

THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL MEETING
AUDIT REPORT
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, December 16, 2015

The Halifax County Board of Education met in a call meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. The meeting was held at the Central Office, located on Hwy 301 South, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

Present: Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Chair, Mr. Claude Cooper, Vice-Chair, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Mr. Charles Hedgepeth, Mrs. Susie Evans, Mrs. Joyce Lashley, and Dr. Donna Hunter.

Others present: Superintendent, Dr. Elease Frederick, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Tyrana Battle, Finance Officer, Ms. Charlene Jones; Representatives from DPI: Dr. Meta Phelps-Hodges and Board Attorney Larry Armstrong.

Mrs. Debbie Hardy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. She gave words of welcome.

Mrs. D. Hardy asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Dr. D. Hunter moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. C. Hedgepeth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. D. Hardy asked if anyone had a Conflict of Interest with the information being presented tonight. All board members responded that there was no conflict of interest to the matters on the board agenda.

Dr. E. Frederick introduced Mr. Mike Wike of Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC audit firm and stated that he was here to present the audit for the 2014 thru 2015 year.

Mr. M. Wike presented the audit beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. We received an unmodified report, a clean report. Mr. Wike reported that there were two findings for the 2013-2014 year and they were corrected. He stated that there were no problems with management. Information was given in a timely manner. A very good audit report. There was one finding. He explained the finding found in the audit. The school system is moving in the right direction.

Finding included:

- Finding 15-01: State Public School Fund (Central office personnel must be paid from the State Central Office Administration allotment (PRC002))

All questions asked were answered by Mike Wike.

Dr. E. Frederick asked for approval of the 2014-2015 Audit report as presented by Mike Wike of Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC Audit Firm.

Dr. D. Hunter moved to approve the 2014-2015 Audit Report as reported by Mr. Mike Wike of Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC. Mr. C. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. *Agree* (Cooper-Hunter-Evans-Lashley-Hawkins-Hardy) *Oppose* (Hedgepeth) Mr. Hedgepeth's reason for opposing was he would like to know who signed off on the two employees paid out of the wrong budget.

Mrs. D. Hardy asked that the Board give Dr. Frederick and staff a round of applause for a good audit.

Dr. E. Frederick asked that Ms. Jones and her staff from the finance department and all central office team to stand. She thanked the board for their support.

Mr. C. Hedgepeth made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Mrs. S. Evans moved in second.

Board Chair

Secretary

January 11, 2016