

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, June 4, 2012, 6:30 pm
D.F. Walker Elementary School Media Center

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2012, 6:30 pm, D.F. Walker Elementary School Media Center, with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, Win Dale, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Gary Farmer, Marty Farmer, Gary Farmer, Jr., Dawn Farmer, Grace Bean, Susan Biggs, Elizabeth Hurdle, Charles Jones, Charles Jones, Sr., Charles W. Jones, Bernard Jones, Tim Brabble, Beth Brabble, Bonnie Herman, Les Bennett, Kim Bennett, Nicole Byrd-Phelps, Charles Phelps, Judy Marriner, Lois Lassiter, Jennifer Thach, Rosa Carter, Jamie Bowers, Sheila Evans, Amy Asbell, Jamie Gillespie, Amy Lewis, Logan Brabble, Erin Rinehart, Dale Brabble, Nelle Hyatt, Vann Lassiter, Audrey Bunch, Steve Biggs, Tula Polvadore, Karen Tynch, Chris Bean, Jenny Wells, Ricky Winebarger, Dave Parrotte, Cindy Parrotte, Sarah McLaughlin, Amy Steinert, Becky Bunch, Will Crowe, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was call to order by Chairman Ricky Browder.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of a former student at John A. Holmes High School, Bailey Eaddy that was killed in an automobile accident over the weekend.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **Recognition of 20-Year Employees and Retirees.** The Board of Education recognized the following for 20 years of service: **White Oak Elementary School**-Beth Brabble, Gloria Carter, and Connie Peeler. **D.F. Walker Elementary School**-Nicole Byrd-Phelps and Reginald Granby. **Chowan Middle School**-Molli Rose and Anna Kay Laughton. **John A. Holmes High School**-Tony Hoggard. **Central Office**-Michelle Maddox.

The Board recognized the following retirements: **White Oak Elementary School**-Grace Bean, Kim Bennett, Susan Biggs, Marty Farmer, Brenda Harrell, and Bonnie Herman. **D.F. Walker Elementary School**-Evelyn Creighton, Nancy Goodwin, and Melvin Pekofsky. **Chowan Middle School**-Cindy Parrotte, and Donald Polvadore. **John A. Holmes High School**-Gloria Forehand and Charles Jones.

2. **One-to-One Initiative.** Sheila Evans, Nelle Hyatt, and Vann Lassiter presented a technology initiative for the high school. This would place a laptop in the hands of every high school student to use on a 24-7 basis. Mrs. Evans informed the board members that she would like for the high school to be an Impact Model School of integrating technology into teaching and learning. Mrs. Evans and Vann Lassiter have shared the program with community groups to build support for the initiative. The program would be implemented at the beginning of the second semester. The high school feels that in order for students to be prepared after graduation students must have access to digital devices to be able to provide instruction. This summer teachers will be provided with a Mac Book Pro and will be provided training and staff development. Teachers will be selected over the summer to receive training and create a “teacher tech team”. Students will be given Mac Air laptops. The school will develop a plan for the deployment of laptops to the students. Students and staff will continue to receive staff development and expectations for the use of the laptops. The high school will provide internet safety courses for all students. A cohort of students will be trained to serve as “Tech Support” and provide a HELP Desk. Students will be required to turn in laptops at the end of the school year so that the staff can clean and prepare student laptops for re-deployment.

The school system looked at this several years ago, but was not ready at that time because of the cost. The school has met with Apple to explore lease vs. purchase options. The annual cost with a 4-year lease agreement with Apple will be approximately \$300,000 per year. At the end of the third year we could use the trade-in value for the fourth year payment. If the program is approved, funding would be included in the 2012-2013 budget proposal.

An area of concern voiced was with the cuts in personnel over the past several years, how can we justify funding a program.

3. **Legislative Update.** Dr. Smith provided the Board with an update of the activity in the General Assembly. The North Carolina House passed their budget and has been sent to the Senate.
- Key points of the House proposed budget:
 - Reduction in the amount of discretionary cuts to \$333.4 million to replace the expiring federal EduJobs funds
 - Funding for the textbook allotment would decrease by an additional \$4 million
 - Pre-K would be increased by \$15 million
 - Restoration of the Teaching Fellows program
 - Teachers and state employees would receive a \$250 bonus
 - Repeal of the Teacher Prepayment Prohibition Bill-If signed, the bill would become law and 10-month employees may continue to be paid in July and August as in the past. Dr. Smith will encourage all 10-month employees

to look closely at the merits of choosing 10 installments as this issue may arise at a later time

- Repeal of the instructional day increase. The 5 additional instructional days would be converted back to 5 protected teacher workdays, bringing students days back to 180. Instructional time requirements would be fulfilled through either 185 days **or** 1025 hours.
- Excellent Schools Act. New provisions have been presented to the bill: Instead of completely doing away with tenure the bill now permits school districts to offer contracts of up to four years to educators who have completed at least three years of service.

School Calendar. School would not be allowed to start any earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and would have to close no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

NC's Pre-K program. Changes the NC Pre-K eligibility criteria. Limits enrollment to 20% of at-risk students to specify that the 20% enrollment limits applies to children who are designated as at-risk by factors other than household income.

CONSIDER:

1. **Career Technical Education Plan.** Jamie Gillespie presented the 2012-2013 CTE Plan for Board approval. Key initiatives for 2012-2013 will be to continue to support the school's efforts to improve academic attainment of students through a continuum of academic and behavioral interventions, promote the integration of STEM activities and skills through professional development, opportunities for team planning, and summer camps, expand opportunities for students to receive certifications, purchase of a mobile computer lab, and new courses in Microsoft IT Academy, Personal Finance, and Parenting and Child Development. A motion was made by Kay Wright, seconded by John Guard to approve the 2012-2013 Career Technical Education Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
(Attachment #1)
2. **2012-2013 Title II Plan.** Michelle Maddox presented the Title II plan for Board approval. The funds are used to increase the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom by providing instructional supplies to implement programs, projects, and activities for specific staff/professional development. The funds are also used to help support the mentor program and support coaches for our beginning teachers. A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Jean Bunch to approve the Title II Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
(Attachment #2)

3. **2012-2013 Student Handbooks.** Student handbooks from White Oak Elementary, D.F. Walker Elementary, and Chowan Middle School were presented for Board approval. A motion was made by John Guard, seconded by Win Dale to approve White Oak Elementary, D.F. Walker Elementary, and Chowan Middle School Student Handbooks. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #3)**

4. **Board Policy Manual Revision-Series 2000-School and Community Relations Second Reading.** The Series 2000-School and Community Relations was presented for its second reading. The only change from last month is an amendment to Policy 2230-Guidelines for School Web Sites. The section requires prior written approval for photographs of students and student work to be posted on school websites. This is different to the procedures in the school handbooks. It is recommended that the procedures be deleted from the policy and use the procedures outlined in the student handbooks. Last month a question was raised if the use of the electronic cigarette was covered in our policy. The electronic cigarette is considered a nicotine product and would be covered in our policy. A motion was made by Win Dale, seconded by Kay Wright to approve revisions to the Series 2000 in the policy manual. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #4)**

5. **North Carolina Learns, Inc. v. State Board of Education. (Resolution to join litigation with NCSBA against Virtual Charter School)** The North Carolina School Board Association has requested school boards to consider adopting a resolution to join the association in a lawsuit to contest the default granting of a charter to a virtual charter school by an administrative law judge. The charter school in Cabarrus County was approved by an administrative hearing officer through a dispute with the State Board of Education. In the charter application, students who enroll will be entitled to the same state and local per-pupil funding. A motion was made by Gen Jordan, seconded by Gil Burroughs to approve the resolution to join litigation with the State Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #5)**

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #6)**
3. List of Licensed Personnel Recommended for Career Status/Tenure **(Attachment #7)**

4. List of Licensed Personnel Recommended for Probationary Contracts **(Attachment #8)**
5. List of Licensed Personnel Recommended for Administrative Contracts **(Attachment #9)**
6. Financial Report **(Attachment #10)**
7. Budget Amendments **(Attachment #11)**
8. Overnight Trip **(Attachment #12)**

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan Smith, Secretary