

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
6:30 p.m.

John A. Holmes High School
Media Center
600 Woodard St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the John A. Holmes High School Media Center with the following Board Members present: Ricky Browder, Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Gene Jordan, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Members of the Community; Deputy Alan Stulick; Board Attorney Will Crowe; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jackson.

The invocation was given by Mrs. White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from White Oak Elementary School.

Election of Officers - Dr. Jackson asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Education. Ricky Browder nominated Gene Jordan as Chairman. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and Mr. Jordan assumed the role of Chairman.

Mr. Jordan asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Mr. Jordan nominated Jean Bunch as Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and Mrs. Bunch assumed the role of Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch 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 the White Oak Elementary School Sumdog Team for achieving First Place in the North East North Carolina Sumdog Math Competition.

Mr. Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School and Mrs. Sheila Evans, Principal of White Oak Elementary School, assisted Dr. Jackson in recognizing the Board of Education for receiving the following awards from the North Carolina School Boards Association:

Gold Bell Award for Whole-Board Training
School Board Leadership Award
Master Board Level I Status

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Audit Presentation - Mrs. Donna Winborne, representing Donna H. Winborne, CPA, P.C., presented the Board with the June 30, 2019 audit report and answered questions from Board Members.

NCSBA Annual Conference Report - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the NCSBA Conference that Board Members recently attended. Board Members shared information from the various workshops that they attended while at the conference.

Board of Education Meeting Announcement Process - Dr. Jackson gave a presentation on the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education meeting announcement process.

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

Dr. Jackson congratulated the Board of Education on receiving the following awards from the North Carolina School Boards Association:

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The school system has been asked to present to the State Board of Education. Dr. Jackson and the Leadership Team from D. F. Walker Elementary School will share the journey of D.F. Walker Elementary School moving from a Low-Performing School to being named North Carolina's National Title 1 School in the category of high progress. D. F. Walker exceeded growth in reading the past four years and exceeded growth overall three of the past four years.

The Senior Class of 2020 have already received \$1,606,540 in scholarships, including \$92,700 in local scholarships. 38 Seniors have been accepted to 69 colleges and universities, while three students have begun the process to enlist in the military.

The "Say Something Anonymous Reporting System" (SS-ARS) will launch on Monday, December 9, 2019. This program, which fulfills the mandate requirement under 115C-105.51 of NC Law, teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize the warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and say something to a trusted adult or use its anonymous reporting system. Students may anonymously report a tip through the app, through the website, or by calling the phone number.

Dr. Jackson shared a video with Board Members of a vehicle recently passing a stopped Edenton-Chowan Schools bus. The bus was properly stopped with the stop sign out. There have been 11 incidents this school year of cars illegally passing a stopped school bus. Thanks to our new camera system, each time, the driver has been caught. Police Chief Henry King has talked with the Chowan Herald and has discussed the number of drivers passing our stopped school buses. The Chowan Herald has posted a video on Facebook of the interview, and also posted an article on the front page of the paper.

CONSIDER:

White Oak Elementary School Gutter Replacement Project - Mr. Jamie Johnson, Director of Maintenance, gave a presentation on the White Oak Elementary School Gutter Replacement Project. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the project as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions (First Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board of Education policy revision to the Board for a first reading:

- *Policy 5145 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators*

2020 - 2021 School Calendar (Second Reading) - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2020-2021 School Calendar for a second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2019 - Mrs. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the Fund Balances as of June 30, 2019 for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to approve the Fund Balances as of June 30, 2019 as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Resolution Supporting North Carolina's Public Schools - Dr. Jackson presented a Resolution Supporting North Carolina's Public Schools to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adopt the Resolution Supporting North Carolina's Public Schools as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Psychology Contract that was listed on the agenda was removed from the 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 Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- November 5, 2019 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- December 10, 2019 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - December 2019

4 - Line Item Transfer Report

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Liberal Arts Education

Mr. Browder commented on the following:

- Session that he attended at the NCSBA Annual Conference
- Superintendent's Report
- Board Retreat
- Business Supporters

Chairman Jordan read the following statement:

The Board announces the settlement of "D.W." by and through his parents, R.W. and M.J.W. vs Edenton-Chowan Board of Education (File No: 19-EDC-04855) for the amount of \$75,000 and other terms, including a release of liability.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary