the Web site for the public to read. Dr. Hunter has been asked to serve on the committee ADHOP with Dr. June Atkinson.
- Mr. Michael Hawkins – His Easter break was spent visiting all the schools in the county. No problems were seen. He talked with teachers and students.
- Mrs. A. Faye Young – I thank Dr. Frederick for sharing the information on field trips and bus routes. The Policy Committee will meet on April 22nd at 4:00 p.m. I thank all of you for coming.
- Mr. Tyrone Williams – I remember Governor Perdue, making the statement that an alternative school is needed. I ask the board chair and superintendent to draft a letter to her to make this come a reality.
- Mrs. Gladys Walden – I thank all of you for coming and staying. The Curriculum Committee visited Davie Middle and Everetts on March 9th. I attended the JROTC Ball held at Weldon High which also included Northwest.
- Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins – I am going into my act. Halifax County is a good county, good things are happening. She read an excerpt from an article found in the News and Observer on March 14th entitled “Rescuing kids at troubled schools”. We hire them and then they leave us and talk about us. Have a good night.
- Mrs. Debbie Hardy – I thank everyone for coming. Mark your calendar on May 6th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a Webinar here at the central office sponsored by the NCSBA (The North Carolina Open Meetings Law). Congratulations to the Student of the Month.

Mrs. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

May 3, 2010