

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
6:30 p.m.

John A. Holmes High School
Media Center
600 Woodard St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the John A. Holmes High School Media Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Hack High; Student Board Member Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes; Community Members; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Browder gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the agenda as amended to move board member remarks and comments before closed session. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ambrosio-Reyes presented her monthly Student Board Member Report.

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

Our 2021-22 EVAAS growth data showed that 82% of our teachers met or exceeded growth. This data reflects our staff's deep care and commitment to our children, their

resolve, resiliency and recovery, and can-do spirit! Our Fall 2022 data show significant increases in Math 1 and Biology proficiency at John A. Holmes High School, as well as an increase in Math III proficiency.

A state statute requires superintendents to report to the Board of Education by February 15, 2023 on school counselors, psychologists, nurses and social workers. The report is to include the total number of each category of school mental health support personnel employed in the unit and the difference from the previous school year in the total number of each category. In 21-22, we used ESSER funds to hire an additional counselor to support the elementary schools and an additional counselor to support the middle school. The middle school counselor left the state at the end of last year and we did not refill the position as part of our ESSER sustainability plan. We have had no change in the number of psychologists, nurses and social workers.

The Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation's 3rd Annual Bonfire will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Funds raised at this event will be used to grow our children's experiences through field trips, scholarships, instructional resources, teacher grants and much more.

August 28, 2023 will be the first day of school and first day at the former D.F. Walker building. The moving company will move furniture and desks to D.F. Walker beginning June 9, 2023. The move will be complete by June 30, 2023. M.B. Kahn is currently finalizing the prequalification process for subcontractors and once we receive closing instructions from USDA they will put the project out to bid in March. We anticipate receiving a guaranteed maximum price in April.

The Board recognized members of the D.F. Walker Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Tom Joyal	Susan Creed
John Mitchener	Betsy Hicks
Mary Jo Sellers	Elizabeth Hicks
David Lafon	Elizabeth Bryant
Andrew Knott	Mike Vinickas
John Morehead	Chelsea Leary
Wes Mattera	Stuart Proctor
Chris Ford	Matthew Leary
Adrian Wood	Steve Evans

Rachel O'Kelley
Dawson Tyler
Alicia Cassidy-Quate

Kermit Nixon

CONSIDER:

Budget Process - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2023-24 budget committees and timeline information to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2023-24 budget process to include the committees and timeline. A second to the motion as made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

March 20, 2023 Board of Education Work Session - Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to cancel the March 20, 2023 Board of Education Work Session, as budget committees have been approved by the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Termination of Reversion - Dr. Sasscer presented information from the Termination of Reversion agreement that is in connection with the John A. Holmes High School building project. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation for the Board to consider authorizing the Superintendent to work with the Board attorney to finalize negotiations with the County and Town on any amendments, including the termination of reversion, to the Deed for parcel number 7805-20-72-5097 in Deed Book 564, Page 857 of the Chowan County Public Registry and to reserve the Armory in perpetuity. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

Right of Access Agreement - Dr. Sasscer presented information from the Right to Access agreement that is in connection with the Technology facility renovation project. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation for the Board to consider authorizing the Superintendent to work with the Board attorney to finalize negotiations with the County on any amendments to the Right to Access agreement. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

John A. Holmes High School Volleyball Fundraiser - Ms. Beatrice Cherry, Assistant Principal of John A. Holmes High School, presented a request from the John A. Holmes High School Volleyball team to offer a "Double Good Popcorn" fundraiser. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the fundraiser request as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

School Business Systems Modernization - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, presented information to the Board regarding the School Business Systems Modernization process. Dr. Rawls made a recommendation to cancel the previous agreement with Tyler Technologies as the choice for the school business modernization solution. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve Dr. Rawls' recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 Draft School Calendar - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2023-2024 draft School Calendar for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the 2023-2024 draft School Calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to charge Dr. Sasscer to further explore and research an alternate start date for the calendar if and when the legislature changes the law for the benefit of the students and families of North Carolina. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revisions (First Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented the following Board Policy Revision for a first reading:

- 5145 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the following items on the consent agenda to include a personnel addendum. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- January 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- February 7, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - January 2023

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

5 - Chowan Middle School Overnight Field Trip Request - FCCLA

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis commented on following:

- High School Project

Ms. Perry commented on the following:

- Public Board Dialogue

A motion was made by Mr. Clifton at 9:22 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) and to discuss a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 10:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Student Transfer report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lewis to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary