

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN AT
MONDAY, September 14, 2015, REGULAR MEETING**

This document summarizes formal actions taken on substantive matters at the regular meeting of the Northampton County Board of Education on September 14, 2015. This document is provided for the convenience of the public and does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting. For details such as the precise substance of main motions, any subsidiary motions, the names of members who made and seconded motions, staff presentations and public comments, and the times the meeting was called to order, recessed, reconvened, and/or adjourned, please consult the official minutes of this meeting, which are maintained as audio or video recordings and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent and on the Board of Education website.

Members Present: Rhonda Taylor, Chair; Marjorie Edwards, Vice Chair; Clinton Williams, Lucy Edwards, Kelvin Edwards, Phil Matthews, Keedra Whitaker, Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter, ex officio
Others Present: Administration and interested parties

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Closed Session. The Board entered and returned from closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1) and (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved as presented. The Board approved to amend the agenda to add a second closed session as item #15.

Approval of Consent Agenda. The Board approved the minutes under the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the approval of closed session minutes for July 2, 2015, August 10, 2015, and August 26, 2015, the special meeting minutes for January 12, 2015 and the regular minutes for January 12, 2015.

The Board held a discussion in regards to converting the written minutes to audio minutes to become the official minutes of the Board and that there would be a short summary that the Superintendent's Office would produce. It was the consensus of the Board that since the Policy Committee plans to meet prior to the October Board Meeting that they would review the current policy and make the necessary adjustments to the Board Policy in regards to the minutes and have that policy in place by the October Board Meeting. The January 12, 2015 minutes would be the last regular formatted minutes and the February 2015 through September 2015 audio recorded minutes shall become the official minutes. The Superintendent shall post the recorded minutes online as quickly they can be done. Also, with this format moving forward, the minutes will have to reflect how people voted. The Board Chair will have to restate the vote for each motion.

Contracted Services

The Board also approved the following contracted services under the Consent Agenda: Consolidated Comprehensive Improvement Plan, (CCIP) Title I, Title II, RLIS, and ASQG; a CADA Memorandum of Agreement for Transition Services to Kindergarten; a CADA Contract for Head Start Program Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities; a CADA Contract for Pre-K Blended Services for Preschool Children; and a Quality Home Staffing, Inc. Contract for Personal Care Services.

Break. The Board took a five-minute break at 7:50 p.m. The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

FY 2015-2016 Budget Resolution. The Board approved the FY 2015-2016 Budget Resolution and noted that neither a state nor a federal budget is in place at this time in regards to spending.

Acceptance of Donation for Gaston Elementary School – Robert and Joan McCaw. The Board approved the following donations from Robert and Joan McCaw to Gaston Elementary School in the amount of \$600.00 for the month of September 2015, another \$600.00 for the months of December 2015, March 2016, and May 2016 for a total of \$2,400.00. These funds will be used for PBIS and other student incentives/activities for the 2015-2016 school year.

Board Policy No. 3420-R – Student Accountability & Promotion – First Reading. The Board approved Board Policy No. 3420-R – Student Accountability & Promotion for first reading.

Revisions to Board Policy No. 7130 – Licensure – First Reading. The Board approved the following revisions to Board Policy No. 7130 – Licensure for first reading and waived the second reading. The Board also noted that another Policy Committee Meeting would need to be scheduled to come up with the other part of Board Policy No. 7130-R to reflect the new licensure and take out the old licensure that no longer exists. Revisions to Board Policy No. 7130 – Licensure are as follows:

The policy committee met and reviewed recommended changes to Board Policy 7130 to reflect the new licensure requirements for certified staff. In addition, the committee recommended a change in the amount of local technology credits required of staff. Instead of requiring 4 continuing education units (CEU), it is recommended that we require 2 CEUs.

NEW LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

1. For K-8 Licensure Areas - A minimum of 8 CEUs are required, as follows:

- a. 3 CEUs must be in your respective content areas
- b. 3 CEUs must be in literacy (reading/writing instruction), per state statutory guidelines
- c. 2 CEUs in General -

These 2 General credits will need to be in Technology (choose courses, workshops, and/or seminars that prepare you to use educational technology in the classroom, which impact instruction; as a guide, choose those opportunities that allow you to sharpen your skills to teach using technology to positively influence student learning/outcomes).

2. All Other Educators*: A minimum of 8 CEUs are required, as follows:

- a. 3 CEUs must be in your respective content areas
- b. 5 CEUs must be General -

Two (2) of these general credits must be in Technology (choose courses, workshops, and or seminars that prepare you to use educational technology in the classroom, which impact instruction; as a guide, choose those opportunities that allow you to sharpen your skills to teach using technology to positively influence student learning/outcomes).

*Note: Regarding Technology Credits: For those "other educators" who are not teachers, but must hold a professional educator's license to continue in the present assignment/job, the focus of technology credits should be on how to support technology as an educational tool in the school, district, or classroom levels. As an example, guidance counselors, central office directors, and media coordinators would fall into this category of technology renewal credits.

Northampton County High School Early College Application. The Board approved the Northampton County High School Early College (NCHSEC) application slated to be the second high

school located in Northampton County at the potential site of Gaston Middle School on B-Wing. The Northampton County High School Early College (NCHSEC) will offer students a choice to pursue a college degree or two years of transferable college credits that align to the workforce needs of the immediate area and northeastern region of North Carolina.

Personnel. The Board approved the following personnel as presented and amended.

Classified Elections:

Carol Simmons, 10 Month Custodian, Northampton County High School, 10/1/15

Frederica Banks, Child Nutrition Assistant, Willis Hare Elementary School, 9/15/15

Tony Davis, 12 Month Custodian at Northampton County High School to 10 Month Custodian at Conway Middle School, 10/1/15

Resignations/Retirements:

Arnetra Whitfield, School Nutrition Manager, Gaston Elementary Pre-K Center, 8/28/15

Richard Todd, Math Teacher, Northampton County High School, 8/27/15

Paula Pruden, Elementary Teacher, Gaston Middle School, 9/30/15

Patricia Dickerson, EC Teacher Assistant, Willis Hare Elementary School, 9/15/15

Charles Edwards, Custodian, Willis Hare Elementary School, 12/1/15 (Retirement)

Levon Threat, Bus Driver, Northampton County High School, 9/9/15

Volunteers/Substitutes:

Maretha Dickens, Volunteer, Conway Middle School

Lateisha Simmons, Volunteer, Gaston Elementary Pre-K Center

Debra Golden, Volunteer, Gaston Elementary School

Carolyn Benjamin, Substitute Teacher

Marvin Rawls, Substitute Bus Driver

Margaret Pope, Child Nutrition Assistant Substitute

Marvin Rawles, Substitute Bus Driver (Current ISS/Gaston Middle School)

Leave of Absences – For Action:

Corliss Garner, Guidance Counselor, Central Elementary School, Extension of Medical LOA thru 10/18/15

Alice Woods, Office Support, Willis Hare Elementary School, Extension of Medical LOA thru 9/22/15

Kendra Floyd, Counselor, Northampton County High School, Maternity Leave, 9/27/15 thru 11/8/15

Additional Assignments:

Blythelm San Pedro, Homebound Instructor, Gaston Middle School

Stacey Patterson, Homebound Instructor, Northampton County High School

Administrative Contracts:

Angie Jenkins, Director of Career Technical Education (CTE), Central Services, 7/1/15 thru 6/30/18

Closed Session. The Board entered and returned from a second closed session at approximately 11:10 p.m.

Appointment of Policy Committee. The Board Chair Rhonda Taylor, appointed Mr. Kelvin Edwards, Ms. Marjorie Edwards, Ms. Lucy Edwards, and Mr. Clinton Williams to serve as the Policy Committee for the month of October 2015. Ms. Lucy Edwards was appointed as the Committee Chair. The Policy Committee scheduled a meeting for October 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Retreat Discussion. The Board discussed scheduling a retreat or retreats to discuss the test data and The Way Forward Plan. No decision was reached on a date for either retreat.

Adjournment. The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter, Superintendent