

# Aha Moment

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What a difference a year makes. You have to wonder if an *aha moment* occurred. It has now become important to the Hampton NAACP to petition the school board to change the name of the two schools that were named after Confederate players. The NAACP's opinion a year ago was –

“As a branch we feel that the more serious issue within the Hampton school division is not the name of a building outside a school, but rather the learning and teaching that is taking place within the walls of these schools.”

**Gaylene Kanoyton – Hampton NAACP president**

**Daily Press - Majority support keeping Hampton school names in place**

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/education/dp-nws-hampton-hearing-20160601-story.html>

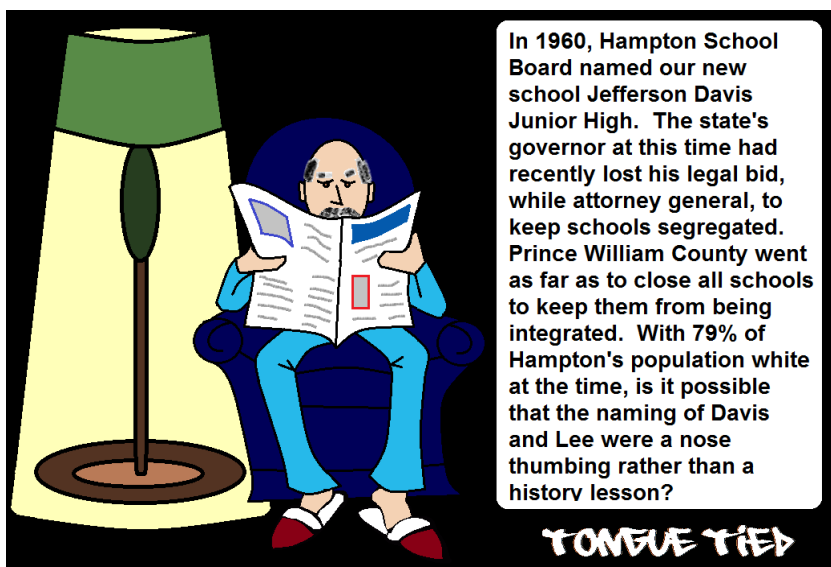
That was the excuse last year for the NAACP not supporting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when they petitioned the school board to change offensively named schools. It was a serious issue then and fifty plus years ago when the monikers were approved.

Is the teaching taking place at Davis and Lee going well? If a majority of the citizens are in favor of keeping the buildings named in honor of the Confederates will the board leave well enough alone, or will Hampton school board do the right thing this year? The board, after all, doesn't have to listen to public opinion.

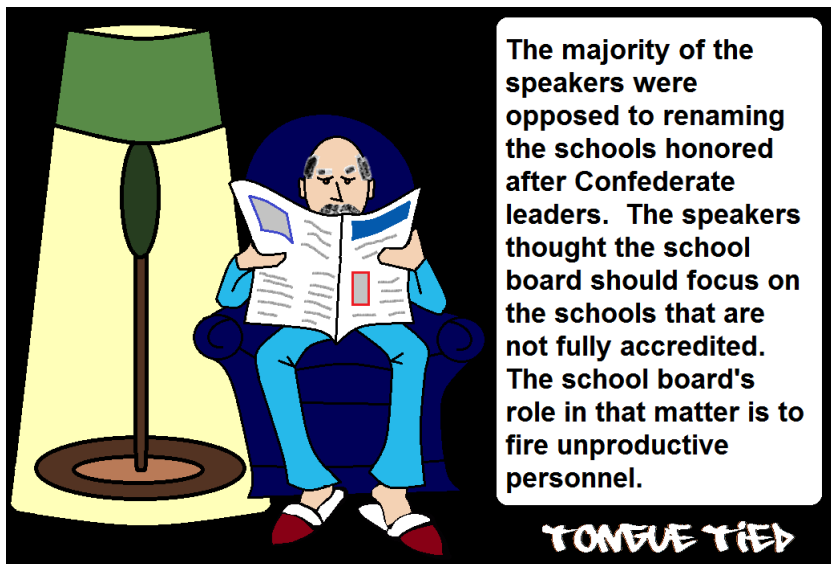
Hampton school board policy states the following –

“Elementary and middle schools will be named in honor of persons who have rendered outstanding service to mankind in their community, state, and/or country.

All high schools will be name for geographic or historic location.”



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