

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Professional Development Center  
109 Blade Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

## MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Professional Development Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman George Lewis, Vice-Chair Sheila Evans, Sherronne Battle, Ricky Browder, Paul Clifton, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Tammi Ward.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls, Directors representing Central Services, Community Members, Student Board Members Olivia Armstead and Sela McNair, Board Attorney Will Crowe, and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis.

Ms. White gave the invocation.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Board Member Report - Ms. Armstead and Ms. McNair presented their monthly Student Board Member Report.

Superintendent Ward shared the Superintendent's Report to include the following information:

- 2023-24 End-of-Year results for John A. Holmes High School, Chowan Middle School, and D. F. Walker Elementary School and discussed assessments, instructional changes, and parent tips.
- January is School Board Appreciation Month. Ms. Ward thanked school board members for their leadership and service.

Students and Staff from John A. Holmes High School shared information about the high school's Trailblazer mentoring group.

There were no public comments.

#### REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Construction Update - Mr. Chris Brabble, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, shared an update and aerial video of the high school construction progress and answered questions from Board Members.

#### CONSIDER FOR ACTION - REQUIRES A MOTION AND VOTE:

2025-26 School Calendar (Second Reading) - Ms. Ward presented the 2025-26 school calendar for a second reading and the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Evans to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendments - Ms. Sandy Pittman, Chief Finance Officer, presented the following Budget Amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Federal Grant Amendment #1
- Local Current Expense Fund Amendment #1
- State Public School Fund Amendment #1

A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the budget amendments as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- December 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- January 14, 2025 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - December 2024

4 - John A. Holmes High School Field Trip Request

- HOSA
- FCCLA
- FFA

5 - Chowan Middle School Field Trip Request - FCCLA

6 - Construction Liaison Contract

7 - Board Contracts - 1st Quarter Update

8 - AIG Support Contract

9 - Nursing Fundamentals Contract

10 - School Resource Officer Agreement

Board Member Remarks/Comments:

The Board expressed their appreciation to Sheriff Basnight for the partnership with the Chowan County Sheriff's Office and for his assistance in finalizing the School Resource Officer Agreement.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry at 7:35 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter, a personnel matter, and to consult with the Board Attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (1), 143-318.11 (a) (6) and 143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:47 p.m.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Perry to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Lewis, Chairman

Tammi Ward, Secretary