

**New Hanover County Board of Education
Williston Exploratory Committee
February 25, 2019**

Committee Members Present:

David Wortman, Stefanie Adams, Dr. Tim Markley, Allen O'Briant, Jill Larson, Leyna Varnum, Florence Warren, Marrio Jeter, Duke Wallin, Rhonda Bellamy, and Robin Harding.

Eddie Anderson and Dr. LaChawn Smith attended the meeting and sat on the panel.

Committee Members Absent:

E. B. Davis, Leanne Lawrence, Carl Newton and Scott Relan.

The meeting was conducted at Williston Middle School. A focus group of students had been gathered. The committee and student met for 45 minutes.

The committee discussed the feedback that they received from the students; the students would prefer to keep Williston a middle school, but acknowledged that changes should be made. The committee members were polled, most were intrigued by the idea of a 6-12 school, but they voted to support the students and keep Williston a middle school.

Committee Chairman David Worman will present an update to the New Hanover County Board of Education at its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.