

MINUTES
DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 11, 2015

The Durham Public Schools Board of Education held a special meeting on May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fuller Administration Building, 511 Cleveland Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Board Members present:

Heidi Carter, Chair; Minnie Forte-Brown, Vice Chair; Mike Lee; Natalie Beyer, Sendolo Diaminah; Leigh Bordley; and Matt Sears were present.

Administrators present:

Dr. Bert L'Homme, Superintendent; Dr. Stacey Wilson-Norman, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services; Hugh Osteen, Deputy Superintendent of Operational Services; and Aaron Beaulieu, Chief Financial Officer.

Attorney present: Ken Soo

Call to Order

Chair Carter called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed.

Agenda Review

The agenda was approved by common consent.

Public Comment

There were (2) two speakers.

Ms. Catherine Dabney Hopkins – Ms. Hopkins asked the Board to please ask for what you need to support all of the employees of Durham Public Schools.

Mr. Michel Tharp – Mr. Tharp stated that he had (3) three items:

- He is in support of the increased supplement and extra-curricular activities budget line item.
- He stated that failure to provide more than a 1.2% pay increase in (5) five years is a disgrace.
- The loss of 33 teachers will be a great loss.

2015-2015 BOE Budget Adoption

Mr. Beaulieu presented the Board with 6 options of the budget:

Option 1 – Original proposed budget

Option 2 – Saving the 33 teacher positions

Option 3 – 2% classified staff pay increase

Option 4 – 2% classified staff pay increase and saving the 33 teacher positions

Option 5 – 3% classified staff pay increase

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Option 6 – 3% classified staff pay increase and saving the 33 teacher positions

After a very thorough discussion and questions to Mr. Beaulieu, Mike Lee made a motion to adopt FY 2015/2015 Budget Option number 6. Sendolo Diaminah seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM by consent.

Heidi Carter, Chair
Durham Public Schools Board of Education

Dr. Bert L'Homme, Superintendent
Durham Public Schools