

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal Michelle White; D.F. Walker Elementary School Interim Principal Linda White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Members of the Community; Deputy Holly Pierce; Board Attorney Will Crowe; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Browder.

Chairman Jordan and the Board of Education presented the following awards:

Business Partner of the Month - Vidant Chowan Hospital

John A. Holmes High School Vet Science Team - 3rd in the Albemarle Federation, 2nd in the Northeast Region and 23rd in the State

John A. Holmes High School Senior Livestock Judging Team - 3rd in the Albemarle Federation, 3rd in the Northeast Region and 22nd in the State

John A. Holmes High School Junior Livestock Judging Team - 2nd in the Albemarle Federation

John A. Holmes High School HOSA Team

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Renewal

White Oak Elementary School

Christy Stevens

D. F. Walker Elementary School

Jennifer Cranford

Nell Mason

John A. Holmes High School

Natalie Briggs

Molli Rose

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification (Initial)

D. F. Walker Elementary School

Asheton Smith

White Oak Elementary School

Michelle Bunch - 2019-2020 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Heather Denny - 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year

White Oak Elementary School/D.F. Walker Elementary School

Mary Rayner - 2019-2020 Bus Driver of the Year

D. F. Walker Elementary School

Trina Rountree - 2019-2020 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Nell Mason - 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year

Chowan Middle School

Shante White - 2019-2020 Bus Driver of the Year

Shante White - 2019-2020 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Jennifer Hobbs - 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year

John A. Holmes High School

Patrice Bell - 2019-2020 Bus Driver of the Year

Patrice Bell - 2019-2020 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Molli Rose- 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year

The following awards were also presented:

Jamie Koller - NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year Award

Sheron Johnson - 2019-2020 Teacher of Excellence Award - Exceptional Children's Program

Molli Rose - 2019-2020 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year

Makesha Spivey - 2019-2020 Edenton-Chowan Schools Assistant Principal of the Year

Sheila Evans - 2019-2020 Edenton-Chowan Schools Principal of the Year

Angela Munden - Child Nutrition Manager of the Year

Paul Hoggard - Shrine Bowl Head Coach for the North Carolina Team

Financial Audit Recognition

Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer

Accounting/Payroll Department

Sheila May

April Bass

Natalie Phelps

Bookkeepers

Chandra DeMorier
Katherine Wassum
Kaye Spivey
Jenny Winchester
Shirley Madry
Mary Griffin

Clean Bus Award

Sheila Downing

Transportation Department - Bus Safety Audit Score

Amanda Goodwin, Transportation Director
James Woodley
Aaron Bunch
Charles Goodwin
Mary Griffin

MTSS Awards

White Oak Elementary School
D. F. Walker Elementary School
Chowan Middle School

School Growth Awards

White Oak Elementary School
D. F. Walker Elementary School
Chowan Middle School
John A. Holmes High School

National Distinguished ESEA/Title 1 School Award

D.F. Walker Elementary School

Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation Mini-Grant Awardees

Angie Walston
June Proctor
Leslie Peele
LeAnn Nixon
Tricia Lewis
Asheton Smith
Jenny Wells
Laura Ullom
Janie Joseph/Deborah Bunch
Molli Rose
Laurie Brooks
Michele Warren

The Board of Education took a brief recess.

The meeting reconvened in the John A. Holmes High School Media Center.

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

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

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

In addition to the normal advertisements, the January Board of Education Meeting was advertised via social media.

Dr. Jackson gave a brief update on the Leandro case.

Thanks to our partnership with Albemarle Boats, Colony Tire, Jimbo's Jumbos (Hampton Farms), and Regulator Marine, and in conjunction with the College of the Albemarle, we are excited about the launching of our new Career Essential Program for

seniors. Students will receive Continuing Education credit for this course, will visit the four businesses listed, will receive preferred interviews at those businesses, and have the opportunity for internships during and after the program. The program:

- will meet 4 days a week from February 3 - May 14 (Monday - Thursday) 1:45 - 3:35pm
- consists of 8 hours face-to-face each week
- will be located on the Edenton COA campus
- will have field trips to businesses

An information session for seniors was attended by approximately 20 students.

A new communication vehicle has been launched to share our successes, a podcast named EdLeader. Educational Leadership is an ever-evolving opportunity to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of students, parents, and the community. The first episode highlighted the successes of our school district. The second podcast highlighted our newly named Regional Principal of the Year. Future episodes will include interviews with our outstanding teachers so that we may all learn from each other. You may subscribe to the podcast from your smartphone or listen via the computer.

Report from Joint Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Committee on High School Replacement - Chairman Jordan, Mr. Browder and Mr. Clifton shared information with Board Members from the recent Joint Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Committee Meeting on High School Replacement. The ownership of the Scout Hut and Tennis Courts was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to engage the school system's attorney to research the ownership of the various land parcels that make up the John A. Holmes High School campus and to work with attorneys representing Chowan County and the Town of Edenton to unify ownership of the property in the name of a single entity. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Class Size Update - Dr. Sasscer, Assistant Superintendent, gave the Board an update on the school system's compliance with the class size reduction legislation and provided future projections for needed K-3 teachers.

CONSIDER:

Board of Education Policy Revisions (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board of Education policy revision to the Board for a second reading:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the board policy revision as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly Board Meeting Update - Dr. Jackson led the Board in a discussion about the upcoming February 17, 2020 Quarterly Board Meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to devote the February 17, 2020 meeting to school programming for the new high school.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1 - Minutes

- December 10, 2020 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- January 14, 2020 Personnel Report
- Personnel Addendum

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - January 2020

4 - Psychology Contract

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Ownership of Tennis Courts/Scout Hut

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary