

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN AT
WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016, SPECIAL MEETING**

This document summarizes formal actions taken on substantive matters at the special meeting of the Northampton County Board of Education on April 13, 2016. 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:

Approval of the Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved as presented. Ms. Keedra Whitaker arrived at the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Mr. Kelvin Edwards participated in the meeting by telephone conference.

The Way Forward Plan

Dr. Smith-Woofter informed the Board that The Way Forward documents that they have before them are in regards to the last Board Meeting on April 4, 2016 and following the scheduled Public Forum held on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Therefore, the Special Call Meeting tonight is to review this agenda item from the regular Board Meeting on April 4th. Please note that we have posted two documents in BoardDocs and they are: 1) the reference to the study on the viability of Option 4, and 2) updates on figures in regards to Option 4. Again, this was the last option that the Board was considering at the April 4th Board Meeting.

Dr. Smith-Woofter further stated that since then Mr. Miller has also provided information to the Facilities Committee Members today and at least two members asked for previous history with regards to the consolidation of schools, the projection of funding that was spent during that time, and actually what was spent.

Dr. Smith-Woofter announced that the County Commissioners have a Budget Work Session scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and their regularly scheduled meeting is on the first of the month at 6:00 p.m. She added that County Commissioners have invited her to attend their meeting on April 18th with the decision from the Board and the projected cost for the school closings and/or school reconfigurations.

Dr. Smith-Woofter and the Board held a discussion regarding the input and facts they gained from the community with regards to consideration of school closings or school reconfigurations. The 2012 Budget Worksheets for the projections for Northampton County High School-East to be come a single high school, the actual cost, the Mediation Agreement, and the Early College were also discussed to help

the Board determine the plan to be presented to the County Commissioners in order to request possible funding.

Ms. L. Edwards made a motion that the Board would go with Option 4 to present to the County Commissioners. In the event they would need to make changes, we would look at Option 4 where it says, “leave particular schools where they presently are” then we would come back to the drawing board to do that. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Option 4

Gaston Middle School (9-12) – Projected Capacity: 433

Gaston Elementary School (1-8) + modular unit – Projected Capacity: 419

Squire (closed) or Pre-K – K and Early College – Projected Capacity: 187

Conway Middle School (1-8) - Projected Capacity: 537

Willis Hare Elementary School (Pre-K– K) - Projected Capacity: 130

Could leave Willis Hare and Conway as presently configured.

Central Elementary (Pre-K – 5) - Projected Capacity: 339

(HS campus closed) Alternative Program at Seaboard)

Ms. L. Edwards restated her motion to say that the Board would take Option 4 to the County Commissioners as the choice and remove the statement, “could leave Willis Hare and Conway as presently configured.” Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-3 vote.

Ms. Rhonda Taylor, Ms. Marjorie Edwards, and Mr. Phil Matthews voted against.

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Dr. Smith-Woofter informed the Board that we may have to call a Special Meeting after the April 18th Commissioners’ Budget Work Session.

Adjournment. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter, Superintendent