

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
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 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; Chowan Middle School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Members of the Community; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mrs. Bunch shared a moment of reflection with the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

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

REPORT:

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

This month, our schools have celebrated 14 Days of Kindness, Valentine's Day, and Black History Month. It is also the start of the second semester and the halfway point of the school year.

John A. Holmes High School Teacher Mrs. Rachel O'Kelley was recently presented with the Milken Educator Award. Mrs. O'Kelley was named as a 2019-2020 recipient of the national recognition, which comes with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize. She is the only Milken Educator Award winner from North Carolina this year, and is among 40 honorees for 2019-2020.

Thanks to our partnership with Regulator Marine, Colony Tire, Jimbo's Jumbos (Hampton Farms), and Albemarle Boats, and in conjunction with the College of the Albemarle, we were excited to launch our new Career Essential Program for seniors this week. Students will receive Continuing Education credit for this course, will visit the four businesses listed, will receive preferred interviews at those businesses, and have the opportunity for internships during and after the program. Upon completion of course curriculum, these eight students will have requisite certifications to apply for local-regional manufacturing/technical jobs, with competitive salaries and a pathway for upward mobility! A special thank you to COA Dean Robin Zinsmeister; Casey Bass, Edenton-Chowan Schools and Emily Nicholson, Albemarle Commission for making the idea a reality!

North Carolina Public Schools have released the North Carolina School Health Services Report through the School Health Unit at the Division of Public Health. Thanks to the Board of Education's prioritizing the health of our students, we have a school nurse in each school giving a nurse to student ratio of 1 to 484 compared to the state average of 1 to 1,021. 24% of our students have a chronic health condition that is cared for by our school nurses. In the past year, 38 students have seen the nurse for mental health issues including depression and suicide ideation. Thank you for supporting nurses in the schools.

A state statute passed last year now requires reporting on school counselors, psychologists, nurses and social workers. Superintendents are required to report to the Board of Education by February 15, 2020 the following:

- The total number of each category of school mental health support personnel employed in the unit

- The difference from the previous school year in the total number of each category of school mental health personnel employed in the unit

We have had no change in the number of school counselors, nurses and social workers. This year, we do have one less psychologist as we have been unable to fill a psychologist position that has been open since last summer when our former psychologist moved out-of-state.

Charter School Advisory Board recommended a 10-year charter renewal for the NEAAAT Charter School in Elizabeth City, despite the school never meeting its student growth expectations. By contrast every single school in the Edenton-Chowan School system met or exceeded growth last year.

The Agricultural Education program of John A. Holmes High School is a recipient of the 2019-2020 North Carolina Agricultural Education Program Improvement Grant sponsored by the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The program has been awarded \$9,917.00 for the project titled, "Expand the Animal Science Facilities".

Dr. Jackson, Principal Dr. Linda White and a small group of D.F. Walker Elementary School teachers will be traveling to Atlanta this week to be recognized as North Carolina's National Distinguished ESEA/Title I school. As you will recall D. F. Walker Elementary School was selected out of over 1,400 schools for this recognition!

RECOGNITIONS: Regulator Marine was recognized as the Business Partner of the Month.

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

CONSIDER:

2019-2020 Local Budget and 2019-2020 Budget Resolution - Dr. Jackson presented the 2019-2020 Local Budget for the Board's consideration. Mrs. Emma Berry presented the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to adopt the 2019-2020 Local Budget and the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays - Dr. Michael Sasser, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2020-2021 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder

to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion was carried unanimously.

2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee - Chairman Jordan discussed the 2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee and asked if any Board Members were interested in serving on the committee. After some discussion, Mr. Browder agreed to serve. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to nominate Mr. Browder to serve on the 2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Timeline - Mrs. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2020-2021 Budget Development Timeline for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. White to accept the budget timeline as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board of Education Policy Revisions to the Board for a first reading:

- Policy 4050 School Admissions
- Policy 4360 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety

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 Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- January 14, 2020 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- February 4, 2020 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - February 2020

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - Wrestling

5 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - Chowan FFA Officer Team

6 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - Indoor Track

7 - Audit Contract

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following;

- High School Building Project

Chairman Jordan reminded Board Members of the following:

- Quarterly Board of Education Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2020 at 9:00 - Location TBD
- Equity Conference

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary