

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, February 4, 2013, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2013, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman John Guard, Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Ricky Browder, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, and Kay Wright. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Dan Andronowitz, Triyon Jackson, Amber Beaman, Rob Bunch, Molly High, Sheila Evans, John Jordan, Casey Atstupenas, Becky Bunch, Darnell White, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

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

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

1. **Senior Trip.** Sheila Evans and students from the high school presented a request to the Board for a Senior Trip cruise. The senior class would like to take a cruise and use this opportunity to be together as a group before graduation. The class will travel by bus to Norfolk, Va. on Friday, May 24, 2013. The class will embark at 1:00 pm on Friday. Students will be contained on the ship until Sunday morning, May 26th. The class will return to Edenton by bus. One at least twenty-five year old will be residing with two or three students. Meals will be eaten as a group, and check-in times will be held throughout the day. Students will be asked to stay in a group with a minimum of two wherever they go for safety reasons. No fundraisers will be held. Students will be responsible for all meals. Before leaving the school, students will be thoroughly searched for any inappropriate items. If any items are found, they will not be allowed on the trip and will face consequences based on the school rules and may not be allowed to march at graduation. If a student misbehaves on the ship, they will face consequences based on the school rules and may not be allowed to march at graduation. A motion was made by Glorious Elliott, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the overnight Senior Class trip. The motion passed unanimously.
(Attachment #1)
2. **Security Cameras.** Board members were given a demonstration of the security cameras located at each of the school. The cameras can be viewed from remote locations. The cameras are located in the hallways, cafeterias, and outside areas of the schools. None of the cameras are located inside classrooms. Superintendent Smith told Board members that he has talked with the sheriff's department about video accessibility for the sheriff's department. School Board attorney Hackney High asked if the school system has a policy in place that manage how and when the video footage from the cameras can be shown. Dr.

Smith said that the school system does not have a policy. Dr. Smith also stated that sometimes the schools will share the video with parents. The schools are very careful to keep the video confidential. Dr. Smith also stated that cameras have been installed on all the buses. One of the features of these cameras is to be able to block out other students when shown. With the changes in technology he hopes that will be a feature for the video cameras in the schools in the future. Mr. High will check to see if other school systems have policies in place.

3. **Federal Relations Network Conference.** John Guard provided highlights from the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C. The Federal Relations Network Conference is sponsored by the National School Boards Association and school board members from across the country are selected to attend. It is an opportunity for school board members across the country to meet with their congressional representatives to discuss education issues. During the conference 3 main focuses were discussed: Re-authorization of the Education and Secondary Education Act; Sequestration and Federal Funding for Education (federal government will impose an across the board cut for federal funding that includes education); and to restore flexibility, authority and efficiency to local school boards to determine how children in local communities are educated.
4. **Education Foundation Spelling Bee.** Michelle Maddox reported that the third annual Education Foundation Spelling Bee will be held March 21, 2013, 6:00 pm at the Edenton United Methodist Church Family Life Center. There will be a raffle for a Kindle Fire. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. A motion was made by Ricky Browder, seconded by Gene Jordan to sponsor a team at the platinum level in the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER:

1. **Energy Performance Contracting.** Superintendent Smith reviewed the process of Phase I and whether the Board wanted to proceed to Phase II. At the January Board Retreat Heery presented the preliminary energy analysis for the four schools. At the retreat the Board asked for clarification on several items. Dr. Smith updated the Board on the discrepancy in utility costs. The discrepancy in utility costs between White Oak and D.F. Walker was due to assignment of space in the connector to White Oak and the meter to D.F. Walker. Once usage was recalculated the cost per square for White Oak is \$1.37 and D.F. Walker is \$1.23. The other question was the low cost per square foot at John A. Holmes. The data that was provided Heery was the same information that was used for the energy grant when the windows were replaced. The data for the energy grant did not include the Armory or outside lights. If the Board agreed to move to Phase II and did not proceed to Phase III it would give the Board very specific information on all of our schools that would help set priorities for our facilities for future use. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan to authorize the Superintendent to contact Heery International to proceed to Phase II, the

completion of the Investment Grade Audit (IGA). The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #2)**

APPROVE:

The request for overnight trip was removed from the consent agenda and approved during the Senior trip presentation.

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the following items by consent agenda:

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

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS:

John Guard stated that the a request has been made by the former county commission chairman that the county commission consider asking the state legislature to introduce a bill that would reduce school board terms from six to four years. At the county commission meeting tonight the board will consider that request. John Guard has prepared a statement to read at the commission meeting asking them to reject the proposal to seek legislation regarding changing the term length for Board of Education seats.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Guard, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary