

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Quarterly Work Session

Edenton United Methodist Church
225 Virginia Rd.
Edenton, NC 27932

Thursday July 23, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met for a quarterly work session on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Edenton United Methodist Church. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Social distancing guidelines were followed.

Others present were: Rick Ott, M.B. Kahn Construction Co.; Paul Boney, LS3P; Edenton-Chowan Schools staff members; and Sarah Hare, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Mason.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jordan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the agenda as amended to include a closed session. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

NC Pre-K Fee for Service Update - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Interim Superintendent, gave the Board an update on the NC Pre-K Fee for Service program.

John A. Holmes High School Facility Program Planning - Mr. Rick Ott, M.B. Kahn Construction Co., and Mr. Paul Boney, LS3P Architects, gave the Board an update on the John A. Holmes High School building project. After some discussion, the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the LS3P contract, as presented, for the John A. Holmes High School building project. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to initiate the grant process for the John A. Holmes High School building project. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. White to form a Citizen's Advisory Committee to gain input from the community regarding the high school building project. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Sasscer will assist the Board in gathering possible names for the committee.

Plan to Open Schools for the 2020-21 School Year - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Interim Superintendent, and staff members from Edenton-Chowan Schools, presented the plan for opening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept the plan as presented, opening schools on August 17, 2020 under "Plan B". The first two weeks of school will be remote learning only. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 3:14 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 4:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to appoint Dr. Michael Sasscer as the Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, effective July 23, 2020. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to authorize Chairman Jordan to research Superintendent salary ranges and to present a salary recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

There were no additional Board Member remarks or comments.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary