

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6:30 pm, in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; Directors representing Central Services; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Hack High, Board Clerk Sarah Hare and other staff and community members.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and the invocation was given by Mr. Guard.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Kay Wright to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Recognitions - The Board recognized Sheila May from Edenton-Chowan Schools Accounting Department for her outstanding, personalized service to the teachers and staff of the Edenton-Chowan Schools System.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

1 - Presentation to the Board of Education - Dr. Claude J. Mackey and Yvonne Walton, representing Elizabeth City State University, presented the Board of Education with a plaque in recognition of their participation in the Northeastern North Carolina School Leadership Program at Elizabeth City State University.

2 - Capital Outlay Projects Update//NCDPI Facilities Survey Presentation - Dr. Jackson and Brad Bass, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, gave the Board an update on the status of the capital outlay projects, and shared with the Board information from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Facilities Survey that was recently completed.

3 - Draft John A. Holmes High School Program of Studies - Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, shared with the Board the 2016-2017 Draft John A. Holmes High School Program of Studies. Ms. Turner; Dr. Jackson; and Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, answered questions from Board Members.

4 - Quarterly Board Meeting Draft Agenda - Dr. Jackson shared with Board Members a draft agenda for the February 22, 2016 Quarterly Board Meeting. The Board was supportive of the draft agenda as presented.

5 - Superintendent's Report - Dr. Jackson shared with Board Members that the first Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Meeting had been held and that he would be sharing information from the meeting with the Board. A graphic recently received from the NC East Alliance indicates that Chowan County is the only county in Northeastern North Carolina to be recognized as having 20-30% of the labor force that has earned a National Career Readiness Certificate. As this current school year began, 78% of our students were in the red or lowest measurement area level for Beginning of the Year in Text Reading Comprehension. The percentage of students in the red on the Middle of the Year assessment decreased to only 12%. Dr. Jackson invited Board Members to attend the Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast scheduled for February 8, 2016 at John A. Holmes High School. Zak Valentine, a 1975 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, recently presented John A. Holmes High School with a golden football in celebration of the 50th Super Bowl. Dr. Jackson informed Board Members that the Public Safety Academy has opened and currently has 60 students enrolled in public safety courses.

CONSIDER:

1 - Board Policy Revisions (First Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following board policy revisions to the Board for a first reading:

- 1110 CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS
- 1115 BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 1120 BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT
- 1300 SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- 1400 BOARD MEETINGS

- 1430 VOTING
- 1500 POLICY DEVELOPMENT
- 2600 RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 3510 HEALTH EDUCATION
- 5020 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION
- 5030 NEPOTISM
- 5345 ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS TO NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES AND EXTRACURRICULAR Duties
- 5350 EVALUATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- 5360 REDUCTION IN FORCE: LICENSED EMPLOYEES
- 6000 PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
- 6310 FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY DRILLS
- 7400 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION
- 7510 DAILY DEPOSITS
- 7610 PREAUDIT CERTIFICATION

2 - New Board Policy (First Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following new policy to the Board for a first reading:

- 4315 CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

- January 5, 2016 Board Minutes
- January 2016 Personnel Report
- School Board Report - January 2016

A motion was made by Gene Jordan to enter into a closed session at 7:50 pm to consult with the school board attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes §143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Guard commented on the following:

- His application to serve on the Legislative Committee
- Changes in Teacherage
- Charter School Enrollment
- Legislative Summit/District Agenda
- NCASA update on drop out rate

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ricky Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary