

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN AT  
MONDAY, November 30, 2015, SPECIAL MEETING**

This document summarizes formal actions taken on substantive matters at the special meeting of the Northampton County Board of Education on November 30, 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:** Clinton Williams, Chair; Lucy Edwards, Vice Chair; Kelvin Edwards, Phil Matthews, Marjorie Edwards, Rhonda Taylor, 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 and presented.

**Board Policy No. 4201–7271 – Injury and Loss Prevention.** Dr. Smith Woofter informed the Board that Board Policy No. 4201-7271 - Injury and Loss Prevention is a new policy that every school system must have in place by November 30, 2015. She further stated that in the past we have implemented protocols that were recommended by the North Carolina School Boards Association and our Human Resources Department. This is a policy that governs what we do to deal with injuries and to prevent them.

The Board approved Board Policy No. 4201–7271 – Injury and Loss Prevention and waived the second reading.

Ms. Keedra Whitaker arrived at the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Business Before the Board for Information**

**The Way Forward Plan Update.** The Board held a discussion regarding the Supplemental Tax item that is on the ballot for the March election. The Board’s concerns were as follows:

- A meeting needs to be scheduled with the County Commissioners.
- There has been a lot of negativism regarding the Supplemental Tax.
- Can we request that the Supplemental Tax be taken off the ballot?
- Is it too late to take the Supplemental Tax off the ballot?
- Where does this Board stand?
- What is Plan B or what is the back-up plan?
- What will our schools look like for 2016-2017?

**Supplemental Tax.** The Board made the following motions in regards to the Supplemental Tax:

The Board approved (1) for the administration to contact the Board of Elections and the County Manager to find out if it is too late to remove the Supplemental Tax off of the ballot; (2) that if it is not

too late, the administration would arrange a joint meeting with the County Commissioners, the appropriate staff, and the attorneys if necessary before the deadline; (3) for the Board to come up with a back-up plan or Plan B in light of this discussion; (4) that the Board would take leadership responsibilities and make nonbiased decisions based on student needs.

The Board amended the motion in order to separate the motion into four motions instead of one. The Board approved for the administration to contact the Board of Elections and the County Manager to find out if it is too late to remove the Supplemental Tax off of the ballot.

The Board approved that if it is not too late to remove the Supplemental Tax off of the ballot, then the administration would arrange a joint meeting with the County Commissioners, the appropriate staff, and the attorneys if necessary before the deadline.

The Board approved for the Board to come up with a back-up plan or Plan B in light of this discussion.

The Board approved that the Board would take leadership responsibilities and make nonbiased decisions based on student needs.

**Adjournment.** The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter, Superintendent