

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education  
Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m., 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, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Director of Human Resources Michelle Maddox; Directors representing Central Services; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; School Resource Officer Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Will Crowe; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and the invocation was given by Kay Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jean Bunch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the agenda as amended to include the following item:

- New Board Policy - 6035 Facility Construction

A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

BOE Recognition of Finance Department - Mr. Guard recognized the Edenton-Chowan Schools Finance Department for earning the North Carolina State Board of Education Achievement in Financial Resource Management Award for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Capital Outlay Projects Progress Report - Mr. Brad Bass, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, gave the Board an update on the recent capital outlay projects and answered questions from Board Members.

“Lincoln on Leadership” - Dr. Jackson gave Board Members a brief overview of the book “Lincoln on Leadership.”

NCSBA District Meeting Information - Ms. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, provided Board Members with information related to the NCSBA District 1 Meeting that will be held on September 7, 2016 at Weldon Middle School.

Superintendent’s Report:

John A. Holmes High School recently celebrated the 2016 Summer Graduation.

The second annual Special Olympics Adaptive Baseball game with the Edenton Steamers will be held on August 3, 2016.

The Edenton-Chowan School District has been selected to receive a 2016 America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education grant worth \$10,000. The grant will fund a new greenhouse for the campus John A. Holmes High School.

The North Carolina School Boards Association has requested that Board Members complete an online survey on legislative issues for the 2017-18 legislative biennium. The survey needs to be completed by 2:00 pm on August 22, 2016.

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education suffered approximately \$80,349.94 in damages to school buses on June 25, 2016. Additional transportation funding has been requested from the state to help off-set the cost of the damages. The amount of the potential funding has not yet been determined.

A community back-to-school event will be held at the old D.F. Walker gym on August 18, 2016, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Convocation will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at Open Door Church beginning at 9:00 am.

The Team WOW Summer Santa Bus is still out making rounds in the county. Several staff members have volunteered their time to help encourage our students to read over summer break.

CONSIDER:

Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays - Ms. Tanya Turner presented the Board with the proposed Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays for the 2016-2017 school year. A motion was made by Kay Wright to approve the Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays as presented. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 - 2017 Local Budget - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2016 - 2017 Local Budget for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the 2016 - 2017 Local Budget as presented. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to direct the Superintendent and Chief Finance Officer to restore the 1% classified staff salary reduction with no step increase and restore 1% back to the teaching supplement to return it to 3% for teachers effective July 1, 2016. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

New Board Policy for Consideration (first reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following new policy to the Board for a first reading:

- 6035 - Facility Construction

2016 - 2017 Attorney Contract - Dr. Jackson presented Board Members with a contract from Attorney Hackney High for the 2016-2017 legal services. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Jackson, a motion was made by Ricky Browder to extend the legal services contract for the 2016-2017 school year utilizing the services of Attorney Hackney High with High and Crowe, LLP with a \$2,500 retainer fee and a rate of \$130 per hour. A second to the motion was made by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE:

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

- July 12, 2016 Board Minutes
- July 25, 2016 Board Minutes
- July 2016 Personnel Report
- School Board Report – July 2016

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to enter into a closed session at 8:00 p.m. as permitted by the following North Carolina General Statutes:

- §143-318.11 (a) (1) - To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential
- §143-318.11 (a) (3) - To consult with the school attorney
- §143-318.11(a) (6) - To discuss a personnel matter

A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

A motion was made by Ricky Browder to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Timeline. A second to the motion was made by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

#### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Bunch commented on the following:

- Bus Garage

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Glorious Elliot to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary