

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 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, June 13, 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, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Paul Clifton was absent.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Lewis gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jordan.

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

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

We have been busy moving out of the John A. Holmes High School building to prepare for construction and to set-up the former D.F. Walker School for teaching and learning. White boards and TVs have been hung, desks are in place, WiFi is enabled, phones are connected and surveillance cameras are operational. Students attending summer

school have enjoyed two successful days at the D. F. Walker campus. The John A. Holmes High School administrative offices have moved to Central Services. The high school move will be finalized by June 29th. A celebration is being planned and more details will follow.

We have received preliminary end-of-year data results from state testing. Areas that exceeded last year's proficiency include:

- Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Reading
- 4th Grade Reading
- 7th Grade Reading
- 2nd Grade Math
- 4th Grade Math
- 8th Grade Math I
- High School Math I
- High School Biology
- High School English II

Our students and staff should be commended for rising to meet course expectations. We look forward to receiving our growth data and learning where we can better meet the needs of our students.

The schools have started analyzing their end-of-year data to determine their progress on school improvement initiatives. Dr. Sasscer will be meeting with each school this week to hear their assessment of their school improvement plan and make enhancement recommendations for next year. This information will be shared with the Board and an opportunity will be given in July for school improvement teams to collaborate with the Board on how we will better our best.

Principal Sonya Rinehart shared some highlights of recent events at John A. Holmes High School.

There was no public board dialogue.

#### CONSIDER:

Food Lion Gift Cards (Virtual Presentation) - Ms. Huong Hornshuh, a representative from Goodwill, presented \$25 Food Lion gift cards totaling \$6,000 to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to accept the donation from Goodwill and to establish a food pantry at John A. Holmes High School. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Insurance Update - Chairman Jordan called on Dr. Sasscer and Mr. Kurt Fickling to give the Board an insurance update. Mr. Ricky Browder asked to be recused from the agenda item, as he serves on the North Carolina School Boards Trust (NCSBT) Board. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to accept Mr. Browder's recusal. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Sasscer recommended that the Board move forward with the existing auto/inland marine, general liability, and errors and omissions policies that are currently in place with the NCSBT, as well as the workers compensation proposal that is currently with a private carrier, and to review the policies at a later date once the new Chief Finance Officer comes on board. A motion was made by Ms. White to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried 5-0.

School Business Systems Modernization (SBSM) / LINQ Proposal - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, shared information from the LINQ proposal for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to select LINQ as the vendor to satisfy the SBSM requirement. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

CTE Local Plan Presentation - Mr. Josh Davenport, Director of CTE and Secondary Education, presented the 2023-2024 CTE Plan for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendments -Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented budget amendments 1-16 for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the budget amendments as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- *3220 - Technology in the Educational Program*
- *3225/5175 Technology Responsible Use*
- *3226 - Internet Safety*
- *4318 - Use of Wireless Communication Devices*
- *4380 - Automated External Defibrillators*
- *5323 - Use of Personal Technology to Conduct School Business*
- *5355 - Professional and Staff Development*
- *6480 - Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)*

- 6524 - Network Security
- 6050 - Minority Business Enterprise Participation in Construction and Contracts Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to accept the board policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

#### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Ms. White commented on the following:

- Juneteenth celebration planned for Saturday, June 17th
- Baccalaureate Service

Mr. Lewis commented on the following:

- Dr. Sasscer will be throwing out the first pitch at the Steamers game on Wednesday, June 14th

A motion was made by Ms. Perry at 8:06 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter and a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (1) and 143-318.11 (a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the June 13, 2023 Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented, to include Addendum A and Addendum B to the June 13, 2023 Personnel Report. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

- May 2, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- June 13, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - May 2023

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - NC FFA Convention

5 - Calm Minds Kind Hearts 2023-2024 Contract

6 - Attorney Contract

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 Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary