

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 6, 2010, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

M I N U T E S

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2010, 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, Nelle Hyatt, Cindy Pridgen, Stacy Leggett, Becky Bunch, and Hackney High.

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk of Court Michael McArthur to board members Kay Wright and Gene Jordan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Ricky Browder turned the meeting over to Superintendent Allan Smith for the election of officers.

Superintendent Allan Smith requested nominations for Chairman. A motion was made by Gene Jordan and seconded by John Guard to nominate Ricky Browder as chairman. Win Dale moved to close nominations and Gil Burroughs seconded the motion. Ricky Browder was elected chairman by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Allan Smith requested nominations for Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Ricky Browder and seconded by Win Dale to nominate Gene Jordan as vice-chairman. John Guard moved to close nominations. Gene Jordan was elected as vice-chairman by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **Microsoft Academy.** Cindy Pridgen from John A. Holmes High School updated the Board of the Microsoft Academy Program. John A. Holmes is one of thirty seven high schools piloting the Academy with twenty additional districts testing the program beginning in January. North Carolina expects all 628 public high schools to participate in the Microsoft IT Academy beginning in August 2011. The program is designed to help schools offer students and faculty learning solutions for IT skills, training, and certification by providing access to the latest Microsoft programs and software. The Microsoft Academy aligns with North Carolina's

education goals by helping to provide high school students with the 21st Century skills they will need to be successful in college and their careers.

2. **Location of January 2011 Board of Education Meeting.** The January meeting will be held at D.F. Walker Elementary School. The Board will recognize the Teachers of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and National Board Certified Teachers. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan to change the January 10, 2011 Board of Education meeting to January 3, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER:

1. **2011-2012 School Calendar.** Dr. Smith presented the 2011-2012 school calendar for Board approval. The calendar law requires that the calendar has 215 days. The calendar should consist of a minimum of 180 student days, 10 annual leave days, 10 legal holidays, and 15 teacher workdays with 5 teacher workdays as protected. The beginning of school for students is no earlier than August 25 and the last day no later than June 10th. The calendar was developed by the calendar committee that consisted of an administrator, teacher, and parent from each school. The calendar committee presented a PreK-8 calendar and a high school calendar. The major difference is found in January around the semester break. The PreK-8 calendar includes two non-student days. The high school calendar includes the two non-student days but uses the rest of the week for focused intervention and retesting for students. This change has caused other differences in the two calendars. The PreK-8 staff report for the start of the year on August 15th while the high school staff report two days later on August 17th and the Christmas holiday begins a day later for the high school. Both calendars contain the required 180 student days, 10 holidays, 10 annual leave days, and 15 teacher workdays. The calendars were sent out to the staff for review. The most common concern from the staff has been the desire to have two full weeks for Christmas. A motion to adopt the K-8 and 9-12 calendars for the 2011-2012 school year was made by Kay Wright, seconded by John Guard. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #1)**
2. **Resolution Agriscience and Biotechnology.** Superintendent Allan Smith presented a Resolution in support for a Regional Agriscience and Biotechnology School to be located at the Vernon James Center in Washington County. The school will focus on science, technology, engineering, and math. The governing board will consist of a Board of Directors to include members from each Board of Education (Washington, Tyrrell, and Chowan counties), business members from each service area, and a parent representative. The funding from the LEAs will be 50% of the state ADM allocations for each student that will be attending. The students will remain on the roll of their local high school. Other school systems have expressed an interest in applying for the school to be located in their area. A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by John Guard to adopt the Resolution of Support and to authorize Superintendent Allan Smith and Board

Chairman Ricky Browder to sign the Request for Information (RFI). The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #2)**

3. &4. **Policy 3450 Student Accountability Standards and Policy 3600 Student Promotion and Accountability.** The Board of Education was presented Policies 3450 and 3600 for their first reading. Superintendent Allan Smith reported that the recent action of the State Board of Education to eliminate the Gateway requirements for promotion (End of Grade at grade 3-8) and graduation (End of Course at grades 9-12) led to the need to re-visit our existing policies for compliance.

Dr. Smith recommended the deletion of Policy 3450 which addresses the Student Accountability Standards for Grades 3, 5, 8, and 9-12.

Policy 3600 addresses the requirement to develop a Personalized Education Plan in accordance with state policy and revising the wording for the K-8 Criteria to reflect the State Board Policy. **(Attachment #3 and #4)**

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

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #5)**
3. Financial Report **(Attachment #6)**

Chairman Ricky Browder requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-319 and N.C.G.S. 115C-321 to discuss personnel. A motion was made by Kay Wright, seconded by Gene Jordan to enter into closed session.

The meeting returned to open session.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS:

Gil Burroughs commented the he thought the Board should consider a policy with regard to environmental stewardship. Charlotte Mecklenburg has developed a policy. The school system should look for ways to improve energy efficiency.

Ricky Browder appointed a committee to look at possible locations for the central office to relocate. Ricky Browder appointed Kay Wright, Jean Bunch and himself to review sites for the possible location of the central office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary