

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Glorious Elliott, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; Members of the Community; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Hack High and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan and the invocation was given by Vice-Chair Bunch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from John A. Holmes High School.

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

BOARD RECOGNITIONS:

The Board recognized the following Math Fact Challenge Winners from D. F. Walker Elementary School:

3rd Grade - Justin Tripp
4th Grade - Keana Thompson
5th Grade - Ty'rik Harrell

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

EVAAS Overview - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, shared a brief overview of EVAAS with Board Members and answered questions.

Edenton - Chowan Schools Strategic Plan Goal Two Update - Ms. Casey Bass, Director of Secondary Education & Career and Technical Education, updated the Board on the school system's progress on Goal Two of the Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan and answered questions from Board Members.

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

Chowan Middle School has recently been re-designated as a School-to-Watch. The school has held this designation since 2010, having twice earned re-designation. The school was recognized for demonstrating high levels of performance in the areas of academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and organizational structure.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and character.org have recognized White Oak Elementary School as an Emerging School of Character.

Staff members have been gathering historical information for the North Carolina General Assembly on how the school system used teacher allotments historically. The General Assembly also requested Local Budget Requests going back to 2006.

The John A. Holmes Class of 2017 has currently received college scholarships equal to \$1,080,660.

Dr. Jackson, Chairman Jordan, Vice-Chair Bunch, Mrs. Elliott, and Mr. Browder recently attended a Joint Meeting of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners and the Edenton Town Council. The meeting was called for the single purpose of honoring the John A. Holmes High School Aces Football Team. The two Boards passed a special resolution in honor of the team.

CONSIDER:

2016-2017 School Calendar Revision - Dr. Jackson presented a revised 2016-2017 School Calendar for the Board's consideration. The revisions included extending the school day by 15 minutes beginning February 13, 2017 through the end of the school year, and adding six optional Teacher Workdays at the end of the year, ending on June 23, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept the revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Revision Process - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the process for the Strategic Plan Revisions and answered questions from Board Members. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the process. There was not a formal motion made.

Resolution regarding 2017-2018 K-3 Class Size - Dr. Jackson presented Board Members with a Resolution on K-3 Class Size Ratios. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to adopt the resolution as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following new board policy and board policy revisions for a second reading:

New Board of Education Policy: (Second Reading)

- 4215 Weapons, Bomb Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety

Board of Education Policy Revisions: (Second Reading)

- 3340 Acceptable Internet Use
- 4100 Student Records
- 5165 Weapons Prohibited on School Property
- 5175 Internet Acceptable Use by Employees
- 5220 Personnel Files
- 5305 Licensure
- 5350 Evaluations and Improvement Plans
- 6500 Child Nutrition Programs

A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to approve both the new board policy and the board policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Vice-Chair Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- January 3, 2017 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- January 2017 Personnel Report

3 - Financial

- School Board Report – January 2017

Board Member Remarks/Comments

Chairman Jordan commented on the following:

- Recent Legislative Meeting that Chairman Jordan and Dr. Jackson attended

Mr. Clifton commented on the following:

- School Board 101 training that he recently attended

Mrs. White commented on the following:

- School Board 101 training that she recently attended
- Racism Panel that she recently attended at Open Door Baptist Church
- Pre-Calculus classes offered at various community colleges/universities

Mr. Browder recently attended the NCSBA Public Policy Conference that was held in Pinehurst, NC. Mr. Browder gave Board Members an overview of one of the presentations that was presented at the Conference: "Answering the Bell - High School Start Times and Student Outcomes".

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 Vice-Chair Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary