

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:30 pm., Central Services Conference Room with the following members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott (via FaceTime), Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Board Attorney Hack High, Sheila Evans, Emma Berry, Tanya Turner, Deputy Heather Matthews and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and an invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Guard asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include discussing a local bill requesting calendar flexibility. Gil Burroughs made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, with a second by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BOARD/DIALOGUE: There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

School Performance Grades - Ms. Tanya Turner, Principal of Chowan Middle School, presented the School Performance Grades and answered questions from Board Members.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Jackson informed Board Members of various upcoming events at White Oak and DF Walker Elementary Schools. Joshua Twiddy, a fourth grade student at DF Walker Elementary School recently received first place for his speech in the Vidant Medical Center Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech Competition. Mr. Jackson was pleased to inform Board Members that the Senior Class of John A. Holmes High School has now received in excess of \$2,000,000 in scholarships. Mr. Jackson also informed Board Members of the status of various school positions at John A. Holmes High School. Senator Erica Smith-Ingram will host a Listening Tour in Chowan County on February 19, 2015. A Legislative Day has been planned for March 2, 2015 at 9:30 am. Senator Erica Smith-Ingram and Representative Bob Steinburg have been invited to join the meeting to discuss our Schools' needs and any pending legislation regarding schools. Mr. Jackson gave an update of his involvement in various community events to include his visits to churches and faith-based groups of Chowan County.

CONSIDER:

New Board of Education Policies - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the following new Board of Education Policies for a first reading.

- Policy 4385 - Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices
- Policy 5255 - Injury and Loss Prevention

Jan Smith, School Nurse at John A. Holmes High School, assisted in answering questions related to the Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices Policy.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the following Board of Education Policy Revisions for a first reading.

- Policy 2510 - Tobacco-Free Policy
- Policy 3600 - Student Promotion and Accountability

Budget Amendment - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a Budget Amendment. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs with a second by Kay Wright to accept the proposed Budget Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Local Bill Requesting Calendar Flexibility - Mr. Jackson shared information with Board Members related to a local bill requesting calendar flexibility. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with pursuing the local bill.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs with a second by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

January 5, 2015 Board Minutes
January 26, 2015 Quarterly Board Minutes
January Personnel Report
School Board Report - July 2014 - January 2015

A motion was made by Gene Jordan to enter into a closed session at 8:25 pm to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 pm.

A motion was made by Kay Wright with a second by Jean Bunch to approve Tanya Turner's contract as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS:

Mr. Jackson will do some research on the NCSBA contributions and will inform Board Members of his findings.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Jean Bunch to adjourn the meeting with a second by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary