

The Halifax County Board of Education
May 3, 2010

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, May 3, 2010. The meeting was held at the central office administrative building located on Hwy. 301 South in Halifax, North Carolina.

Present: 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, Public Relations Officer, Keith Hoggard, Interim Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones, Representative from DPI: Dr. Pat Ashley and Ms. Catherine Brooks, and Board Attorney, Larry Armstrong.

Mrs. Gladys Walden, Vice-Chair called the open session to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Kenneth Skinner – Committee to Save Education in Halifax County – He gave remarks on some of the schools he had visited

- Was well pleased with the Black History program that was put together by the students at Enfield Middle. He stated the students had written their own materials.
- Southeast Halifax did not have a Black History program. All they do is go to class.
- There was a lack of participation at the basketball games attended at Enfield Middle.

Mrs. Margaret Parrish – Committee to Save Education in Halifax County -

- The committee understands that there are new educational tools in other counties; why is Halifax County Schools waiting so long to get these tools for our students. She stated our students desire and deserve to be in the race, not always catching up. She thanked everyone for attending the Forums held by the Black Caucus.

Mr. Gary Grant – Concerned Citizens of Tillery - asked the following questions:

- How many incomplete audits
- Cost of audits needing to be done. He requested a written response.
- Are we going to receive coaching from previous finance officer
- All responses can be addressed to: Post Office Box 61, Tillery, North Carolina.

Mr. Tyrone Williams moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. A. Faye Young moved in second. Motion carried.

- Minutes from April 12, 2010.
- Personnel recommendations, as presented in closed session.

Mr. Keith Hoggard introduced Caprishiunna Reyonds, 3rd grade student, at Scotland Neck Primary School. Mr. Michael Hawkins presented stickers from the Board. Mr. Hoggard also presented her with a bag of goodies.

Mr. Stacy Lee, Technology Director, shared with those attending the improvement of the Web page, a network monitoring tool and integration of technology in the curriculum.

Mrs. Catherine Brooks, DPI District Transformation Coach gave an update of the collaboration between the board, superintendent and staff.

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

- #2000 – Operational Goals of the Board *(Replaces 1800 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2010 – Board and Superintendent Relations *(Replaces 1040 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2100 – Board Member Legal Status *(New)*
- #2110 – Board Member Elections *(Replaces 1000, 1010, and 1020 – adopted Feb. 3, 1993)*
- #2115 – Unexpired Term Fulfillment *(Replaces 1010 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2116 – Removal from Office *(New)*
- #2120 – Code of Ethics for School Board Members *(Replaces 1050 – adopted Feb. 6, 1989)*
- #2121 – Board Member Conflict of Interest *(Replaces 1050 – adopted Feb. 6, 1989)*
- #2122 – Role of Members in Handling Complaints *(New)*
- #2123 – Board Member Opportunities for Development *(Replaces 1500 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2125-7315 – Confidential Information *(Replaces 3310 – adopted May 6, 1991)*
- #2130 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses *(Replaces 1031 and 1510 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2400 – Board Policies *(Replaces 1400, 1410, 1411, 1420, 1421, 1430, 1440, 1450 and 1451 – adopted Feb. 3, 1992)*
- #2470 – Administrative Procedures *(Replaces 2600 and 2700 – adopted June 1, 1992)*
- #2475 – School Rules *(Replaces 2700 – adopted June 1, 1992)*

Mrs. Peggy Howard presented the revised 2009 – 2010 Testing Calendar. The testing window opens May 10, 2010 and closes June 10, 2010.

Ms. Charlene Jones, Interim Finance Officer presented the financial update. Mr. Tyrone Williams stated that he appreciated the format that was used.

Mrs. Gladys Walden recognized members of the Curriculum Committee that attended the board meeting tonight.

Mrs. A. Faye Young requested board approval for the policies which have been on the table for thirty (30 days) and also two policies that needed immediate action: Policies # 7950 Probationary Teachers Non-renewal and # 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability. Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins stated that policy # 4328/5029/7272 Animals Allowed in Schools, that she was totally unsatisfied with this policy. State law says that she can bring her dog any where she would like. We need to clarify school property. Dr. Donna Hunter asked that we tabled policies #3101 and #3131.

Mr. Tyrone Williams moved in approval that we exclude policies # 3101, 3131 and 3228/5029/7272 approve all other policies as presented by Mrs. A. Faye Young. Mr. Michael Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

- #7950 - Probationary Teachers Non-renewal *(Replaces 3075 adopted October 7, 1991)*
- #3420 - Student Promotion and Accountability *(Revised February 8, 2010)*
- #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)*
- #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*)
 - #3140 – Evaluation of Instructional Programs (*Replaces 5500 – adopted Aug. 13, 1987*)

Mrs. Peggy Howard asked for approval of the amendments to the 2009 – 2010 Testing Calendar. Mr. Tyrone Williams moved to approve the amendments to the calendar. Mr. Michael Hawkins seconded the motion.

Ms. Charlene Jones, Interim Finance Officer, gave the 2010 – 2011 Budget Amendments by PRC. The information given was the most current information. Mr. Michael Hawkins moved to accept the 2010 -2011 Budget Amendments. Mr. Tyrone Williams moved in second. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

- Recognized Ms. Charlene Jones as the Interim Finance Officer
- Overnight activity – Southeast Halifax High School Band Parent Assoc. (Williamsburg, VA - May 28 – May 30, 2010)
- Overnight activity – Community Based Abstinence Education Project ASPIRE (Elizabeth City State Univ. June 20 – July 2, 2010)
- NCSBA have set aside two dates May 22 & May 29 to reschedule the session with Allison Schafer and Kathy Boyd. The Board chose Saturday, May 22nd 8:30 – 12:30.
- Proposal for a Four Day Work Week (concerns that there will be no coverage on Friday).

Mr. Philip Rountree gave highlights on the newest project at Northwest Halifax. Thanks to Math teacher, Mike Beebee, the school won a “green makeover” from the Earth Day Network and the University of Phoenix.

Mr. Tyrone Williams – Just for your information; Are we looking at RIF for any employees for next school year and which area will the cuts affect?

BOARD COMMENTS:

- **Dr. Donna Hunter** – Rev. Ellis still have 45 slots available in the after schools program. How many volunteers do we have in our schools? A list of new programs we have in our schools. On May 11th Mrs. Tyrana Battle (DPI- Testing and Accountability) will present to the parents in the area at Enfield Middle on testing.
- **Mr. Michael Hawkins** – Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the board for the children of Halifax County Schools. Our goal is student achievement.
- **Mrs. A. Faye Young** – Have a good evening.
- **Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins** – We welcome the citizens and the taxpayers. We wish all our teachers a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. I wish folks would leave dogs alone.
- **Mr. Tyrone Williams** – We recognize Teacher Appreciation Week. He has served on the Building and Grounds committee and the Education Foundation; we will need to get a board member to serve on these committees. Everybody is talking about change. Be careful what you ask for you might get it. Who ever wins the board seats, keep the children first. Keep the goals in mind. I Pray the school system will go forward. I have been serving for sixteen years.

- **Mrs. Gladys Walden** – I thank all of you for coming and staying until the end. I give best wishes to our teachers for Teachers Appreciation Week, don't have money to give but I give best wishes. I have supported the Battle of the Books, Curriculum visits, Master Board Training, Closing Achievement Gap and Senior Projects. We all are busy.

Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Michael Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

June 7, 2010