

# EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

John A. Holmes High School Media Center

## MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015, 6:30 pm., John A. Holmes High School Media Center with the following members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Linda White, Emma Berry, School Attorney Will Crowe, Deputy Ricky Winebarger, Board Clerk Sarah Hare and several teachers and staff members from Edenton Chowan Schools.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and an invocation was given by Mr. Guard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Guard asked for approval of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Glorious Elliott with a second by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: NONE

1. Recognition of Teachers and Staff Accomplishments - Mr. Guard and Mr. Jackson presented the following awards to teachers and staff:

John A. Holmes High School

Francine Bazemore - 2014-2015 Instructional Assistant of the Year  
Carolyn O'Kelley - 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

DF Walker Elementary School

Kristy Morton - 2014-2015 Instructional Assistant of the Year  
Rachel Byrum - 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

White Oak Elementary School

Dana Casper - 2014-2015 Instructional Assistant of the Year  
Tracy Faircloth - 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year  
Julie Privott - 2014-2015 Teacher of Excellence Award - Exceptional Children's Program

Chowan Middle School

Sidney Lassiter - 2014-2015 Instructional Assistant of the Year

Debra Rook - 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

The following awards were also presented:

Debra Rook - 2014-2015 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year

Michelle White - Edenton-Chowan Schools Principal of the Year

Nationally Board Certified Teachers

Mara Swindell - Chowan Middle School (Board Certified)

Brenda Pate - White Oak Elementary School (Recertified)

Tracy Faircloth - White Oak Elementary School (Recertified)

Joy Brickhouse - DF Walker Elementary School (Recertified)

Elizabeth Huff - John A. Holmes High School (Recertified)

2. Annual Report on School District Insurance - Mr. Kurt Fickling from Firm Consulting presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the School District's insurance and answered questions from Board Members.
3. Board of Education Retreat - Mr. Jackson presented Board Members with a draft agenda for the Board of Education Retreat, which will be held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 9:00 am at Central Services. Board Members were in favor of the draft agenda that was presented.
4. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Jackson gave a report from the Global Ready District Recognition Task Force meeting and the State Superintendent's Winter Quarterly meeting that he recently attended. Mr. Jackson was pleased to inform the Board that the class of 2015 has already received numerous scholarships. Mr. Jackson recently had the pleasure of attending the John A. Holmes High School Winter Chorus and stated they did a "phenomenal job". John A. Holmes High School Teacher Steve Karl and the JAHHS Environmental club have recently received some awards for their Community Awareness Campaign to Stop the Spread of the Aquatic plant Hydrilla in the Chowan River. Mr. Jackson also informed Board Members that the Albemarle EMC Community Trust has awarded three grants to programs in our school system. Mr. Jackson also gave a report of his recent church visits and other community related events to include "Mr. J's Polar Plunge" that took place on New Year's Day.

CONSIDER:

1. Board of Education Policy Revisions - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the following policy revisions for a second reading.

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
2130	Parental Involvement
3230	Religion in the Schools
3320	Parental Review of Instructional Materials
3600	Student Promotion and Accountability
3700	Testing
4390	Use of Service Animals
5000	Equal Employment Opportunity
5060	Criminal Record Checks
5175	Internet Acceptable Use by Employees
5300	Retention and Nonrenewal
5303	Non Renewal of Probationary Teachers
5345	Assignment of Teachers to Non-Instructional Duties and Extracurricular Duties
5520	School Administrator Contracts
6040	Bidding for Construction or Repair Work
6090	Facility Design
6310	Fire and Other Emergency Drills
6450	Contract Transportation
4400/5125	Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
4410/5130	Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure

2. New Board of Education Policies - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the following new Board of Education Policies for a second reading.

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
2600	Relationship with Law Enforcement
5265	Return to Work
5525	Superintendent Contract
5530	Deputy/Associate/Assistant Superintendent Contracts

Mr. Guard asked for a motion to approve the Board of Education Policy Revisions and the New Board of Education Policies as one item. Ricky Browder made a motion to approve both the Board of Education Policy Revisions and the New Board of Education Policies with a second by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar - Mr. Jackson presented the proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the 2015-2016 proposed school calendar with a second by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVE:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by consent agenda with a second by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

1. December Board Minutes
2. December Personnel Report
3. School Board Financial Report - July-December 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Wright to enter into a closed session at 8:35 pm to discuss a personnel and confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11 (a) (6) (1). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Wright to approve the recommendation of Tanya Turner as the Assistant Superintendent to Curriculum and Instruction with a second by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS:

Mr. Jordan presented Board Members with information from the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding the start time of schools. Mr. Jackson informed Board Members of an ethics training webinar that would be held on January 13, 2015.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to adjourn the meeting with a second by Ms. Wright. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary