

The Halifax County Board Of Education
August 2, 2010

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, August 2, 2010. The meeting was held at the central office administrative building located on Hwy. 301 South in Halifax, North Carolina.

Present: Dr. Donna Hunter, Chair, Mr. Tyus Few, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Gladys Walden, Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins, Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Mrs. Susie Evans, 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 and 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.

Mr. Tyus Few moved to approve the meeting agenda items. Mrs. G. Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Reverend Andrew West addressed the concerns for our children. We are on the right track. Mistakes made by adults that are in control have affected our children. There is some good in our children in our county. We need to be in our children lives. Parents do not know what's happening at school until they visit the child school. Parent need to get involved with their children's education. Talk with your child's teacher. Attend PTA. Teach children to respect other. Let us make a difference for our children.
- Mrs. Carolyn Parrish – Committee to Save Education in Halifax County – She stated as a rural school system we are faced with many challenges that are unique. The committee commends the board for voting to reopen Eastman and Brawley and returning students' to their home communities to learn. Some suggestions were given to transforming Brawley and Eastman into High-Quality Rural Schools: increase use of technology, repairs to school structure, review school transportation routes, teach students about local history, develop more vocational offerings, and implement year-round schools.

Dr. Farrell Young asked for approval of personnel recommendations as presented in the closed session.

Mrs. Susie Evans moved to approve personnel as discussed in closed session.
Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Tyrana Battle, Charlene Jones

CERTIFIED: Charlene Nicholson, Angela Sanford, Vara Powell, Amy Yates, Graham Hunter, Nicole Lockhart, Miya Binta, Nina Carrillo, Kristina Mercado, Stephanie Taylor, Roger Cox, Courtney Hiltunen, Amber McCaffity, Tanya Cash, Jerry Lashley, Shenna Freeman, Dwayne Berry, Samantha Woodard, Anne Washington, William Morris, John Merritt, Vincente Literato, Glenda Wolf, Judy Adams, Megan Davis, Lauren Jones, Krista Woltermann, Erica Holloway, Catherine Thomason, Robin Closs, Selia Shoffner,

NON-CERTIFIED: David Whithurst, Jr., Charles Richardson.

CHILD NUTRITION SUBSTITUTE: La'Tonya Young.

TEACHER SUBSTITUTE: Crystal Burgess, Carol Pullen Whitaker.

RESIGNATIONS: Velma Silver, Jamieka Jefferson, Gregory Pedano, Brad Jones, Laurie Dunman, Maybell Williams, Amanda Wilson, Amy Stone, Adrienne Powell, Regina Saromines, David Brooks, Robert McNally, Jason Knaus.

ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE: Phillip Brown, Angela Joyner.

TRANSFERS: Linda Hilliard, Stacy Pittman, Jennifer Pierce, Emma Kimbrough, Bernadine Pittman, Carmille Steele, Tasha Williams, Gerson Correa, Willie Hardy, Gloria Harris.

Dr. Frederick introduced Dr. Maria Martin. Dr. Martin gave an overview of the School Improvement Grant. This is a three-year grant. Enfield Middle School was awarded \$2,083,080 and Southeast High was awarded \$2,9808,900. This grant will be used for technology enhancement, student support, and staff effectiveness. It will support four new positions at these schools.

Ms. Melissa Harris and Ms. Christina Williams were available to discuss the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program that is implemented in our schools. Parental Involvement is a very key piece in this program.

Dr. Frederick presented the board with an update from Mr. Kenneth Phelps, School Planning Section, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, concerning the opening of Eastman and Brawley Middle Schools. Information just received and will meet to discuss.

A new organizational structure for the Finance Department was shared. There will be more cross training in the department.

Dr. E. Frederick asked for approval for the following board policies that have been on the table for thirty days.

- # 3510 Religious-Based Exemptions from Schools
- # 3515 Religion in the Schools (*Rescinds 5410 adopted May 3, 1993*)
- # 3516 Controversial Issues (*Rescinds 5400 adopted August 13, 1987*)
- # 3530 Citizenship and Character Education
- # 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations (*Rescinds 6400;6410;6411;6412;6440;6453;6460;6470 adopted August 13, 1987*)
- # 3630 School-Sponsored Publications and Performances (*Rescinds 6420;6430;6470 adopted August 13, 1987*)

It was motioned by Mrs. Debbie Hardy to accept the board policies that have been on the table for thirty days. Mrs. Gladys Walden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Frederick and Ms. Catherine Brooks worked as a team to complete the Title I Application Grant. Overview of the program was distributed. Parent Leaders will be placed at each school.

Mr. Tyus Few moved to approve the Title I Application as discussed by Ms. Catherine Brooks. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Ms. Catherine Brooks presented the Migrant Education Application. An extension was granted due to the late start.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved to approve the Migrant Education Application as discussed by Ms. Catherine Brooks. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Charlene Jones presented the Budget Amendment. Mrs. Debbie Hardy moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Mr. Clarence Carmon moved in second. Motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Whitfield presented the contract for Speech. Mrs. Gladys Walden moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Whitfield presented the contract for Physical Therapy. Mr. Tyus Few moved to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

- Special Recognition
 - Mrs. Tyrana Battle – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 - Ms. Charlene Jones – Finance Officer

- In the Board Folders
 - Planned Work Sessions
 - Committee Updates
 - Finance Committee Meetings
 - List of Grants Awarded in the district

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Debbie Hardy thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Clarence Carmon thanked everyone for coming out tonight. A lot of information was shared.

Mrs. Susie L. Evans attended staff development sessions at Davie Middle School. A lot of good things are happening in Halifax County.

Mr. Tyus Few thanked everyone for coming out. Community stay focus. Congratulations to those appointed to the central team.

Mrs. Gladys Walden wished everyone a wonderful day.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins shared the board North Carolina School Board events. Halifax County Schools, we are survivors.

Dr. Donna Hunter stated that this month the kids will be coming back to us, say positive things to them, enough negative articles are written. We can change this around. If DPI believes in us, we need to believe in ourselves.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Tyus Few moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

September 7, 2010