

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Technology Building  
800 North Oakum Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

## MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Building 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; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; Members of the Community; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

The invocation was given by Mr. Browder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from D.F. Walker 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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Board Dialogue:** Mr. Miles Layton from The Chowan Herald shared that the Chowan Middle School Band recently competed in a band competition and placed second in the competition.

REPORT:

Strategic Plan - Goal Three Update - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the school system's progress on Goal Three of the Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan and answered questions from Board Members.

Report from Equity Conference - Mrs. White and Mrs. Mason shared information from the recent Equity Conference that they attended in Raleigh.

Annual Local School Finance Study - Dr. Jackson shared the 2019 Local School Finance Study with Board Members and answered questions.

Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee on High School Replacement Update - Chairman Jordan, Mr. Browder and Mr. Clifton gave the Board an update from the Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Joint Committee Meeting that was held on February 21, 2019. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to direct Dr. Jackson to secure a contract for a demographic study and to report back to the Board within 60 days. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Jackson and Chairman Jordan recently traveled to Raleigh to attend State Superintendent Mark Johnson's Innovation and Leadership Program.

John A. Holmes High School Athletic Director Wes Mattera has announced that 85 student-athletes were named North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Scholar Athletes for the 2018 Fall Semester. The High School also had five teams that qualified as NCHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams.

The Chowan County Special Olympics will take place on Friday, April 5th at John A. Holmes High School.

Chowan County, through the work of Emergency Management Director Cord Palmer, has received a grant to conduct an active intruder exercise with emergency responders and school system personnel. The exercise has been scheduled on a teacher workday in August.

Dr. Jackson reported that he had approved an Overnight Field Trip Request for the John A. Holmes High School Track Team to compete in the State Championship. The event was not planned and occurred between Board Meetings. All pre-planned field trips come before the Board for approval.

The student enrollment numbers for the fifth month of school indicate that we lost 20 students during the month. Dr. Jackson will be closely monitoring this as much of our funding is dependent upon school enrollment.

#### CONSIDER:

2019-2020 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays - Ms. Turner presented the 2019-2020 Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the 2019-2020 Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Public School Week Resolution - Dr. Jackson presented a Public School Week Resolution to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to adopt the resolution as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

May 2019 Board of Education Meeting - Dr. Jackson asked the Board to consider moving the May 7, 2019 Board Meeting to May 14, 2019, to allow him to attend his child's college graduation. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to move the May meeting to May 14, 2019 as requested by Dr. Jackson. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. 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 5, 2019 Board Minutes
- March 1, 2019 Board Minutes

#### 2 - Personnel Report

- March 5, 2019 Personnel Report

### 3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - March 2019

### 4 - Audit Contract

#### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- AP Courses at John A. Holmes High School
- John A. Holmes High School Facility

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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary