

**SPECIAL MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Saturday, August 18, 2012**

Members Present: Kelvin Edwards, Chair; Erica Smith-Ingram, Vice Chair; Donald Johnson, Marjorie Edwards, Rhonda Taylor, Phil Matthews, Clinton Williams, Dr. Eric Bracy, ex officio
Others Present: Administration, press and interested parties

The Northampton County Board of Education held a special meeting on August 18, 2012 in the Board Room of the Northampton County Schools administrative building. Chair Kelvin Edwards called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Approval of Board Agenda

The Board added public comment to the draft agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Before the Board for Approval

The Board received public comments on the student dress code policy.

Ms. Erica Smith-Ingram made a motion (1) to ratify the vote taken by the Board on August 13, 2012 suspending the uniform policy for the 2012-13 school year and requiring the Board to update the student dress code policy to promote appropriate dress for students to meet 21st Century challenges and expectations and (2) to approve the proposed draft revised dress code policy that was presented by Chair Kelvin Edwards for the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Clinton Williams seconded the motion. There was no vote on this motion.

During discussion on Ms. Smith-Ingram's motion, Mr. Phil Matthews made a substitute motion (1) to approve the proposed draft revised dress code for the 2012-13 school year, (2) to create a dress code committee to review the dress code issue and make recommendations to the Board and (3) to schedule Board meetings for the Board to receive input on the student dress code policy. Ms. Marjorie Edwards seconded this motion. No vote was taken on this motion.

During discussion on Mr. Phil Matthews's substitute motion, Chair Kelvin Edwards made a substitute motion to rescind the vote from August 13, 2012 suspending the uniform policy for the 2012-13 school year and requiring the Board to update the student dress code policy to promote appropriate dress for students to meet 21st Century challenges and expectations. Ms. Marjorie Edwards seconded the motion. After the motion received a second, Mr. Erica Smith-Ingram chaired the portion of the meeting dealing with Mr. Edwards's substitute motion. The motion to substitute Mr. Edwards's motion for the other motions passed. Following discussion of Mr. Edwards's substitute motion, the Board voted 4 to 3 to approve the substitute motion (Mr. Clinton Williams, Ms. Rhonda Taylor and Ms. Erica Smith-Ingram voted against the substitute motion).

Ms. Erica Smith Ingram made a motion to revise the Board's dress code policy (Policy 4340) as noted on the attached Exhibit A. Mr. Clinton Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1 (Chair Kelvin Edwards voted against the motion and Ms. Marjorie Edwards abstained).

Board Information

- Convocation – August 21, 2012 @ Gaston Middle School – 8:30 a.m.
- First Day for Students – August 27, 2012

- Board Policy Manual Review – September 5, 2012 – Board Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.
- Next Regular Board Meeting – September 5, 2012 – Board Room – 5:30 p.m. (Closed Session) – Open Session beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- NCSBA District 3 Meeting – September 12, 2012 – Johnston County Schools – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Erica Smith Ingram made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Approved: October 8, 2012

Dr. Eric C. Bracy, Superintendent

