

# **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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Chairman

**Stuart Russell**  
Secretary

**Fleming El-Amin**  
Member



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**Meeting Called to Order**

A statutory meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on October 27, 2015. The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell (via telecom), and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Lamar Joyner, Chris Duffey, Kimberly Stuck, and Monica Gary  
Other County Staff: Shontell Robinson - Human Resources Director

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

**Public Comment Session**

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session; no public speakers attended. Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Monica Gary recommended two absentee ballots for approval. Chairman Raymond moved to approve ballots as presented; Secretary Russell motioned and Member El-Amin seconded to accept the staff recommendation of two absentee ballots for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Precinct 302: Hanes-Lowrance Facility**

Board and staff discussed use of Hanes-Lowrance in light of communications posted by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School's Chief of Staff, Theo Helm and letter sent to the Board of Elections from Mrs. Chenita Johnson Hanes-Lowrance Precinct President. Board noted caution was based on reports of contamination and commitment to public safety. Board inquired if any additional testing was being done, noting school system has taken strong stance on safety of facility. Board discussed collaborative effort with Mrs. Johnson and Hanes Lowrance to get the word out regarding the location and its use.

**Early Voting**

Interim Joyner presented Board with revised map of precincts as well as spreadsheet showing various scenarios between 2012 and needs for 2016. Mr. Joyner noted that Board was considering 20 sites however; felt that focus should be on primary which would provide feedback and would

assist in making adjustments for general in the fall. Board inquired if nine sites were feasible as well as the due date for plan to be submitted to the State; staff advised plans are generally due in summer. Board discussed use of South Fork Ballroom versus Our House and need to secure larger area such as the ballroom. Board discussed Simms and South Fork facilities, Mr. Joyner to reach out to both. Board to review hours and consider the number of sites needed endeavoring to make decision at next meeting.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Raymond inquired if Mr. Joyner was able to attend conference call with State Board of Elections and Winston Salem State University; Mr. Joyner stated that he was not privy to the call but State commented that Winston Salem State University needed to make an effort to facilitate delivery. Board requested confirmation of conversation and a copy of the memorandum.

Member El-Amin thanked Interim Joyner and staff for their work.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Raymond called for review and approval of minutes for October 13, 2015. Chairman Raymond moved for approval of the October 13, 2015 minutes as provided; Secretary Russell motioned, Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Chairman Raymond called for review and approval of minutes for October 20, 2015. Member El-Amin moved for approval of the October 20, 2015 minutes as provided; Chairman Raymond motioned, Secretary Russell seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**.

### **Closed Session**

Chairman Raymond moved to go into closed session citing N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or prospective public officer or employee. Meeting closed at 5:48 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m. Chairman Raymond noting that the Board had narrowed the field for Training Specialist and Director with hopes of an announcement soon.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Raymond moved to adjourn meeting; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion passed unanimously**. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Approved:

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Ken Raymond, Chair

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Date

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Stuart Russell, Secretary

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Date

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Fleming El-Amin, Member

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Date

**Attachments on file:** WS/FC School's Communication on Hanes - Lowrance  
Revised 2016 Maps for Proposed Early Voting Sites  
Forsyth County One-Stop Hours Spreadsheet

## UPDATE ON HANES/LOWRANCE FACILITIES

Home Overview

January 24, 2015

Lowrance and Hanes families:

Our Board of Education voted Jan. 13 to request about \$42 million from Forsyth County Commissioners for several projects, including building new facilities for Lowrance on the present campus. The project includes a new cafeteria that would be shared by Hanes and Lowrance. These facilities have been needed for some time, and they were originally on a list of projects to be included in the 2006 bond referendum. Unfortunately, the project was removed because the referendum didn't include money to pay for all of our needs at the time. It now sits at the top of our list, and we are hopeful that the commissioners will approve our request. The designs are already 85 percent finished, so we could start work quickly.

If you have older children who attended Hanes or Lowrance, or if you've been associated with the schools for a long time, you know that we've dealt with questions over the years about the Lowrance project and school site. If you are new to the schools, these questions may seem new, but we've been working with them for some time. Two questions seem to arise most frequently: Is this the best site for Lowrance? How safe is the soil underneath the schools?

We believe that the current site is the best place for Lowrance. Over the years, committees have looked at other sites for Lowrance and whether it would be better to split the school into smaller sites around the county. We believe one site would work best for several reasons: it allows better collaboration among staff; it allows for more focused administrative support; it would be expensive to duplicate some of the specialized equipment at multiple sites; and it builds a community among students, teachers and parents. We also believe that Lowrance should be paired with a traditional middle school as it is with Hanes. This allows students to interact with each other and be a part of a larger student body.

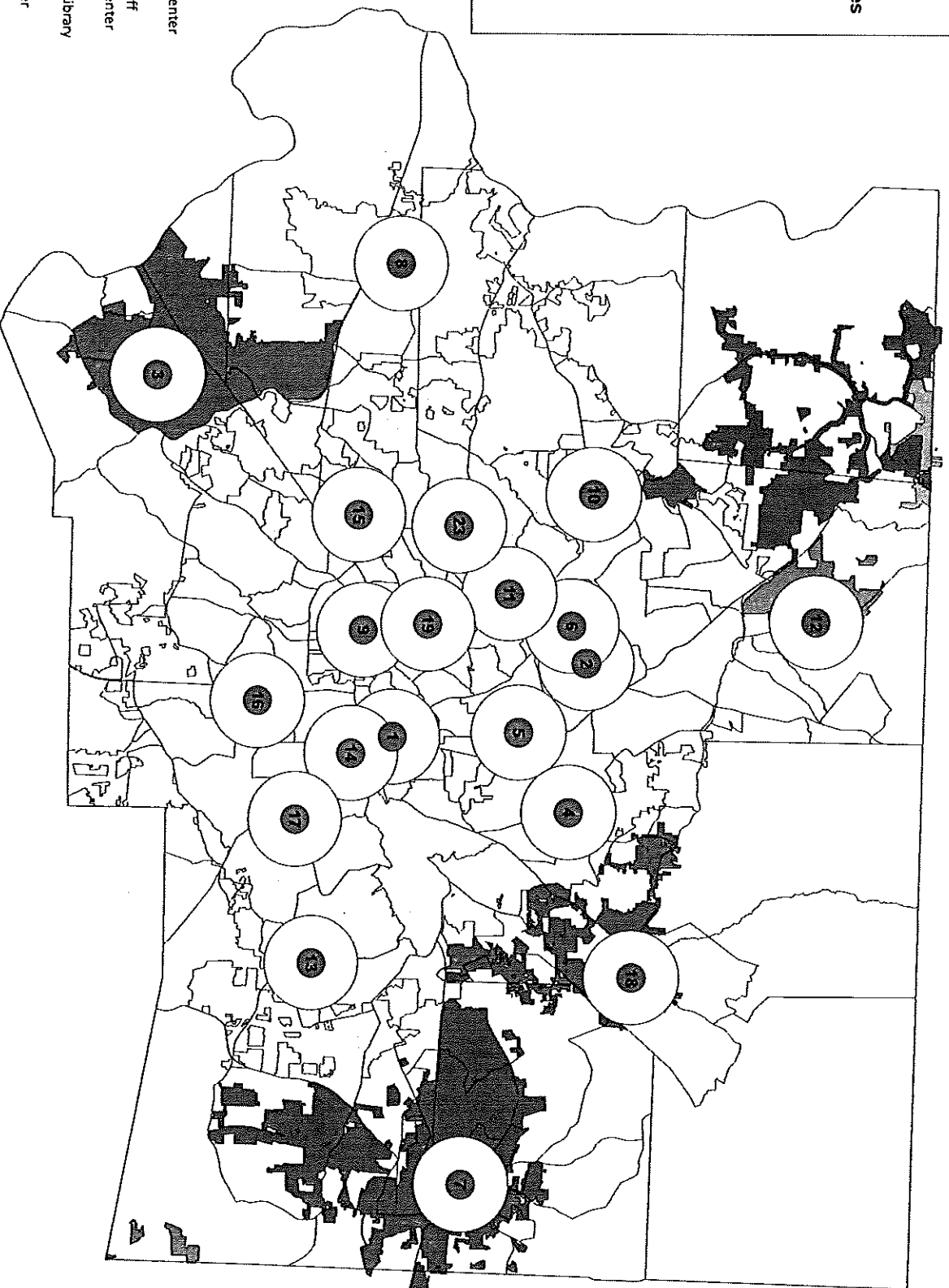
Building one school to serve Lowrance students means that it needs to be centrally located and easily accessible to families throughout Forsyth County. Our most recent committee looked at whether it would be feasible to build Lowrance at Paisley IB Magnet School. The committee recommended against Paisley after learning that the City of Winston-Salem has plans to build a future Reynolda Road connector at 14th Street, which would bisect the Paisley site and separate the main parking and play fields from the school. Building a school at Paisley would also be about \$1.4 million more expensive, according to a study by the architectural firm Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce.

Hanes and Lowrance are located near property that has been used as an industrial site for many years, so there have been questions about chemicals in the soil underneath the schools. We have [linked to a 2005 story](#) from the Winston-Salem Journal to give perspective. At the time, extremely low levels of tetrachloroethylene vapor were found in several classrooms. The N.C. Division of Public Health said that there was no cause for alarm, and we worked with families and staff to make sure the schools were safe. We still believe that the schools and the site are safe, and as we work through the project, we will make sure that they continue to be a safe place for your children and our staff.

We are excited about the possibilities of new facilities for our students and Lowrance and Hanes. The staffs at the two schools have been a wonderful team over the years serving your families, and we join them in doing whatever we can to help your children be successful. We will continue to communicate with you throughout each step of this project.

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Chief of Staff  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

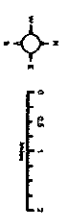
Proposed Sites v.3  
 1 Mile Buffer v.3  
**Municipal Boundaries**  
 BETHANIA  
 CLEMMONS  
 HIGH POINT  
 KERNERSVILLE  
 KING  
 LEWISVILLE  
 RURAL HALL  
 TOBACCOVILLE  
 WALKERTOWN  
 WINSTON-SALEM  
 Forsyth County Line



- Site SiteName**
- 1 BOE
  - 2 Brown Douglas Recreation Center
  - 3 Clemmons Library
  - 4 Forsyth Tech, Mazie Woodruff
  - 5 Hanes Hosleyer Recreation Center
  - 6 Industries for the Blind
  - 7 Kernersville Senior Center/Library
  - 8 Lewisville Library
  - 9 Miller Park Recreation Center
  - 10 Old Town Recreation Center
  - 11 Polo Park Recreation Center
  - 12 Rural Hall Branch Library
  - 13 Sedge Garden Recreation Center
  - 14 Sims Recreation Center
  - 15 South Fork Recreation Center
  - 16 Southside Library
  - 17 Sprague Street Recreation Center
  - 18 Walkertown Library
  - 19 Whitaker Elementary
  - 23 Jefferson

# 2016 Proposed Early Voting Sites

Version 3  
 Removed: Mt. Tabor, Sherwood, Parkland, Carver, East Forsyth Middle



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