

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Lisa Perry was absent.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Community Members; Deputy Jerry Bond; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Ms. White gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jordan.

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

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

On June 29th, we bid a fond farewell to John A. Holmes High School as we know it with a tribute and final walkthrough. Mr. Rob Boyce, Mr. Louis Belfied, Ms. Sheila Evans and Ms. Sonya Rinehart did a fantastic job sharing the history of the building, education in our community, and what is in store for the next generation of Aces.

This summer our students have enjoyed unique learning opportunities through our CTE Career Accelerator Day Camps. Students learned basic carpentry skills, toured local construction sites, visited a local lumber mill, and had the opportunity to work alongside Down East Preservation staff to build a garden shed. Food Truck Frenzy Day camp exposed students to career opportunities in the food service industry. Students explored food processing at Layden's Supermarket, had the opportunity to learn about Food Truck Design and Operation at Old Colony Smokehouse, and prepare desserts alongside the bakery staff at Food Lion. Remaining learning opportunities this summer include health science, adobe day camps, animal science, horticulture, graphic design and game art.

Students from the FCCLA Chapters at Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes High School traveled to Denver, Colorado to compete in their respective national competitions and participate in leadership development sessions with students from across the country. All three teams from JAHHS earned second place in their respective categories, earning Silver Medals for Career Exploration Level 2, Career Exploration Level 3 and Teach or Train Level 3. Additionally, all 3 of the Chowan Middle School students won third place and bronze medals for their projects at the National Level. These students competed in the Repurpose/Resign and Career Investigation events.

Ms. Sandy Pittman began her new role as Chief Finance Officer on July 11, 2023. Our district team is now complete and we are busy planning for next school year.

This week our district and school leadership teams are participating in internally designed professional development. Our topics will include engaging students of poverty, behavior management, restorative practices, and defining the components that make up effective instruction, a comprehensive curriculum and ideal learning environments. We will also spend time looking at our daily operations to be sure we are ready for the first day of school. The biggest benefit of this week is the time we spend enhancing our climate and building on our collaborative culture. It has been a great week!

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

John Mitchener

REPORT:

1 - John A. Holmes High School Project Update - Ms. Maggie Dittmar and Mr. Bill Ramsey from M.B. Kahn Construction Company, presented an anticipated construction timeline on the high school project, gave a bidding update, and answered questions from Board Members.

2 - Board Meeting Locations - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Superintendent, shared some options with the Board for meeting locations while the Technology Center is under renovation.

CONSIDER:

1 - 2023-2024 School Nutrition Bids - Ms. Stephanie Patsel, Director of Child Nutrition, presented the 2023-2024 Bid Package for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the Child Nutrition Bid Package as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously

2 - Board Meeting Remote Participation - Chairman Jordan reviewed a portion of Board Policy 1470 - *Remote Participation During Board Meetings* with the Board . After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to grant Mr. Lewis an additional remote participation waiver, to allow for a total of 4 remote meetings for the 2023 calendar year. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- June 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- July 11, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - June 2023

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - FFA State Leadership Conference

5 - Contract Services - Career and Technical Education Program Assistant

6 - Contract Services - Psychological Services

7 - EIC MOU

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis commented on the following:

- Inquired when the data results from the 2022-23 school year would be presented

A motion was made by Ms. White at 7:29 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the July 11, 2023 Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

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. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary