

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Halifax County Administration Building
9525 Hwy 301 South
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Monday, July 11, 2016

The Halifax County Board of Education met in open session on Monday, July 11, 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, Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Mrs. Susie Evans, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Mr. James Davis III, and Mr. Tyus Few

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Eric Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Personnel, Mr. Steve Thornton, Finance Officer, Charlene Jones, Director of School Operations, Anthony Alston, Director of School Improvement for Elementary Education, Dottie Umstead, Representatives from DPI: Dr. Nancy Barbour, Dr. Almeta Hodges, Dr. Keith Eades, and Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Mr. Claude Cooper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mrs. Susie Evans.

Board Reorganization

Attorney Larry Armstrong requested nominees for Board Chair. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth nominated Mrs. Joyce Lashley. Mr. Claude Cooper nominated himself. Mr. Claude Cooper was elected Board Chair by vote of 4 to 3. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Mrs. Susie Evans, and Mrs. Joyce Lashley opposed the nomination.

Attorney Larry Armstrong requested nominees for Vice Board Chair. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth nominated Mrs. Joyce Lashley. Ms. Carolyn Hawkins nominated Mr. Tyus Few. Mrs. Joyce Lashley was elected Vice Board Chair by a vote of 4 to 3. Mr. Tyus Few, Mr. Claude Cooper, and Ms. Carolyn Hawkins opposed the nomination.

Motion to close open session at 5:35 p.m. by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mrs. Susie Evans.

Motion to reopen session at 5:59 p.m. by Mr. Claude Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Joyce Lashley.

III a. Agenda

Motion for approval of minutes by Mrs. Joyce Lashley and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

b. Personnel

All board members approved the Personnel Recommendations as discussed during closed session and addendums.

IV. Information

Dr. Eric Cunningham provided the board with Compliance with the Open Meetings Law- Policy 2320. Minutes would be audio recorded and posted to website in accordance with all legal requirements. We would utilize and upgrade to video stream. Highlights to be captured and shared with the community.

Attorney Larry Armstrong: Everything will be recorded. Only open session will be available.

Mrs. Susie Evans: What is the timeframe?

Dr. Eric Cunningham: I am working with Mrs. Lowe and testing the video.

V a. Board Policy

Ms. Carolyn Hawkins asked for approval of board policies.

Policy approved 6 to 1. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth opposed the approval because of Policy 2341, Quorum.

b. Naming of School Facility (Dawson@Scotland Neck Primary)

Ms. Dottie Umstead asked for approval for the name to be changed to Scotland Neck Elementary.

Policy approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve Naming of School Facility (Dawson@Scotland Neck Primary) by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins and seconded by Mrs. Susie Evans.

c. Transportation Services Agreement for 2016-2017 with CADA (Choanoke Area Development Association)

- **Anthony Alston asked for approval for the White Oak agreement.**

Agreement approved 6 to 1. Motion to approve by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins and seconded by Mrs. Susie Evans. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth opposed the approval.

- **Anthony Alston asked for approval for the Scotland Neck Primary School.**

Policy approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins seconded by Mr. Tyus Few.

d. Lottery Fund Application

Anthony Alston asked for approval of the Lottery Fund Application in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Lottery Fund will be used to complete the Pittman bathroom upgrade project.

Application approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve by Ms. Joyce Lashley and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

e. Contract for additional improvements to driveway at Northwest

Anthony Alston asked for Lottery Funds to be awarded for the cost of additional improvements to driveways at Northwest in the amount of \$40,662.00.

Contract approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve by Mrs. Joyce Lashley and seconded by Mr. Tyus Few.

f. Bid Contract Renewals 2016-2017

Anthony Alston asked for approval for the Bid Contract Renewals for Child Nutrition Program.

Contract approved 6 to 1. Motion to approve by Mrs. Susie Evans and seconded by Mr. James Davis, III. Mr. Charles Hedgepeth opposed the approval of the motion.

g. Consolidated Statement of Assurance

Mrs. Tyrana Battle asked for approval of the Consolidate Statement of Assurance.

Policy approved by 7 to 0. Motion to approve by Ms. Carolyn Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

h. Lottery Resolution

Attorney Larry Armstrong asked for approval of Lottery Resolution.

Policy approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Tyus Few and seconded by Joyce Lashley.

VI. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Cunningham proposed August 3-4, 2016 dates for the Board Retreat. Mrs. Susie Evans will be on vacation.

VII. Board Comments

Board members thanked the audience and members of the board. DPI, Dr. Nancy Barbour welcomed Dr. Eric Cunningham and stated that she is extremely proud of this board.

VIII. Announcements

Next Board Meeting will be August 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Adjourn

Mrs. Joyce Lashley motion to end session at 7:08 p.m. and Mr. Charles Hedgepeth seconded the motion.

Board Chair

August 1, 2016

Secretary