

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

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Ricky Browder, Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Joan White and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Directors representing Central Services; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rob Jackson. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Alice Jones, a former member of the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education.

The invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

Oath of Office - The Honorable Meader Harriss, III, District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to board elects Joan White, Paul Clifton, and Gene Jordan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from D. F. Walker Elementary School.

Election of Officers - Dr. Jackson asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Education. Glorious Elliott nominated Jean Bunch as Chairman. Ricky Browder nominated Gene Jordan as Chairman. There were no further nominations. Candidates were voted on in the order in which they were nominated. Glorious Elliott voted in favor of Jean Bunch as Chairman. Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, and Gene Jordan voted in favor of Gene Jordan as Chairman. Gene Jordan received the majority vote and assumed the role of Chairman.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

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, 2016 audit report and answered questions from Board Members.

Pre-Kindergarten Results and Dreams - Mrs. Sheila Evans, Principal of White Oak Elementary School, discussed school readiness along with the vision for the Pre-Kindergarten Program at White Oak Elementary School and answered questions from Board Members.

Digital Learning Device Program Update and Training - Ms. Nelle Hyatt, Chief Technology Officer gave Board Members an update on the Digital Learning Device Program. Chromebooks were distributed to Board Members. Ms. Hyatt, with the assistance of Mr. William Linton, Network Administrator, and Ms. Natalie Briggs, Testing Coordinator and Instructional Technology Facilitator, gave a brief training session on how to operate a Chromebook and answered questions Board Members.

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

Earlier this year, the school system entered into a partnership with the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library. The partnership gave a free library e-card to each student at Chowan Middle School allowing them to download e-books onto their iPads without having to go to the public library to check them out or return them. Jennifer Finlay, the librarian reported that last year the library circulated a total of 148 e-books during the month of November. This year 714 books were circulated during the month of November.

Members of the North Carolina National Guard 430th Ordinance Company-Explosive Ordinance Detachment from Washington, NC recently visited John A. Holmes High School to share with the JROTC cadets and with the STEM students robots that are used to deactivate bombs. The students were able to operate the robots and wear the explosive gear.

The Kiwanis Club has financed \$1,700 for books for our Pre-Kindergarten Program. Pre-Kindergarten teachers at White Oak Elementary School have ordered multiple copies of familiar reads so they may implement a program where their students read for five minutes before nap time.

On Friday, December 9, 2016, the John A. Holmes High School varsity football team will play South Columbus High School in Tabor City for the right to play in the State Championship.

The hard work of the staff at D.F. Walker Elementary School in moving the school out of Low-Performing status has resulted in site visits from Beaufort, Martin, Pitt, Alamance-Burlington, Hertford, Bertie, Lenoir, Northampton, Guilford County and NCDPI.

The District has recently been notified that the funding request through the new e-rate program has been approved. The Edenton-Chowan Wireless Project 2016 (White Oak Elementary School and D.F. Walker Elementary School) will allow the schools to upgrade to the wireless network and fully utilize the iPads that are now available for the elementary schools.

#### CONSIDER:

Legislative Agenda - Dr. Jackson presented Board Members with a copy of the NCSBA Legislative Agenda and the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education Resolution on Legislative Priorities. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to support the NCSBA Legislative Agenda and adopt the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education Legislative Agenda. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following new board policies and policy revisions for a first reading:

#### New Board Policies:

- 2000 Official Spokesperson
- 2135 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement
- 7230 Title 1 Program Comparability of Services

## Board Policy Revisions:

- 1310 School Board Superintendent Relations
- 2130 Parental Involvement
- 2230 Guidelines for School Websites
- 3250 Homeless Students
- 3530 Trips
- 3800 Interscholastic Athletics Policy
- 4040 Immunization
- 4050 School Admissions
- 4055 School Assignment
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 5135 Staff-Student Relations
- 5340 Substitute Teachers: Recruitment and Qualifications
- 6100 Disposition of School Property

## CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Paul Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

### 1 - Minutes

- November 1, 2016 Board Minutes

### 2 - Personnel Report

- November 2016 Personnel Report

### 3 - Financial

- School Board Report – November 2016

## Board Member Remarks/Comments

Mr. Browder stated that he was appreciative of all of the acts of kindness that were recently shown to him.

Mrs. Bunch commented on the following:

- EVAAS presentation at the NCSBA Conference

Mr. Jordan commented on the following:

- Marketing session and Dr. Berliner's presentation at the NCSBA Conference

Mr. Clifton commented on the following:

- Dr. Berliner's presentation at the NCSBA Conference

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Charter school withdrawal rates

Mr. Jordan also welcomed new Board Members Joan White and Paul Clifton.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Glorious Elliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary