

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 North Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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. Social distancing guidelines were followed. Google Meet was used to allow the public to call-in and join the meeting remotely.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mrs. White gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jordan.

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

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

Over the past 30 days, each of our schools have taken part in a social media challenge to "tell their story." Each school offers an amazing student experience and it is important to market that story to those that may be interested in Edenton-Chowan Schools. White Oak shared posts about teamwork, virtual innovators and fun ways to

learn. D.F. Walker's story included messages about kindness, connection, and student showcases. Chowan Middle highlighted relationships, personalized modes of learning, and student choice. John A. Holmes shared stories about CTE, sports, and college admissions. Placing those stories together paints a beautiful picture of our school system and the vision for the future.

Congratulations to Chowan Middle School for being selected as a National Forum Schools to Watch! Vision, commitment and everyone working TOGETHER is a recipe for success! CMS was among 30 middle schools from across the state to receive this prestigious recognition! Thank you Principal White and all our student and teacher leaders for setting your sights on excellence!

This different yet dazzling school year has seen our instructional practices take huge strides in the digital arena, thus offering students more choice, greater personalization and increased interest. This past Friday, each school celebrated Digital Learning Day by highlighting their growth. From digital choice boards where students could choose to code or learn about digital citizenship to taking virtual field trips to the Statue of Liberty and Jennette's Pier, our students have greater exposure and access to the world around them.

February was a productive month for the John A. Holmes High School project. LS3P's team of architects took hundreds of ideas gathered through in-person community sessions and online surveys to design three unique stories for the future home of our Aces. The stories reflected elements of the past and a vision for the future. Those stories were put before the Board of Education then presented to the community online and downtown where over 850 citizens shared which story excited them the most.

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

REPORT:

Senate Bill 37 and House Bill 82 - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board of Education an update on Senate Bill 37 and House Bill 82.

Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee on High School Replacement Update - Mr. Jordan, Mr. Browder and Mr. Clifton gave the Board an update from the recent Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee meeting.

Town of Edenton and Destination Downtown Resolutions - Mayor Jimmy Stallings and Destination of Downtown Edenton Chairman Nelson Spear, each presented the Board of Education with a resolution in support of the new John A. Holmes High School.

CONSIDER:

1 - John A. Holmes High School Project Design - Ms. Mary Brehler, LS3P, presented a proposed design for the John A. Holmes High School building project for the Board's consideration. The proposed design would be a combination of Story One and Story Three. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to approve the design as presented by the architect. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

2 - 2021-22 Draft School Calendar - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2021-22 Draft School Calendar for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the calendar as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

3 - Installment Pay - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services and Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, gave a presentation to the Board outlining changes that were upcoming related to installment pay for 10-month employees. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. White to align our pay schedule to the DPI recommended pay schedule of August - May for 10-month employees. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried 6-1. Mr. Browder was opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to amend the agenda to add the following two items:

- Google Meet
- March 23, 2021 Quarterly Board of Education Meeting

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

4 - Google Meet - Dr. Sasscer presented information to the Board on using Google Meet for future Board Meetings. This option would allow the public to call-in and join meetings remotely. After some discussion, this item was tabled to the April meeting.

5 - March 23, 2021 Quarterly Board of Education Meeting - Dr. Sasscer informed the Board of the quarterly meeting that was scheduled for March 23, 2021. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to cancel the March 23, 2021 quarterly meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

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 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- February 16, 2021 Quarterly Board Minutes
- February 23, 2021 Special Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- March 2, 2021 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - February 2021

There were no additional Board Member remarks or comments.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary