

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, January 7, 2013, 6:30 pm
D.F. Walker Elementary School

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2013, 6:30 pm, D.F. Walker Elementary School media center with the following members present: Chairman John Guard, Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, and Kay Wright. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Win Dale, Rhonda Tynch, Robin Strickland, Robert Long, Deacon Matthew, Glenn Lane, Vann Lassiter, Lois Lassiter, Myla Hoey, Krista Bond, Pam Leary, Stacey Banks, Heather Copeland, Michelle White, Nancy Heiniger, Katina Waples, Audrey Bunch, Nelle Hyatt, Sheila Evans, Tanya Turner, Heather Winslow, Susan Clifton, Laura Biggs, Barry Byrum, Samantha Christopher, Callie Turman, Will Crowe, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Guard. The invocation was given by John Guard.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: Megan O'Neil representing the Relay for Life South Atlantic Division recognized the Board of Education for 100% participation from the schools for the Relay for Life.

REPORT:

1. **Recognition of Teacher, Administrator of the Year, National Board Certified Teachers, Special Recognitions.**

The Board of Education recognized the following Teachers of the Year: Heather Copeland-White Oak Elementary School; Myla Hoey-D.F. Walker Elementary School; Barry Byrum-Chowan Middle School; and Laura Biggs-John A. Holmes High School. Myla Hoey was selected the Chowan County Teacher of the Year.

Sheila Evans was recognized as the School Administrator of the Year.

Rhonda Tynch from Chowan Middle School was recognized as the Edenton-Chowan Schools North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2012 Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teachers.

Callie Turman from White Oak and D.F. Walker Elementary Schools was recognized as the Edenton-Chowan Exceptional Children Teacher of Excellence.

The following were recognized for recently earning National Board Certification: Krista Bond and Robin Strickland from D.F. Walker Elementary School and Samantha Christopher from John A. Holmes High School. The following were recognized for obtaining re-certification: Nancy Heiniger, Pam Leary, and Stacey Banks from D.F. Walker; Connie Peeler from White Oak Elementary School; Heather Winslow and Susan

Clifton from Chowan Middle School; Amy Asbell and Lois Lassiter from John A. Holmes High School; and Casey Atstupenas from the central office.

The Board presented Win Dale with the Friends of Education award for his service for the past six years on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

2. **Community Assistance Initiative (CAI) Proposals.** Dr. Smith provided an update to the Community Assistance Initiative. Golden Leaf reviewed the three proposals that the school system submitted and asked that the school system prioritize the three proposals. The 1:1 initiative and STEM proposals received very positive feedback. The three proposals were ranked as (1) 1:1 Learning Initiative- total cost from grant \$677,500, board cost \$207,500; (2) STEM Curriculum-total cost from grant \$285,000, board cost \$165,000; and (3) Cultural Arts/Distance Learning Center-total cost from grant 1,100,000, board cost \$135,000. Golden Leaf asked that the school system look at the cultural arts portion of the auditorium renovation to see if the cost of the project could be reduced. Larry Deckard estimated the cost at \$110 per square foot. After Mr. Deckard reviewed the project with the help of a contractor the estimate was reduced to \$90 per square foot. The local review team consisting of 8 community members was selected to review independently each of the 17 proposals presented to Golden Leaf. The review team will meet again on January 17 to review and on January 24 to select proposals. Full proposals are due on February 22, 2013. Golden Leaf will make final decisions by April 5, 2013.
3. **Board of Education Retreat.** The Board of Education scheduled their Quarterly Board of Education Retreat for Thursday, January 24, 2013, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the central office. The Board discussed agenda items for the retreat. The Energy Performance Contracting, Capital Outlay needs, and the 1:1 Initiative at the high schools were items for the agenda. Dr. Smith asked if Board members had any items. Safety/Security at the schools was added to the agenda.

Several items for agenda topics were suggested and will be discussed either at board meetings or future quarterly meetings. These items include:

- early start time for high school students
- bus schedules
- charter schools
- cultural arts and sciences offerings and student participation at the high school
- pending court case

CONSIDER:

1. **2013-2014 School Calendar.** The 2013-2014 School Calendar was presented for approval as developed by the Calendar Committee. The new calendar law revised the opening to the Monday closest to August 26th and the closing to the Friday closest to June 11th. The calendar requires 185 student days or 1025

hours. The committee selected 184 student days and 1089.5 instructional hours. The calendar committee also added an additional teacher workday. This will provide increased instructional time and additional time for bad weather. The high school and middle school have requested January 21 and 22 as teacher workdays to help with the beginning of the second semester. The elementary school scheduled February 6 and 7 as teacher workdays since that is when the mid-year reading assessment is completed and reported to parents.

The calendar was sent to all employees for their review and comment. The athletic director at the high school did request that we consider moving the Easter break to the week after Easter to better align with other schools in our athletic conference and reduce the number of days students may miss school. Another change is that there is only one teacher workday scheduled at the end of the year after students leave.

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
(Attachment #1)

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #2)**
3. Financial Report **(Attachment #3)**

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS:

The General Assembly passed a law requiring all board members earn two hours of ethics education within 12 months of their initial election or appointment to the board and each subsequent appointment or election. Glorious Elliott, Jean Bunch, and Ricky Browder scheduled their ethics training for February 5, 2013, 3:00-5:00 pm with NCSBA.

Gil Burroughs inquired about students receiving credits when transferring into our schools that are not on the block schedule. Dr. Smith said that the counselors work with students on a case by case basis to work out credits.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that a meeting of the Superintendents and Board Chairs in District I with Representative Bob Steinberg has been scheduled to discuss important educational items.

Chairman John Guard asked Dr. Smith to update the Board on the new A-F Report Card. Dr. Smith serves on a state committee that is studying the new school report card that was passed during the last session of the General Assembly. The report card would have a large portion of schools in the state receiving a failing grade. The committee has met and will make three recommendations to the General Assembly: (1) the committee will recommend to delay the report card until the 2013-2014 school year since the tests are new this year and there is no baseline; (2) give the State Board the authority to make necessary adjustments on how the report card is implemented without legislative action; and (3) revise the scale to include a growth component.

Chairman John Guard requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3), case number 2:12-CV-00016-F. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Kay Wright to go into closed session.

The meeting returned to open session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary