

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Monday, August 1, 2016

The Halifax County Board of Education met in open session on Monday, August 1, 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, Ms. Carolyn Hawkins, Mr. James Davis III, and Mr. Tyus Few

Absent: Mrs. Susie Evans

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, Ms. Charlene Jones, Director of School Operations, Mr. Anthony Alston, Director of Exceptional Programs, Ms. Cynthia Williams, Testing and Accountability Coordinator, Ms. LaVonne McClain, Director of School Improvement for Secondary Elementary, Dr. Pamela Chamblee, 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 6:47 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce Lashley and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

III a. Approval of Minutes

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

b. Personnel

Mr. Steve Thornton asked for approval of the Personnel Recommendations as discussed during closed session and addendums.

Motion to approve by Mr. Tyus Few and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

Personnel approved 5 to 1. Mrs. Joyce Lashley opposed the personnel recommendation.

IV. a Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Eric Cunningham provided the board with the upcoming Board Meeting 2016-2017 dates.

b. NC Deferred Compensation Plan (457b)

Dr. Eric Cunningham presented the NC Deferred Compensation Plan which would offer more options for retirement.

c. Dental Sealants

Dr. Courts presented the Dental Sealants which is a pilot program for Edgecombe and Halifax County.

d. Financial Audit for Federal, State, and Local Government Funds

Dr. Eric Cunningham presented the Financial Audit to ensure that processes are in place. October would be the 2nd part of the audit.

e. Roanoke Rapids Graded School District –Local Sales Taxes between the County and Municipalities

Mr. Claude Cooper presented the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District local sales tax proposal. Weldon agreed to share 10% of sales tax at the Board of Chambers starting in 2017-2018 year and would continue until it is changed. Do we accept these proposals?

Mr. Charles Hedgepeth: I reject Weldon's proposal. I accept Roanoke Rapids proposal.

Mr. Claude Cooper: We will get back to them.

V. a Bus Fleet Contract

Mr. Anthony Alston asked for approval for the charger bus consultant contract in the amount of \$1175.00.

Contract approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. Tyus Few.

b. Lottery Application

Mr. Anthony Alston asked for approval for the lottery fund application in the amount of \$60,000.00 to repair leaking pipes at Northwest High School.

Application approved 6 to 0. Motion approved by Mr. Tyus Few and seconded by Mrs. Joyce Lashley.

c. Contract for Replacing Underground Piping

Mr. Anthony Alston asked for approval for replacing underground piping contract in the amount of \$49,565.00.

Contract approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. James Davis.

d. 2016 -2017 Testing Calendar

Ms. LaVonne McClain asked for approval for the 2016-2017 testing calendar.

Testing calendar approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mrs. Joyce Lashley and seconded by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth.

e. CADA Head Start Program for Preschool Children

f. Contract for Occupational Therapy Service

g. Contract for Psychological Testing Services

h. Contract for Psychological Services

i. Contract for Visually Impaired Students

j. Contract for Speech/Language Services

k. Contract for Hearing Impaired/Speech Services

l. Contract for Physical Therapy Services

m. Contract for Psychological Evaluations/Behavioral Psychologist

n. Contract for Interpreter Services

o. Contract for Contracted Transportation

Ms. Cynthia Williams asked approval for contracts (e-o).

Contracts approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. James Davis

p. CTE Local Planning System

Dr. Pamela Chamblee asked approval for the addition of 5 work study students in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Contract approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. James Davis.

q. Mason Builders' Donation

Dr. Eric Cunningham asked approval for Mason Builders' donation of services, equipment, and new marquee for Scotland Neck Elementary.

Donation approved 6 to 0. Motion to approve by Mr. Charles Hedgepeth and seconded by Mr. James Davis.

VI. Superintendent Comments

State of Community will be held on August 25th, 2016.

VII. Board Comments

Board members thanked the audience.

VIII. Announcements

Next Board Meeting will be September 12, 2016

Adjourn

Mr. Tyus Few motion to end session at 7:36 p.m. and Mr. Charles Hedgepeth seconded the motion.

Board Chair

Secretary

September 12, 2016