

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
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 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Directors representing Central Services; Chowan Middle School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Members of the Community; Deputy Holly Pierce; Board Attorney Will Crowe; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mrs. Sheila Downing. Mrs. Downing recently passed away and was a long time driver of bus #84 for Edenton-Chowan Schools. Mrs. Downing won the Annual Clean Bus Award in January for a record fourth time. Chairman Jordan announced that hereafter the Annual Clean Bus Award would be hereafter known as the "Sheila Downing Clean Bus Award" in honor of Mrs. Downing.

Mr. Burroughs shared a moment of reflection with the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from White Oak Elementary School.

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

REPORT:

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

White Oak Elementary School NCTIES students took a few moments to demonstrate some of their amazing work with Board Members.

Recently, Dr. Jackson joined Principal White and staff members from D.F. Walker Elementary School in receiving the banner and award for the school being selected as the ESEA National Distinguished School. (A video was shared with Board Members.)

The Request for Qualifications from interested Consultant Architects and/or Architects of Record for a New High School to be constructed on the existing John A. Holmes High School campus and other projects as may be determined by the school system has been advertised today. Sealed Statements of Qualifications must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 31st.

The 2020 Lock up for Hunger campaign has come to an exciting end. In addition to being the largest collection to date, I am excited to share that Chowan Middle School won the challenge for the first time and set the record for biggest collection by any school with 10,990 lbs!

Congressman Dr. Greg Murphy recently honored John A. Holmes High School teacher and Milken Award winner Rachel O'Kelley from the floor of the US House of Representatives. Additionally, last week Mrs. O'Kelley was honored during the State Board of Education Meeting. It was the third time this school year that our school system has been invited to present to the State Board of Education.

Finally, Dr. Jackson and students from John A. Holmes High School were asked to represent North Carolina's leaky post-secondary pipeline in the myfutureNC's video. The goal of myfutureNC, which has bipartisan support, is 2 million North Carolinians with a high-quality credential or post-secondary degree by 2030. Currently, 1.3 million North Carolinians have a high-quality credential or post-secondary degree. (A video was shared with board members.)

The Board of Education recognized the following individuals and groups:

- McDonald's of Edenton - Business Partner of the Month

- Ms. LeAnn Nixon's Second Grade class - State Primary School winner for the Read Bowl 2020
- Mr. Kerry Mebane - Nominated as the State Chief Technology Officer of the Year

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE: There were no requests to address the Board.

CONSIDER:

Board of Education Facility Conference - Dr. Jackson shared information with the Board about the 2020 Annual Chapter Conference that is scheduled for April 26-28, 2020 in Asheville, NC.

High School Property Consolidation Update - Attorney Will Crowe gave an update on the high school property consolidation and answered questions from Board Members. Attorneys High and Crowe are continuing to work on the consolidation.

Coronavirus Planning Update - Dr. Jackson shared that school leaders are in constant communication with local and state health officials regarding the coronavirus outbreak. The school system is reviewing their emergency plans and is working hard to ensure that we are prepared. Each school has developed plans for virtual instruction should the district need to close for an extended period of time. Bonnie Lee, school nurse at D.F. Walker Elementary School, shared that school staff members are reminding students about good hygiene habits to help ensure the safety of all students and staff members.

Summer School Plans - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2019-2020 Summer School Plans. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to approve the plans as submitted. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board of Education Policy Revisions to the Board for a second reading:

- Policy 4050 School Admissions
- Policy 4360 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the board policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the following Board of Education Policy Revisions to the Board for a first reading:

- Policy 5350 Evaluations and Improvement Plans

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 Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- February 4, 2020 Board Minutes
- February 17, 2020 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- March 3, 2020 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - March 2020

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - HOSA

5 - Addendum to Speech Language Pathologists Contracts

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following;

- AP classes and grading practices

Chairman Jordan gave an update from the recent joint High School Committee meeting. The next joint meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2020.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clifton to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary