

The Halifax County Board of Education
August 4, 2008

MINUTES

The Halifax County Board of Education met in session on Monday, August 4, 2008. The meeting was held at Eastman Middle School located in Enfield, North Carolina.

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

Others present: Superintendent, Geraldine Middleton, Associate Superintendent, Dr. Eleise Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, Charles Chambliss, Assistant Superintendent, MiShawna Moore, Public Relations Officer, Keith Hoggard, Personnel Director, Selma Allen, Finance Officer, Andrew Callihan, and Board Attorney, Larry Armstrong.

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

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

Mr. Williams read the Conflict of Interest Statement, which refers to Board Policy #1050. G. Walden has a conflict with CADA, Project Stay. T. Williams has a conflict with CADA (Serves as President).

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the meeting agenda with the deletions of VI. A. Testing & Accountability Update, VI.B. Final Budgets for 2007-2008, VII.D. Contract - Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, VII. E. Board Policies: #3075 - Non-Renewal, #3077 - Classified Personnel Reduction, and #8410 - Naming Facilities, VII. F. Proposed Capital Outlay Budget Revised; and the addition of VI. B. Supplements. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the minutes from the meetings held July 7 and 10, 2008 with said corrections. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Dr. Frederick gave a short presentation regarding AVID Advancement via Individual Determination, which includes the purpose of AVID, the mission of AVID and a summary of the Summer Institute in Atlanta, Georgia on July 19-24, 2008. The key piece tonight is a brief clip from the TV Show 60 Minutes. We were very impressed with site team plans. Member of the AVID Team: Patrice High and Lori

Fleming are here with us tonight. I have pins for Carolyn Hawkins, Michael Hawkins and Tyrone Williams.

Mr. Williams stated that one of the highlights was the keynote speaker who is also a representative.

Dr. Hunter presented information regarding Supplements and Differential Pay. Looking back at this year this is a lot of money being spent, when we could have spent more money on the children. I'd like to see this information brought back for action at the September Board Meeting.

Mr. Williams asked as a point of clarification, are we talking about bonuses and supplements.

Mr. Calliahan made the clarification. A bonus is a one time payment. A supplement is a recurring payment.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the contract for PFH Contracting, Inc. to provide educational and psychological testing for referred students and students with disabilities as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walden moved to approve the contract with Educational Insights, Inc. to provide educational and psychological testing for referred students and students with disabilities referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the contract for Wanda M. Williams to perform all the duties of the Preschool Coordinator for Halifax County Schools for preschool students under the direction of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the contract for AITa Speech and Language Services, Inc. to provide speech/language services and evaluations to students with disabilities as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

Dr. Hunter moved to approve the contract for Venture Rehabilitation Group to provide Medicaid Billing services for students with disabilities as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Dr. Hunter moved to approve the contract for Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. to provide Head Start services for preschool students with disabilities as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the contract for Clemon Williamson as Project STAY Instructor to provide individualized classroom instruction for students who have been suspended from their assigned school and area attending Project STAY as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the contract for James D. Whitaker as Project STAY Instructor to provide individualized classroom instruction for students who have been suspended from their assigned school and area attending Project STAY as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve contracted transportation providers to transport students with disabilities safely to and from school when they attend school outside their assigned areas as referred by the Director of Exceptional Children Programs. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried. Michael Hawkins abstained.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the contract for AlertNOW, a telephonic communication system that allows principals and central office to notify parents and staff for emergency communications and upcoming meetings. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the Memorandum of Transition Cooperative Agreement between CADA Head Start and Halifax County Public Schools for the period of September 18, 2008 through September 26, 2009. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Mrs. Walden abstained.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve Board Policy #8400 - Use of School Facilities as presented by Carolyn Hawkins, Chairman of the Policy Committee. Mrs. Young moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hardy moved to approve the low bidder, Greenville Contractors, Inc. with a bid of \$144,800 for the roofing/replacement at Northwest Halifax High School for

the 500 Building (Shop) as presented by Mr. Chambliss. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walden moved to approve the Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program of Halifax County Schools as presented by Mr. Chambliss. Mrs. Hardy moved in second. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

No Comments

BOARD COMMENTS

Debbie Hardy - If we can get together with this agenda and see if we can get it in order so that we will not be here all night.

Carolyn Hawkins - Would like for the Board to quarterly review literacy coaches as outlined by the 21st Century. Board packets are being placed in her mailbox and that is a "no no." The recently scheduled Policy Committee was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Michael Hawkins - Finance Committee Meeting - August 24th at central office. What about the tile for Aurelian Springs? Mr. Chambliss answered that we are waiting for the 3rd bid. I was able to attend the AVID Conference, it was so informative and is a great program for the school system.

Mrs. Young shared that she and Mrs. Hardy attended the 2nd Graduation at William R. Davie and was glad to be a part of a process.

Gladys Walden truly enjoyed the School Board 101 and hopes the board enjoys the placemats for Parliamentary Procedure.

Dr. Hunter did get the notice for the 2nd High School Graduation. Feel that the two high school principals and the superintendent should have brought this to the board for approval. Mr. Hoggard, I have a concern when things are brought out at the board meeting and it is not placed in the paper. I feel we should report it as it happens.

T. Williams thanked Mrs. Williams and her staff. We're very sorry for the lateness for the hour.

Steve Perry, First Financial/Wellington Benefits, reminded that the open enrollment has been held at the same time every year (sometime around August 20, 2008).

Mr. Williams told Mr. Perry that we have a contract with First Financial/Wellington Benefits.

Mrs. Hardy moved to go into closed session at 11:20 p.m.
Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walden moved to go into open session at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve personnel as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Walden moved in second. Motion carried.

CERTIFIED: Annabel Bello, Geoffrey Muma, Amanda Wilson, Elna Loterena, Peggy Braswell, Brendan Egan, Holly May, Sean Murphey, Stephen Horvath

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: Laquisha Taylor, Jackie R. Richardson

RESIGNATIONS: Jamie Stroud, Angela Harris, Pacquin T. Booth, Silvia Timmerding, Shauna Hines, James Sweet, Chenoa Davis, Tishania Tatem, Corey Tyler

RETIREMENTS: Tyus S. Few

TRANSFERS: Ollie Gibbs-McGee, Shannon Williams, Arlene Williams, Michael Morgan, Esther Solomon, Gwendolyn Bynum, Gloria Harris, Diane Powell, Daniel C. Hutchinson

ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO WORK: Tracy Williams, Dozine Jones Williams, Doris Vester, Dexter Wade, Mima Moore.

Dr. Frederick gave the board copies of the most recent vacancy listing.

In looking at the Halifax County Allocations for 2008-2009, Mr. Williams shared that if the board wants to stay up late and argue about something it should be the County Allocations, which offers \$673.38 per student.

Mr. Armstrong reminded the board, that if the County Commissioners approved this today, we have seven (7) days from the date they approve this to contest the allocations.

Mrs. Walden moved to adjourn at 12:15 a.m. Mr. Hawkins moved in second. Motion carried.

Board Chair

Secretary

September 2, 2008