

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, February 7, 2011, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2011, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Win Dale, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Rebecca Bunch, Jamie Gillespie, Stacy Leggett, John Jordan, Sheila May, Emma Berry, Nelle Hyatt, Beverly Harrison, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

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

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **ACES Center.** Beverly Harrison updated the Board of the ACES Center Program at the high school. The program gives students the opportunity to earn certification by providing training to help improve skills that colleges and employers are looking for. Students earn certification at three levels: (1) Career Readiness Certification that is based on the ACT Work Keys system; (2) College Tech Prep Readiness Certification that is based on the ASSET college placement test used by NC Community College System; and (3) College University Prep Readiness Certification based on the SAT. The students are awarded a bronze, silver, or gold certificate for completing each of the certifications.
2. **Conservation Study Update.** Dr. Smith updated the Board on the request to identify how to reduce our consumption of energy and other resources. Dr. Smith, Brad Bass, and Gil Burroughs met with representatives from Linc Services to begin the process that will be at no cost to the system. We have provided energy bills to Linc Services. Linc Services has visited D.F. Walker. The preliminary study is the first part of the process followed by conducting a full analysis at each school and then implementing the recommendations. If we proceed with the full analysis it would involve the letting of bids to open the process to other vendors. With the additional savings on the window project and the savings on the HVAC analysis these funds can be used on lowering the ceilings and replacing lights at the high school. Win Dale was selected to work with Gil Burroughs, Brad Bass, and Dr. Smith on the environmental stewardship project.
3. **Employee Payroll Portal.** Edenton-Chowan School employees will now have the capability to view their payroll information electronically. Some of the advantages of electronic the electronic payroll will be the reduced cost of printing

paystubs each month, employees will be able to access past payroll information, and the on-line version gives more detail descriptions. For the rest of the school year we will run a dual system of paper and electronic versions.

4. **Board of Education Retreat.** The Board of Education retreat is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2011 beginning at 9:00 am. The Board members selected the following items for the agenda: Central Office Relocation, High School Review (student achievement, discipline, student attendance, class sizes/teacher assignments), and Budget Priorities for 2011-2012.
5. **List of Licensed Personnel Eligible for Career Status.** Michelle Maddox presented the List of Licensed Personnel Eligible for Career Status for the 2010-2011 school year. Under the provisions of GS115C-325, the Fair Employment and Dismissal Act, the Board of Education is required to vote to award career status or to non-renew the contracts by the end of the current school year. Each eligible employee must be notified of the Board of Education's decision to grant or not to grant career status no later than June 15, 2011. **(Attachment #1)**
6. **Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional High School.** Dr. Smith updated the Board of the Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional High School. The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education as well as Boards from Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties approved a letter of interest in December 2010 in support of the Commission's recommendation of locating the regional school of Agriscience and biotechnology at the Vernon G. James Center in Washington County. Now there is a draft of a bill that has several differences from the original bill. The item of greatest concern is in the funding of the school. In the agreement approved by the Board of Education 50% of the state ADM would follow the students enrolled in the school. The new draft bill calls for 100% of state and 100% of local ADM would follow the students. Edenton-Chowan Schools, Hyde Tyrrell, and Washington counties are asking for clarification on these issues. Dr. Smith requested approval from the Board to monitor the progress of the draft bill and be able to withdraw Edenton-Chowan Schools from the application if needed. A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Gil Burroughs to authorize Dr. Allan Smith on behalf of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to withdraw Edenton-Chowan Schools as a participating school district in the Northeast Regional School of Agriscience and Biotechnology if the issues are not resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER:

1. **Educational Foundation Board of Directors.** The Educational Foundation met on Monday, January 31, 2011. Four board members' terms have expired. Glorious Elliott and Claire Mills have agreed to serve another term. The other two positions need to be replaced. The Board of Education committee Jean Bunch, John Guard, and Gil Burroughs met with Stacy Leggett to conduct the interviews. The committee recommends Joy Denton and Deanna Byrum as new board members to serve four year terms. The Board of Education approved by

unanimous vote the recommendation of the sub-committee to appoint Joy Denton and Deanna Byrum as Foundation board members for a term of 4 years.

The Foundation discussed the awarding of the Carr and Robinson Scholarships for this year. The terms of the scholarships state that only the interest earned is to be used for awarding scholarships. The amount of interest earned for the Carr Scholarship has decreased for this year and there are not enough funds to support the current scholarships and to award a new scholarship but there is enough funds that have accumulated over the past years to fund the two reoccurring scholarships and one new scholarship of \$5000. The Robinson Scholarship does not have the funds to award the \$500 without using the principal. The Foundation approved the awarding of one new Carr Scholarship at \$5000 and one new Robinson Scholarship at a reduced amount of \$350. The Foundation has planned a fundraising spelling bee event for April 7 at the Edenton United Methodist Church beginning at 6:30pm.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Kay Wright to approve in consent agenda the following items:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel (**Attachment #2**)
3. Financial Report (**Attachment #3**)
4. Overnight Trip (**Attachment #4**)

Chairman Ricky Browder requested to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-319 and N.C.G.S. 115C-321 to discuss personnel.

The meeting returned to open session.

Board Members Reports/Remarks:

Dr. Smith updated the Board on the fight at the high school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary