

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 6:30 pm
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 6:30 pm, in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Kay Wright was absent.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Directors representing Central Services; staff members from Edenton-Chowan Schools; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Will Crowe; Board Clerk Sarah Hare and other community members.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and the invocation was given by Glorious Elliott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Recognitions - The Board recognized the following groups/individuals for their accomplishments:

John A. Holmes High School

- Graphics Design Class for making the John A. Holmes High School Program of Studies
- Quiz Bowl team for winning the regional tournament; also participated in the state competition
- Kayla Welch for being selected as a Senate Page

Chowan Middle School

- Quiz Bowl team for competing in the regional tournament

White Oak Elementary School

- Poetry Winners
 - ❑ Fisher Bobbitt (1st Place)
 - ❑ Morgan Nixon (2nd Place)
 - ❑ Della Benavides (3rd Place)

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Kindergarten Entry Assessment Update - Dr. Linda White, Director of Elementary Education, gave the Board an update on the Kindergarten Entry Assessment and answered questions from Board Members.

Consolidated Data Report - Dr. Rob Jackson shared the Consolidated Data Report with Board Members and answered questions.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Jackson shared with Board Members that Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter has secured a grant for Chowan Middle School in the amount of \$2,600 from the Albemarle EMC Community Trust. D F Walker Elementary School Nurse Bonnie Lee received a \$200 grant from the Sigma Alpha Agriculture Sorority, Alpha Theta Chapter, North Carolina State University for an Agriculture in the Classroom Grant. Angela Elsbree, a third grade teacher and Jennifer Thach, Instructional Facilitator at D F Walker Elementary School, each received a grant totaling together \$5,432 from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. Kindergarten registration for the 2016 - 2017 school year will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 12 pm - 6pm and on Friday, April 22, 2016 from 8 am - 4 pm. Edenton-Chowan Schools website now appears on the first page when searched on the top 15 search engines in the world. Per Board Policy 3530, Dr. Jackson informed Board Members that he had approved the overnight field trip request for the Aces Quiz Bowl Team to compete in the State Competition. Radio Station 99.3 FM will be broadcasting the Aces football games in 2016. The Edenton-Chowan Schools' Education Foundation will host an "After Hours Meet & Greet" on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at the Chowan County Courthouse. Dr. Jackson shared with Board Members that he recently

graduated from the North Carolina Next Generation Superintendent Development Program Cohort III. Michelle White, Principal of D F Walker Elementary School and Jamie Bowers, Director of Early College and Alternative Learning Programs, recently successfully completed the Distinguished Leadership in Practice Program. The Class of 2016 has so far received 277 college acceptance letters and \$2,775,700 in scholarship award notices. Edenton-Chowan Schools was the first school system, and one of only six total in the state to have 100% of its teachers take the NC Teacher Working Conditions Survey.

CONSIDER:

Additional Pre-K Class - Mrs. Sheila Evans, Principal of White Oak Elementary School, gave a presentation addressing the need for an additional Pre-K Class at White Oak Elementary School and answered questions from Board Members. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jean Bunch to approve "Plan A" as presented by Mrs. Evans, to add an additional Pre-K Class for 18 students on a fee based basis with one Certified Teacher and one Instructional Assistant. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 - 2017 Local Current Expense Request and 2016 - 2017 Local Capital Outlay Request - Dr. Jackson presented the 2016 - 2017 Local Current Expense Request and 2016 - 2017 Local Capital Outlay Request to Board Members. After some discussion, a motion was made Gene Jordan to approve the 2016 - 2017 Local Current Expense Request and 2016 - 2017 Local Capital Outlay Request as presented by Dr. Jackson. A second to the motion was made by Ricky Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

New Board Policy (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following policy to the Board for a second reading:

- 6110 ENERGY AND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to accept the new Board Policy as presented. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revision (First Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following policy to the Board for a first reading. No action was taken on this item.

- 2420 USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to enter into a closed session at 8:40 pm to consult with the school board attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

2015 - 2016 School System Calendar Revision Recommendation - Dr. Jackson presented the 2015 - 2016 School Calendar to the Board and discussed the need to add Monday, June 13, 2016 as a teacher workday. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to add Monday, June 13, 2016 as a teacher workday. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Education Foundation Members - Mr. Guard asked Board Members for volunteers to serve on the Education Foundation Committee. Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, and John Guard agreed to serve.

A motion was made by Ricky Browder to approve the following items by consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

- March 1, 2016 Board Minutes
- March 21, 2016 Board Minutes
- March 2016 Personnel Report
- School Board Report - March 2016

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Elliott commented on the following:

- Student recognitions

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Recent poverty report

Mr. Guard commented on the following:

- Budget

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Gil Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary