

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 2, 2012, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2012, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Win Dale, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Emma Berry, Amanda Goodwin, Brad Bass, Cassidy Kohne, Adam Kohne, Nelle Hyatt, Sheila Evans, Amy Asbell, Vann Lassiter, Frank Palm, Rebecca Bunch, Bill Moore, W.C. Bunch, Will Crowe, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Browder. The invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: Frank Palm addressed the Board on behalf of the Edenton-Chowan Partnership. Mr. Palm serves on the Education Committee with the Partnership. Mr. Palm stated that the goal of the Education Committee is to help improve the educational opportunities for all students in Chowan County. To help obtain this goal the Education Committee serves to bring the community and school system together to produce better educational opportunities for students.

REPORT:

1. **One-to-One Initiative.** Sheila Evans and Vann Lassiter presented a plan to provide a computer device for every high school student to improve student achievement. The school system studied this option several years ago. At that time the concept was very cost prohibitive. Now there is a demand for students to use technology daily, newer and less expensive technology is available, and instructional software and access to web based learning sites has improved. Vann Lassiter visited Mooresville Graded School district to see how they were able to implement the program. Mooresville has a student enrollment of 5600 students, 40% free and reduced lunch, and student ethnicity is 73% white, 15% black, and 12% other. The school district has purchased 120 interactive whiteboards; grades 3-12 are one-to-one, and grades K-2 share 150 MacBooks. Each school has a help desk. The high school is in the process of developing a plan through the Impact Model with teachers and administrators to be involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation to expand classroom learning. The implementation process involves building support of the administrators, faculty/staff, students and parents; readiness assessment-technology, 21st Century Skill, Common Core/Essential Standards; setting the stage-scheduling, processing of equipment, and articulating the vision; formal collaboration-professional development; and beyond the classroom-sustaining the model over

time. The high school will look at the financial issues with options to lease vs. purchase and explore how the system may reallocate existing technology and other instructional funds and applying for grants. The Board recommended that we contact school systems that have similar demographics to our system.

The Edenton-Chowan Partnership Education committee has identified high speed internet access throughout the county as a project. The committee will also help to obtain support from the community to find alternate funding sources to help with the One-to-One Initiative at the high school.

2. **Renewal of Probationary Teachers-Review of New Requirements.** Michelle Maddox reviewed the new requirements for notifying probationary teachers if they are not recommended for renewal. The superintendent shall provide written notice to a probationary teacher of the superintendent's recommendation not to renew the teacher's contract by May 15th. The notice shall inform the teacher of the right to file a written request to the superintendent within 10 days for the reasons and documents, a hearing before the board if the teacher is eligible at the time for a career status decision; however, there is no right to a hearing if the reason is a decrease in number of positions due to district reorganization, decreased enrollment, or decreased funding.

A teacher who is not eligible for a career status decisions, and not entitled to a hearing, may file a petition to the superintendent for a discretionary hearing before the board. The board chair and vice chair will determine if a discretionary hearing shall be granted. **(Attachment #1)**

3. **2012-2013 Payroll Schedule.** Dr. Smith stated that here is still the possibility of changes in the new requirements for eliminating the option to prepay employees. The school system will move forward based on the current requirements and get the best information to 10-month teachers and 10-staff on how payroll will be issued for next year. The staff will be notified of options to assist through this change after the spring break. The options to be given to staff are subject to change if current legislation is enacted on between now and the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. **(Attachment #2)**

CONSIDER:

1. **Purchase of Bus Camera System.** The camera system currently on our buses are outdated and not working properly. Brad Bass, transportation director, has looked at a new camera system and has received quotes for replacing the system. He has received four quotes to replace the cameras on all 52 buses. The proposed system has 4 cameras positioned throughout the bus. The GPS will provide information on speed, turn signals and stop arms, bus stops, and several other reports. Dr. Smith made a recommendation to approve the lowest quote from Fortress Systems International. A motion was made by John Guard, seconded by Gene Jordan, to approve the lowest quote from Fortress Systems International to replace the bus camera system. **(Attachment #3)**

2. **Resolution Discretionary Reversion.** Dr. Smith presented a Resolution requesting that the General Assembly eliminate the discretionary reversion. The Resolution will be sent to members of the General Assembly. A motion was made by John Guard, seconded to Gil Burroughs, to approve the Discretionary Reversion Resolution. **(Attachment #4)**
3. **2012-2013 Budget Request.** Dr. Smith presented the 2012-2013 Budget Request. The request will be presented to the County Commission on April 16, 2012. Dr. Smith stated that the loss of state, federal, and other local revenue will be approximately \$900,000 for the 2012-2013 school year. The Edujob funds will not be available for the 2012-2013 school year. The reduction of \$788,065 in discretionary funds is an additional \$116,041 from last year. The Board has committed to appropriate an additional \$500,000 to meet the anticipated shortfall in the 2012-2013 school operating budget.

Last May the school system was informed that the non-supplanting standards to receive state Small County or Low Wealth Supplemental Funds were not met by the county. A correction of \$274,164 was given to the school system by the county before June 30, 2011. The board reserved the payment, applied the funds to this year's budget, and returned the correction to the county by reducing the 2011-2012 local current expense appropriation by the same amount.

The Board is requesting the local current expense appropriations to be increased to \$3,651,029 an increase of \$229,100 from last year's request. The increase will help offset the need for a 6th grade teacher to meet class size limits, mandated retirement and insurance increases, and to create an off-campus alternative program at the Edenton-Chowan Boys and Girls Club.

The Land Transfer Tax revenue projections indicate revenues slightly more than anticipated. Combined with the carryover this will allow for \$324,970 to be budgeted for capital outlay projects.

A motion to approve the 2012-2013 Local Current Expense Budget Request was made by Kay Wright, seconded by Gene Jordan and passed unanimously. **(Attachment #5)**

4. **2012-2013 School Calendar.** The school system received notification that our waiver request to convert five student days to teacher workdays has been approved. The workdays must be mandatory workdays for professional development related to the implementation of the Common Core and Essential Standards. The calendar committee was reconvened electronically to revise the attached revised calendar. A motion was made by Win Dale, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the revised 2012-2013 school calendar. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #6)**

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by John Guard to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel (**Attachment #7**)
3. Financial Report (**Attachment #8**)
4. Overnight Trip (**Attachment #9**)

A motion was made by Kay Wright, seconded by Gene Jordan to adjourn the regular session meeting and enter into closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 115C-319 and 115C-321.

The meeting returned to open session with Chairman Ricky Browder calling the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Jamie Bowers as principal at D.F. Walker Elementary School effective July 1, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary