

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Work Session
Thursday, January 30, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Professional Development Center
110 Blade Street
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met for a work session on Thursday, January 30, 2025, 9:00 a.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, and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis.

Ms. Evans gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Lewis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the agenda as amended to include the following agenda item:

- John A. Holmes High School Building Project Change Order #13

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

John A. Holmes High School Building Project Change Order #13 - Ms. Tammi Ward, Superintendent, gave the Board an update on Change Order #13. This change order

involved the fire panels at the field house and Armory and was for informational purposes only.

Budget Review - Ms. Sandy Pittman, Chief Finance Officer, shared budget information with the Board to include: capital outlay budget and project status and monthly budget reports.

90 Day Reflection - Ms. Tammi Ward, Superintendent, shared her 90 day objectives with the Board, as well as district and school observations and needs that had been noted over the past 90 days.

Board Governance and Accountability - Chairman Lewis shared a presentation on the values and vision for Edenton-Chowan Schools. The Board discussed the next steps in moving forward.

The Board took a recess for lunch.

Board Governance and Accountability (continued) - The Board continued their discussion on the values and vision for Edenton-Chowan Schools and the next steps in moving forward.

A motion was made by Ms. Battle at 1:08 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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 1:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the January 30, 2025 Personnel Report. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Dare County Presentation - Mr. Bob Woodard, Dare County Commissioner, Chairman; Ms. Mary Ellon Ballance, Dare County Commissioner; and Mr. David Twiddy, Dare County Schools Superintendent, shared a presentation with the Board entitled "Building Bridges for a Better Education: Strengthening County Commissioner & School Board Partnerships."

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Battle to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Lewis, Chairman

Tammi Ward, Secretary