

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Building
800 North Oakum Street
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center with the following Board Members present: Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Chairman Gene Jordan was absent.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; Deputy Heather Matthews; and Board Attorney Hack High.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Bunch.

Mr. Burroughs led a moment of reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Bunch.

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

The Board of Education recognized Ms. Casey Bass who was recently named the Regional Career Technical Education Director of the Year.

There were no requests to address the Board.

CONSIDER:

Economic Improvement Council Memorandum of Understanding -

Ms. Mason requested to recuse herself from this matter. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to recuse Ms. Mason. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Mason left the room.

Dr. Jackson presented the Economic Improvement Council (EIC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Board's consideration. The MOU would allow EIC to operate the HeadStart program using empty White Oak Elementary classrooms. Dr. Landon Mason, Executive Director of the Economic Improvement Council, answered questions from Board Members. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Economic Improvement Council Memorandum of Understanding as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Mason returned to the room and her seat.

REPORT:

Chowan CARES Update - Dr. Allan Smith, Chairman of Chowan Cares, gave the Board an update on the Chowan CARES program.

Insurance Consultant Update - Mr. Kurt Fickling, Firm Consulting, gave an overview of the District's insurance services and answered questions from Board Members.

Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee on High School Replacement Update - Mr. Browder gave the Board an update from the recent Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee Meeting.

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

Our Summer School and Read-to-Achieve Camp was a great success for our youngest students.

Dr. Jackson welcomed Dr. Jana Rawls as the new Executive Director of Human Resources for Edenton-Chowan Schools. Dr. Rawls grew up in Northeastern North Carolina and is dedicated to our region. She is a former NC Teaching Fellow and a former NC Principal Fellow.

The NCSBA District Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday September 4, 2019 at Manning Elementary School in Roanoke Rapids.

The Board of Education has again earned the prestigious Gold Bell distinction for the third consecutive year. The Gold Bell Award acknowledges school boards wherein every member has met the Gold Bell standard for hours of Professional Development between July 1st and June 30th.

The Board will also be recognized at this year's State Meeting as a NCSBA Master Board for having completed Master Board training during the past year.

Dr. Jackson provided each Board Member with a copy of their Professional Development Hours Report from NCSBA for 2018-2019.

Dr. Sasscer and Dr. Jackson joined the Principals and Assistant Principals in attending the 2019 School Safety Symposium in Asheville, NC. The symposium included presentations from Kat Posada, an English teacher from Parkland High School in Parkland, Florida, and John LeGrand, Principal of Butler High School in Charlotte, NC. As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, our school system is participating in an Active Intruder exercise with the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, the city and county Fire Departments, Emergency Management Services, the Highway Patrol, Wildlife Officers, and others on Wednesday, August 21st after the teachers return.

CONSIDER:

Board of Education Meeting Schedule - Dr. Jackson presented a revised 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the meeting schedule as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals for Construction Management for the new John A. Holmes High School Construction Project - Dr. Jackson presented a Request for Proposals for Construction Management for the new John A. Holmes High School Construction Project for the Board to consider.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve issuing the request for proposals as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- July 9, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- July 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- August 6, 2019 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- August 2019 School Board Report

4 - School System Attorney Contract

5 - School Resource Officer Agreement with Chowan County Sheriff's Office

6 - Beginning Teacher Induction Plan

7 - Contract for Visually Impaired Services

8 - Contracts for Speech Language Pathology Services

9 - Contract for Physical Therapy Services

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 8:21 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. No action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- John A. Holmes High School Project

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary