The good news is the New Hanover Board of Education did pass our resolution. It was a four to three vote. But we are still relieved that it is done.

Superintendent Markley reported that a NC Senate bill in the works would require all year-round schools to be multi-track. This would mean that Lake Forest, Freeman, Snipes, Virgo, and Sunset Park, as well as Eaton and Codington, would revert to the traditional school calendar. He asked board members to talk to any legislators they knew to discourage passage of the bill.

Chairman Hayes reported that Dr. Markley’s evaluation was good. A motion passed to continue his contract through 2020. This Star News article goes into more detail on the evaluation as well as the dress code policy: <http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20160607/NEWS/160609735/1038/news69?Title=-Skinny-jeans-will-still-be-allowed-in-New-Hanover-dress-code>

A policy regarding the number of years teachers are required to be at a school before requesting transfer was debated at some length. The policy will be read again at the July meeting.

Ms. Imer Smith, Director, made an in-depth and enthusiastic presentation on the Child Nutrition Program. There are 21 schools in the CEP program for the coming school year. Every child in these schools are given a free lunch. There are 19 sites for the summer meal program (SFSP) serving 60 kids this summer.

A presentation was also given on the J.C. Roe Center. It will have three distinctive programs: Turning Point for students with long-term suspensions; Choices for short-term (5-10 day) suspensions; and Transition for youth transitioning from another program such as from the justice department or from mental health facilities. There was some discussion of whether any meaningful change is possible for short-term stays, and what to do with students who do not meet their goals during their short term suspension.

Several projects on physical facilities and budget amendments were presented, discussed, and approved.