

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Community Members; Board Attorney Hack High; Deputy Kevin Nash; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Ms. Battle gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jordan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Sasscer presented his monthly report including the following items:

We are excited that Damaris and Olivia will be joining us as our student board members this year! Damaris is on her second term and Olivia is just starting her 2-year term. Damaris attended Governor's School over the summer and Olivia attended HOBY and participated in summer programming at the North Carolina School of Science and Math. Both students have been charged with energizing our student government organizations

across all four schools as well as bringing the student voice to this forum on a monthly basis.

Our district convocation will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 beginning at 9:15 a.m. at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Board Members are invited to attend this special occasion.

Mr. Josh Davenport, Mr. Chris Brabble, and our maintenance team did a phenomenal job this summer renovating the classrooms behind the gym to accommodate health science, foods, and Adobe Visual Design. Four cooking stations, outfitted with brand name appliances make up the new kitchen. New hospital beds and our Anatomage table complete the health science lab. And a state of the art computer lab is ready for students to learn graphic design, business essentials and entrepreneurship. Finally, a new epoxy floor was laid down and a coat of fresh paint made for a clean, professional look. Even the exterior wall benefitted from a new paint job, which will ensure our guests coming to sporting events will have an eye-pleasing experience.

Tomorrow, August 16th, we will host a public bid opening at 1:30 p.m. for the Technology Facility renovation project. We only received one bid by the original August 2nd due date, so the project was re-advertised by our architect Mr. John Farkas. Our goal is to move out of the Technology Facility in early September. Mr. Mebane and our technology team will temporarily be housed at D.F. Walker Elementary School.

Dr. Sasscer also gave the Board a staffing update. Currently, we have the following vacancies:

White Oak Elementary School - Two teacher vacancies

Chowan Middle School - One math vacancy and one music vacancy

John A. Holmes High School - One band vacancy and one Spanish vacancy.

There is also an art vacancy at D. F. Walker Elementary, Chowan Middle School, and John A. Holmes High School.

There was no public board dialogue.

REPORT:

1 - Consolidated Data Report - Ms. Virginia Jones, Director of Special Populations and Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services,

shared the 2021-2022 Consolidated Data Report and answered questions from Board Members.

2 - John A. Holmes High School Daily Operations - Ms. Sonya Rinehart, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, shared an overview of what the daily operations will look like for students this year at John A. Holmes High School.

3 - Board Meeting Schedule - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Superintendent, shared the upcoming Board Meeting schedule for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. The Board will meet at Chowan Middle School on September 12th and at the Town Council Chambers on October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th.

CONSIDER:

1 - Federal Grants - Dr. Mindy Vickers, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, presented the Federal Grants for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Federal Grants as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- July 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- July 25, 2023 Board Work Session Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- August 15, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - July 2023

4 - EIC Head Start Agreement

5 - Contract Services - Homebound Services

6 - Contract Services - Kinetic Physical Therapy and Wellness, Inc.

7 - Carolina Rehab - Physical Therapy

8 - Presence Learning - Virtual Speech

9 - Occupational Therapy Plus, Inc.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis commented on the following:

- Inquired on the John A. Holmes High School Building Project and next steps

Mr. Browder commented on the following:

- Picture badges for Board Members

A motion was made by Ms. Perry at 8:02 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the August 15, 2023 Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Battle to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary