

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
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 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Maxine Mason, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Paul Clifton and Joan White were absent.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Hack High; Deputy Alan Stulick; Community Members; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mrs. Bunch shared a moment of reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jordan.

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

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

We are half-way through our summer programming for 2022. Students have been working hard to refine their knowledge and broaden their experiences. For students in grades 3-12 that took a class with an EOG or EOC exam and were not proficient, an opportunity was given to receive targeted instruction and retake their exam. 27 students benefited from this experience and earned a proficient exam score. For the

first time, we are offering Quest Camp - targeting our accelerated learners - and are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to house that camp. Our Career Accelerator program has been a huge success. So far, students have built a new picnic table for the Edenton Farmers' Market, have held their own Iron Chef Competition, and have designed their own t-shirts. They have toured Gates Custom Milling, Layden's Country Store, and CarVa Signs. Our summer feeding program is well underway serving our students in our summer programs, the Boys and Girls Club students, and any child under 18 years old who would like a hot meal. Finally, I am proud to report that through our summer extension programs offered at the high school three more Seniors graduated on July 1st. The intimate ceremony was enjoyed by family, friends, and school staff.

On July 26th we will convene for our Quarterly Meeting at Edenton United Methodist Church. Our start time will be 9am and our agenda includes round robin discussions with school leaders, a presentation on the plan to move students during high school construction, and the superintendent's annual evaluation. More details will be shared in our weekly update. We are greatly looking forward to this time together.

Yesterday, Governor Cooper approved the state budget. This budget significantly invests in our local education system. The budget appropriates an additional \$10 million to our Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant; thus, bringing our total award to \$50 million. Additionally, the budget raises salaries for certified and noncertified employees on top of what was originally approved in the two-year budget adopted last November. Finally, the budget increases available funds for safety grants. Our school system has used these grants to pay for SROs, safety equipment, including surveillance cameras and metal detectors, and important trainings such as crisis prevention and intervention training and threat assessment training. Our finance team will immediately begin work to assess the budget and make changes to our local budget accordingly.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Land Deed - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the Land Deed for the Armory location.

CONSIDER:

M. B. Kahn Contract - Dr. Sasscer presented a contract from M. B. Kahn for the Board's consideration. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve M.B. Kahn's Construction Manager At Risk contract with a fixed, lump sum compensation fee of \$962,500 for both Pre-construction and Construction costs. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Interim Budget Resolution - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2022-2023 Interim Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2022-2023 Interim Budget Resolution as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

BOE Meeting Date Change - Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to the Board to change the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting to June 13, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the date change as recommended by Dr. Sasscer. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Child Nutrition Procurement Plan and Bid Package - Ms. Stephanie Patsel, Director of Child Nutrition, presented the Child Nutrition Procurement Plan and Bid Package for the Board's consideration. The following motions were made:

A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to approve the Child Procurement Plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Child Nutrition Bid Package as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Mason to maintain meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Code of Conduct Policy Revision (First Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented a revision to Board Policy 4210 Student Code of Conduct for a first reading.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Sasscer presented the following board policy revisions for a second reading:

- 1115 Board Member Conflict Of Interest
- 2340 Advertising In The Schools
- 4000 Attendance
- 4040 Immunization And Health Requirements For School Admission
- 6100 Disposition Of School Property
- 4262 Student Sex Offenders
- 4360 Child Abuse And Related Threats To Child Safety
- 6480 Operation Of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)
- 6500 Child Nutrition Programs
- 7500 Depositories
- 7640 Payroll Deductions

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the board policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- June 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- July 12, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - June 2022

4 - Overnight Field Trip Request JAH - FFA

5 - Contract for Occupational Therapy Services

6 - Contract for Psychological Services

7 - EIC MOU

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- High School Construction Project

Ms. Bunch shared with the Board that she will not be seeking re-election for another term to the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Jordan shared that Dr. Sasscer's yearly evaluation will take place at the Board of Education Work Session that is scheduled for July 26, 2022.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary