

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN AT
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, REGULAR MEETING**

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

Closed Session. The Board entered and returned from closed session.

Oath of Office for Board Member. Ms. Laquitta Green-Cooper, Northampton County Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to new Board Member, Ms. Keedra R. Whitaker. Ms. Whitaker was selected by the Board of Education to serve the unexpired term of former Board Member, Ms. Erica Smith-Ingram, who was elected as a North Carolina State Senator for District 3 in May 2014.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved and presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda. The consent agenda was approved. The consent agenda included the approval of closed session minutes for March 9, 2015 and open session minutes for November 10, 2014, a professional development service contract with Jeff Merithew of Relevant Mathematics LLC and a professional development service contract with Dr. John Parker.

Contract for Panic Alarm System. The Board approved a bid with Security Connection to install panic alarms system-wide for the district.

Tim Phelps' Request to Reallocate Crop Bases. The Board approved to allow Tim Phelps, who is the current farmer of the cropland located at Gaston Middle School, to continue operations on the farm.

Request to Waive Rental Fees for Creek Development Corporation. The Board approved to direct the administration to go back to Creek Development Corporation and ask them for the documentation of bills that were paid to assist the Board in substantiating the fee that they are requesting the Board to waive. The Board's approval of the waiver of Creek Development Corporation's rent in lieu of repairs made to the W.S. Creecy School building is subject to them providing the requested documentation.

Greenhouse Bids for Northampton County High School. The Board approved a bid for Stephen Owens Landscapes to construct an 18'x 24' greenhouse and related work per plans provided at the pre-bid meeting on March 27, 2015, pending that the administration makes sure the greenhouse is constructed per DPI School Planning's specifications during the construction phase.

Erate for Voice Services Contracts. The Board approved a contract with United States Cellular (US Cellular) to continue providing cellular services and for the district to pay a per line expenditure for data and text services in cellular phone plans, pending contract review by the attorney. The Board also approved a contract with ITS (North Carolina Information Technology Services) to provide local and long distance telephone services through CenturyLink (local) and AT&T (long distance). These services will be covered under the State Master Contracts for local and long distance service.

CenturyLink Wide Area Network (WAN) Contract. The Board approved a 36 month contract with CenturyLink to continue to provide wide area network (WAN) services to all (7) school locations, the Central Office complex, and the bus garage, which is listed as eligible for discounts under the federal Erate program, pending contract review by the attorney. A Form 471 application for Year 18 (2015-16) WAN services will be submitted listing Carolina Telegraph and Telephone Company dba CenturyLink as the provider.

Erate of Upgrades to Wireless Infrastructure. The Board approved contracts and purchases that cover upgrades to the schools' cabling, access points and other eligible equipment to support expanded wireless connectivity at all of the schools utilizing state contract pricing from the following vendors: CNIC to perform cable installation, closet hardware, and verification services; and for CDW-G through IMMIX Group to provide cisco access points.

Personnel. The Board approved the personnel as presented.

RIF for Classified Staff. Due to projected budget cuts for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Board approved to implement a "reduction in force" for classified personnel to include teacher assistants and other personnel, direct the Superintendent to send letters to staff involved, post notices in all schools, and hold a meeting with all staff involved. Due to these circumstances, the Superintendent shall follow procedures outlined in Board Policy No. 7921 – Classified Personnel Reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter, Superintendent

