

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Halifax County Administration Building

9525 Hwy 301 South

Halifax, North Carolina 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 7th, 2016

The Halifax County Board of Education met in open session on Monday, November 7th, 2016. The meeting was held at the Halifax County Central Office Administration Building, 9525 Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

Present: Mr. Claude Cooper, Chair, Mrs. Joyce Lashley, Vice-Chair, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Mr. James Davis III, Mrs. Susie Evans, Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, and Mr. Tyus Few.

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Eric Cunningham, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Personnel, Mr. Steve Thornton, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Director of Exceptional Programs, Ms. Cynthia Williams, Finance Officer, Charlene Jones, Southeast Halifax High School Principal, Mrs. Martha Davis
Representatives from DPI: Dr. Almeta Hodges and Dr. Nancy Barbour, and Attorney Larry Armstrong

Mr. Claude Cooper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

I d. Approval of Agenda

Motion approved 6 to 1. Motion for approval of minutes by Ms. Susie Evans and seconded by Mr. Tyus Few. Opposed by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth – I sent in items to be added to the agenda; 7650 policy, time clock, automobiles, copy of resource officer contracts, and copy of principals contracts including bonuses/supplements.

Mr. Claude Cooper – Board policy state the agenda is setup by the superintendent, chair, and vice chair. These agenda items were discussed at the board retreat.

I e. Public Comments

Dr. Eric Cunningham – As we seek ways to improve the district to charter new course, extended day was cancelled and principals are asked to go back to review.

Sarah Richardson – Board need to establish a time for open session. I don't like extended day because if they don't get it during the day, they will not get it.

Joyce West – Set a time for open session. Rumors that the extended day was cancelled temporary. The teachers survey didn't have a choice for regular school. Enfield and Davie have the same concerns and some children are not getting home until 11 hours later.

Michael Jones – I am a teacher at Halifax County Schools and part of the Enfield Alliance Club, and Enfield American Legion. We are coming together to do a bike drive.

II. Conflict of Interest

No conflict

III Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tyus Few motion to approve minutes and Mrs. Susie Evan seconded the motion. Motion approved 7 to 0.

b. Personnel

Mr. Tyus Few motion to approve personnel and Mrs. Susie Evans seconded the motion. Motion approved 6 to 1. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth opposed.

IVa . Special Recognition – Ms. Cynthia Williams

Student of the Month – Ah’Niyjah Jacobs at Scotland Neck Elementary School

Employee of the Month – Angela Hilliard at Inborden Elementary

b. Jionna Mills, Student at Northwest - Mrs. Tyrana Battle

c. Janaisa Blake - Outstanding Academic Performance Award - Mrs. Ann Davis

d. Pumpkin Decorating Contest

1st Place Winner – Southeast High School (\$50)

2nd Place Winners – Davie/Everetts and Aurelian Springs (\$25)

3rd Place Winner – Enfield Middle/Inborden (\$15)

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins – Everyone likes to be appreciated. I have something for the winner, Southeast High School.

e. Scotland Neck Elementary School Code – Mrs. Tyrana Battle

- Whether or not we should have changed the school code
- The grant dollars had to follow the school code
- Decision was made in 2015 to join the schools
- We kept the Dawson school code to maintain the funds
- Permanent name change was changed in 2016-2017 school year

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth – Information is wrong. Evans and I was on the board. Dawson was SIG school. The code stayed the same until Dr. Frederick left. DPI has a hidden agenda. Million dollars need to be paid back from DPI.

f. Audit Update – Ms. Charlene Jones

Audit was here on site. The plan is to have it done in December.

Va. Weldon Supplemental Tax – Mr. Claude Cooper

Mr. Claude Cooper asked approval for the 10% supplemental tax from Weldon. Approved 6 to 1. Motion to approved by Ms. Susie Evans and seconded by Mrs. Joyce Lashley. Opposed by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth – If we would have stuck to the plan, instead of taking a back door bid, we would be better off.

b. C. L. Kelly – Dr. Eric Cunningham

Dr. Eric Cunningham asked approval to accept the donations of \$17,500 from C. L. Kelly. Approved 7 to 0. Motion to approved by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. James Davis.

VI. Superintendent Comments

In the process of chartering new course, we are now giving shout-outs as we have hidden talents in Halifax County. Time clock contract has already been paid for. I will give a presentation on the Fair Labor Standards. We purchased vehicles so that employees could ride as a group. We will continue to look at the personnel files.

VI. Board Comments

Each member provided their closing remarks.

VII. Announcements

Next Board Meeting will be December 5th, 2016

Adjourn

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth motion to end session at 7:52 p.m. and Mrs. Susie Evans seconded the motion.

Board Chair

Secretary

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