

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:30 p.m.  
Chowan Middle School Media Center

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m., in the Media Center at Chowan Middle School with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Paul Clifton, Glorious Elliott, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Gil Burroughs was absent.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Directors representing Central Services; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Staff Members from White Oak Elementary School, D.F. Walker Elementary School, Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes High School; Members of the Community; Deputy Brian Long; Board Attorney Hack High and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan and the invocation was given by Mr. Browder.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Recognition of Bus Drivers of the Year, Instructional Assistants of the Year, Teacher of Excellence, Teachers of the Year, and Principal of the Year - Chairman Jordan presented the following awards:

White Oak Elementary School

Carolyn Leary - 2017-2018 Instructional Assistant of the Year

LeAnn Nixon - 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

White Oak Elementary School/D.F. Walker Elementary School

Darlene Tynch - 2017-2018 Bus Driver of the Year

D. F. Walker Elementary School

Trina Rountree - 2017-2018 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Trisha Lewis - 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

Chowan Middle School

Alberta Perry - 2017-2018 Bus Driver of the Year

Linda Leary - 2017-2018 Instructional Assistant of the Year

John Reinhold - 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

John A. Holmes High School

Patrice Bell - 2017-2018 Bus Driver of the Year

Patrice Bell - 2017-2018 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Rachel O'Kelley - 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

The following awards were also presented:

Kelsey Sharp - 2017-2018 Teacher of Excellence Award - Exceptional Children's Program

Trisha Lewis - 2017-2018 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year

Michelle White - 2017-2018 Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrator of the Year

Michelle White was also recognized as the 2017-2018 Northeast Region Principal of the Year.

Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers - Chairman Jordan also recognized the following teachers that recently earned their National Board Certification:

Kristine Ludlow - D.F. Walker Elementary School  
Kathryn Milligan - White Oak Elementary School

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

In accordance with Board Policy, Dr. Jackson shared with the Board that he had recently approved overnight field trip requests for the Wrestling Team, the Swimming Team, and the Indoor Track Team.

John A. Holmes High School Teacher and Head Football Coach Paul Hoggard has been selected as the North Carolina High School Football Coach of the Year.

John A. Holmes High School Baseball Coach Robert Jordan has been named as the Regional Coach of the Year by the North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association.

The John A. Holmes High School Booster Club received this year's Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Organization of the Year Award.

The first semester assessment results at the high school are looking very promising with scores up in American History, English 3 and Pre-calculus. The Pre-calculus scores are the highest they have been since 2014.

The school system will be celebrating "Love the Bus" during the week of February 12, 2018.

#### CONSIDER:

Teacher Contracts - Dr. Jackson presented four options to the Board related to teacher contracts. After receiving feedback from various sources to include all teachers in the district, Directors, Principals, and members of the Teacher Advisory Council, Dr. Jackson recommended that the Board adopt option one, a uniform contract length of four years, following three years of successful service in the district. A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to accept Dr. Jackson's recommendation of adopting the uniform contract length option for teacher contracts. 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 policy to the Board for a first reading:

New Policy for Consideration

*5335 Teacher Contracts*

Board of Education Policy Revisions (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board Policies to the Board for a second reading:

New Policy for Consideration

*2700 Business Advisory Council*

Policy Revisions for Consideration

*3100 School Calendar*

*3500 Vocational and Technical Education*

*3510 Health Education*

*3600 Student Promotion and Accountability*

*4360 Reporting Child Abuse*

*5135 Staff-Student Relations*

*6310 School Safety*

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to adopt the Board Policy revisions as presented by Dr. Jackson. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

School Facility Planning - Dr. Jackson presented information to the Board related to facility replacement of the high school and middle school. After some discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the discussion of facility planning and replacement. There was not a formal motion made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott 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

- January 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- January 23, 2018 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- February 13, 2018 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - January 2018

4 - Audit Contract

5 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Trip Request

Board Member Remarks/Comments

Mr. Clifton commented on the following:

- Conversations with County Commissioners

Chairman Jordan commented on the following:

- Legislative meeting that he recently attended with Dr. Jackson in Raleigh

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary