

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Hack High; Deputy Holly Pierce; Community Members; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mr. Clifton gave the invocation.

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

The Board of Education recognized students from D. F. Walker Elementary School who ensure that a flag is in each classroom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

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

We recently received EVAAS (Education Value-Added Assessment System) growth data for the 2021-22 school year. We are proud to share that 75% of our teachers met or exceeded growth.

On February 10th, we will host EdNC - a non-partisan source for news and information about education and the future of our state. They will feature our work to integrate social and emotional learning into our daily habits and routines. We are excited for them to experience White Oak and D.F. Walker where they will observe our 2nd grade classrooms and learn from our grades 3-5 teachers. Additionally, Principal Newsome and I have been invited to speak at the No Child Hunger Leaders Conference on February 17th. We will share our SEL story of hope, resilience, and innovation in the face of the past year's unique challenges. Finally, Ms. Evans and I have been invited to join the NC SEL Implementation team.

The Board of Education will take a tour of our schools on February 23rd. We will begin the day at John A. Holmes High School and end at White Oak Elementary School.

The Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation will host the 2nd Annual Bonfire on February 26th at 6pm at the American Legion Fairgrounds. This event celebrates our local schools and raises funds to support enhanced teaching and learning opportunities.

Dr. Sasscer recently met with an advocate for the tennis community. Our goal is to find a compromise and finalize a plan that may minimize the time the high school courts are closed, as well as understand viable community options, such as the Northern Chowan Recreation Center, if resurfaced.

The USDA loan for the John A. Holmes High School project has been officially submitted and is under review by the state office. The Needs-Based Public Schools Capital Fund grant application has also been submitted and received by the state.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Bob Kirby
Nichole Hughes
Tom Joyal

REPORT:

2020-21 Data Presentation - Ms. Sheila Evans, Chief Academic Officer, shared data from the 2020-21 school year and answered questions from Board Members.

Budget Committees - Dr. Sasscer shared information regarding the upcoming budget committees and answered questions from Board Members.

CONSIDER:

Budget Timeline - Dr. Sasscer shared the 2022-23 proposed budget timeline with the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the 2022-23 budget timeline as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Masking - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the district's health data and shared the results of a recent masking survey that was sent to school system staff. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to continue the mask requirement in all indoor spaces at this time. A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation to continue the mask requirement in all indoor spaces at this time. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried 5-2. Mr. Browder and Mr. Clifton were opposed.

Child Adolescent Day Treatment MOU - Ms. Virginia Jones, Director of Student Populations, presented a Child Adolescent Day Treatment MOU for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Child Adolescent Day Treatment MOU as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

JAHHS Environmental Assessment Proposal - Dr. Sasscer presented a proposal from Terracom for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept the proposal as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

2022 Legislative Committee Service - Mr. Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the 2022 Legislative Committee. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to nominate Mr. Browder to serve on this committee. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

John A. Holmes High School Student Board Representatives - Dr. Sasscer presented a recommendation to the Board to allow two high school students to serve as student board representatives. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve Dr. Sasscer's

recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- February 1, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - January 2022

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clifton to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary