

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 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 in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

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.

Chairman Jordan gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

The Board of Education recognized Odyssey of the Mind students from Chowan Middle School.

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

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

The Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation recently hosted a community bonfire to raise funds for our schools. Every penny raised will support field trips, teacher grants, teacher appreciation, instructional materials, and student scholarships.

Three teams from D.F. Walker Elementary School and one team from Chowan Middle School recently participated in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. The teams will compete at the State level on April 2nd in Cullowhee, NC.

State statute requires superintendents to report to the Board of Education on school counselors, psychologists, nurses and social workers. We currently have 7 school counselors, 1 psychologist, 4 nurses and 1 social worker.

Dr. Sasscer expressed his appreciation to Board Members who took time recently to tour our schools.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

David Reilly
Tom Abbott

CONSIDER:

Masking - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the district's health data and shared the results of a recent masking survey that was sent to school system staff. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to continue with optional masks, as supported by the staff survey results. Additionally, Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to move to optional masking on school buses per changes in CDC guidance. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried 5-2. Ms. White and Ms. Bunch were opposed.

Summer Programs - Ms. Sheila Evans, Chief Academic Officer, presented the 2021-22 summer program plans for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept the 2021-22 summer program plans as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Frozen / Optional Days - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2022-2023 Frozen / Optional Days for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to

approve the 2022-2023 Frozen / Optional days as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Schneider Electric Construction Contract / Amendment - Mr. Graham Lewis, Schneider Electric and Mr. Chris Brabble, Director of Maintenance, presented the Schneider Electric contract amendment for the proposed repairs and upgrades to the HVAC system at White Oak Elementary School, D. F. Walker Elementary School and Chowan Middle School for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Schneider Electric contract amendment as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Activity Bus Pay Schedule - Ms. Amanda Goodwin, Director of Transportation and Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, presented the activity bus pay schedule for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the activity bus pay schedule as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Low Wealth Supplements (PRC 071) - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, presented the low wealth supplements for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the low wealth supplements as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

New Board of Education Policy (First Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented new Board of Education Policy 1220 (Student Board Members) for a first reading.

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. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- February 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- February 15, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- March 1, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - February 2022

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Requests - HOSA and FFA

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 8:07 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 Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:33 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Browder commented on the following:

- Athletics at Chowan Middle School

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Bunch to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary