

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, March 1, 2010, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2010, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Brenda Coston, Kurt Fickling, Tanya Turner, Phillip Gatling, Tammi Ward, Lori Heginbotham, Madison Heginbotham, Brandon Patsel, Audrey Bunch, Sheila Evans, Reginald Granby, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Browder. The invocation was given by Gene Jordan.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **Brenda Coston Regional Teacher Assistant of the Year.** The Board recognized Brenda Coston as being selected this year's District I Teacher Assistant of the Year from 15 counties in the northeast. Brenda will participate in the state competition. The state winner will be announced in April. Ms. Coston is a Teacher Assistant at D.F. Walker Elementary School.
2. **Chowan Middle School "School to Watch" Recognition.** Tanya Turner, Phillip Gatling, and Tammy Ward reported on their selection as a "Schools to Watch". Chowan Middle School is only one of three North Carolina middle schools to receive this honor this year. The "Schools to Watch" initiative is sponsored by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. The National Forum consists of approximately 60 educators, researchers, and officers of national associations and foundations dedicated to improving schools for young adolescents across the country. In order to prepare students to be lifelong learners ready for college, career, and citizenship, the National Forum seeks to make every middle grades school academically excellent, responsive to the developmental needs and interests of young adolescents, and socially equitable. To achieve this level of performance, high-performing schools establish norms, structures, and organizational arrangements to support and sustain their trajectory toward excellence. Chowan Middle School will be recognized at the Middle School Conference March 14-16, 2010. On April 14, 2010 students and staff will be recognized at the Northern Chowan Community Center.
3. **Insurance Update.** Kurt Fickling, insurance consultant reported on the insurance coverage for Edenton-Chowan Schools. **(Attachment #1)**

4. **Proposed Social Studies Course of Study.** Dr. Smith updated the Board on the proposed Social Studies Course of Study. The new proposal structures US History to be taught over several years, fifth grade, again in the seventh grade, and ending with Reconstruction to Present in the eleventh grade. There has been enough opposition that plans are under way for another version. **(Attachment #2)**

CONSIDER:

1. **Policy 5315 – Job Description Teacher.** Michelle Maddox presented Policy 5315 – Job Description Teacher for its first reading. The policy revision is to align the job description with the new performance standards for classroom teachers. **(Attachment #3)**
2. **2010 - 2011 Budget.** Dr. Smith reported that at tonight's county commission meeting the commission would consider three actions: (1) authorize the county manager to develop the 2010-2011 budget based on the current tax rate; (2) reinstate a 40-hour work week for all county employees; and (3) designate all land transfer tax monies for the school system capital outlay.

Chairman Ricky Browder requested a motion for go into pursuant to General Statutes 115-C-319 and 115C-321 to discuss personnel. A motion was made by John Guard, seconded by Kay Wright to enter into closed session.

The meeting returned to open session.

Dr. Smith presented the 2010-2011 Local Budget Request. The budget is submitted after careful review of the needs of the school system and in consideration of the current economic environment. The request represents no expansion of instructional programs or an increase in the level of services other than for capital outlay. For the capital outlay projects two versions of the projects; one if the Energy Conservation grant is awarded and the other if it is not. The budget request does include additional funds to meet mandated increases in benefits for locally paid employees, small losses in other local revenues, and restoration of salary reductions. A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Local Budget Request was made by John Guard, seconded by Gene Jordan and passed unanimously. **(Attachment #4)**

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

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #5)**
3. Financial Report **(Attachment #6)**
4. Overnight Trip Request **(Attachment #7)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary