

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m at John A. Holmes High School. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Joan White joined the meeting via Zoom, per Board of Education Policy 1470.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Will Crowe; Deputy Holly Pierce; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mr. Burroughs shared a moment of reflection.

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

The Board of Education recognized the following schools/staff members at the Edenton-Chowan Schools "Night of Excellence":

National Distinguished ESEA/Title 1 School Award

D.F. Walker Elementary School

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Renewal

Shaunte' Chappell - John A. Holmes High School

Kathryn Milligan - White Oak Elementary School

June Proctor - White Oak Elementary School

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Initial

Casey Spear - John A. Holmes High School

Exceptional Childrens' Educator of Excellence

Jennifer Nash-Dale - White Oak Elementary School

2020-2021

Miller Bryant - White Oak Elementary School

2021-2022

Instructional Assistants of the Year

Lucy McKellar - White Oak Elementary School

2020-2021

Rosalita Muro - D. W. Walker Elementary School

2020-2021

Patrice Bell - John A. Holmes High School 2020-2021

Shante White - Chowan Middle School 2020-2021*

Tonia Walton - White Oak Elementary School

2021-2022

Brenda Wilson-Holley -D.F. Walker Elementary School

2021-2022

Ann Bond - Chowan Middle School 2021-2022

Linda Leary - John A. Holmes High School 2021-2022

Teachers of the Year

Chelsea Leary - John A. Holmes High School

2020-2021

Carisa Copeland - Chowan Middle School 2020-2021

Jennifer White - D. F. Walker Elementary School

2020-2021

Jennifer Attkisson - White Oak Elementary School

2020-2021 **District**

Catina Byrum - White Oak Elementary School

2021-2022

Heather Terrell - D. F. Walker Elementary School

2021-2022

Christina Elmore - Chowan Middle School 2021-2022

Casey Spear - John A. Holmes High School 2021-2022

Brenda B. Winborne Beginning Teacher of the Year

Evan Miller - Chowan Middle School 2020-2021

Navila Castro - John A. Holmes High School

2021-2022

NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year

Kaitlyn Smith - D.F. Walker Elementary School

Bus Drivers of the Year 2021-2022

Aaron Coston

Child Nutrition Manager of the Year 2021-2022

Gwendolyn Brown - Chowan Middle School

Crystal Hall - John A. Holmes High School

2020-2021*

Assistant Principal of the Year

Michelle Newsome - White Oak Elementary School

2020-2021

Sonya Rinehart - John A. Holmes High School

2021-2022

Principal of the Year

Michelle White - Chowan Middle School 2020-2021

Michelle Newsome - White Oak Elementary School

2021-2022

2021-2022 Kenan Fellow

LeAnn Nixon - White Oak Elementary School

* Currently employed in another district

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened in the Media Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the agenda as amended to include a closed session. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Each employee should be receiving their new salary and bonuses in their January paycheck. Each employee will also receive a memo by January 21st explaining their new salary and which bonus money they are eligible to receive.

In December, Ms. Stephanie Patsel and our Child Nutrition program, specifically D. F. Walker and Chowan Middle, were audited by the State. In DPI's report letter, it was noted that "the School Nutrition Administrator and staff should be commended for working tirelessly through the pandemic to nourish the minds, bodies, and souls of the students at Edenton-Chowan Schools. All administrators and staff were attentive, receptive to suggestions for improvement, and advocates for the School Nutrition Program." The auditors found no major findings in their investigations and a few minor corrective actions.

Inclement weather caused us to have a two-hour delay on January 4th. As of January 11th, we have had a two-hour fog delay on October 15th and changed November 11th to a non-instructional day. These closures have resulted in us losing 10 instructional hours to our calendar. We now have 1,054 instructional hours to date.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Education recognized the following students from John A. Holmes High School:

Izak Hines and Aliah Spencer - Attended North Carolina Governor's School

Bailey Rinehart - Attended Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program

Sydney Spear - Attended NCSSM Ventures

The following John A. Holmes High School students attended the North Carolina AIM Conference in Raleigh:

Hannah Pippins

Kaylyn Jones

Jenna Ledford

Olivia Hare

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Marshall Creighton

Charles Kaplan

Tom Joyal

Mary Jo Sellers

Mary Scott Haigler

Sharon Nixon

CONSIDER

Masking - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the district's health data and shared the results of a recent masking survey that was sent to school system staff. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to continue the mask requirement in all indoor spaces at this time. A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to delay the transition plan and to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation to continue the mask requirement in all indoor spaces at this time. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried 6-1. Mr. Browder was opposed.

John A. Holmes High School Project Management Update - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board a Project Management Update on the John A. Holmes High School Building project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to change M.B. Kahn's services to Construction Manager At-Risk. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Needs Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grant - Dr. Sasscer presented a Needs Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grant application for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to submit the Needs Based Public

School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grant application in the amount of \$50 million dollars. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Draft School Calendar (Second Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2022-2023 Draft School Calendar to the Board for a second reading. A motion was made by Ms. Mason to approve the 2022-2023 Draft School Calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 8:28 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). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:42 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda, to include a personnel addendum. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- December 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- January 11, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - December 2021

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary