

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Glorious Elliott, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Staff members representing John A. Holmes High School, Chowan Middle School, D.F. Walker Elementary School, White Oak Elementary School and Central Services; Members of the community; Deputy Brian Callon; and Board Attorney Hack High.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan and the invocation was given by Glorious Elliott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS:

Mrs. Ashley Barrow, a former teacher at White Oak Elementary School, and her husband Mr. Sam Barrow presented Dr. Jackson with a Certificate of Recognition from the United States Department of Defense as a "Patriotic Employer" for his personal support of their family while Mr. Barrow was deployed with the National Guard.

Mrs. Linda White, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation and Mrs. Joy Denton, President of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation presented Foundation Mini-Grants to the following teachers of Edenton-Chowan Schools:

White Oak Elementary School:

LeAnn Nixon
Connie Peeler
Angie Walston

D.F. Walker Elementary School:

Stacey Banks
Brenda Ward
Jamie Bass
Becky Nixon
Kristine Ludlow

Chowan Middle School:

Karen Ames
Deborah Bunch
Janie Joseph
Molli Rose

John A. Holmes High School:

Catherine Baker
Anthony Downing
Larry Giddens, Jr.
Nichole Smith

The following teachers were recognized by the Board of Education for renewing their National Board Certification:

White Oak Elementary School:

Angie Walston

D.F. Walker Elementary School:

Brenna Halstead

Chowan Middle School:

Linda Sutton
Cindy Olson

John A. Holmes High School:

Sonya Rinehart

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Child Nutrition Program Update - Mrs. Karen Tynch, Director of Child Nutrition, presented the Board with an update on the Child Nutrition Program and answered questions from Board Members.

Learning-Focused Instructional Initiative - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, presented the Board with information about the Learning-Focused Instructional Initiative at John A. Holmes High School and answered questions from Board Members.

Edenton- Chowan Schools Strategic Plan - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the system's progress on Goal One of the Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan and answered questions from Board Members.

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

Last summer, the Board of Education hosted a meeting with civic and religious leaders to share data census and demographic data about Chowan County. Upon learning of the number of children in Chowan County that were food-insecure, Pastor Chris Aydlet and the Outreach Committee at Edenton United Methodist Church formed a summer nutrition program that served 69 families and 166 children over the summer months.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction assesses and makes a compliance determination of each of the school systems and charter schools in the state. The Edenton-Chowan Schools Exceptional Children's Program earned the highest designation of "meets requirements".

Dr. Jackson was excited to share that both the John A. Holmes High School Women's Tennis Team and the Football Team won the Conference Championship. In addition, three student-athletes were chosen as the All-Area Student Athlete of the Year in their sport (tennis, cross-country, and football). Dr. Jackson also expressed his appreciation

to the community for the tremendous support that John A. Holmes High School and the football team received during the recent run to the State Championship game.

Dr. Jackson shared that he recently attended the Chowan Middle School Chorus, 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and 8th Grade Band Winter Concert at the North Chowan Recreation Center. Also, the John A. Holmes High School Chorus and Band recently performed in the high school auditorium. Vocal and instrumental music instruction is alive and well in our school system and are steadily improving.

CONSIDER:

2017-2018 School Calendar - Dr. Jackson presented the 2017-2018 School Calendar to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following new board policies and policy revisions for a second reading:

New Board of Education Policies: (Second Reading)

- 2000 Official Spokesperson
- 2135 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement
- 7230 Title 1 Program Comparability of Services

Board of Education Policy Revisions: (Second Reading)

- 1310 School Board Superintendent Relations
- 2130 Parental Involvement
- 2230 Guidelines for School Websites
- 3250 Homeless Students
- 3530 Trips
- 3800 Interscholastic Athletics Policy
- 4040 Immunization
- 4050 School Admissions
- 4055 School Assignment
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 5135 Staff-Student Relations
- 5340 Substitute Teachers: Recruitment and Qualifications
- 6100 Disposition of School Property

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve both the new board policies and the board policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ricky Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following new board policies and policy revisions for a first reading:

New Board of Education Policy: (First Reading)

- 4215 Weapons, Bomb Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety

Board of Education Policy Revisions: (First Reading)

- 3340 Acceptable Internet Use
- 4100 Student Records
- 5165 Weapons Prohibited on School Property
- 5175 Internet Acceptable Use by Employees
- 5220 Personnel Files
- 5305 Licensure
- 5350 Evaluations and Improvement Plans
- 6500 Child Nutrition Programs

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Joan White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- December 6, 2016 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- December 2016 Personnel Report

3 - Financial

- School Board Report – December 2016

Board Member Remarks/Comments

Mrs. Elliott commented on the following:

- Helpful information that Dr. Jackson provides to Board Members
- Recent discussions about the power of the State Superintendent

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Recent newspaper article regarding charter school students

Mrs. Bunch commented on the following:

- Law enforcement at the Sandy Ridge Road/Hwy 32 intersection

(Dr. Jackson stated that the Department of Transportation is reviewing the intersection again since the addition of the Family Dollar Store)

- Information provided in the National Connection Daily

A motion was made by Jean Bunch to enter into a closed session at 9:25 p.m. to consult with the school board attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Paul Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ricky Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Joan White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary