

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum Street
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Hack High; Student Board Member Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes; Community Members; Deputy Jerry Bond; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Clifton gave the invocation.

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

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

Ms. Ambrosio-Reyes presented her monthly Student Board Member Report.

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

The Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation recently hosted their 3rd Annual Bonfire to raise funds to provide transformational experiences for our students. Approximately

\$6,000 was raised through donations, ticket sales, and tipping a chef for preparing a “best bite.” This year, the “best bite” award was split between The Herringbone Restaurant and Dr. Todd Korbusieski.

On February 25, 2023, Odyssey of the Mind teams from D.F. Walker Elementary School, Chowan Middle School, and John A. Holmes High School competed in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. All four teams qualified for the state competition to be held in Raleigh on March 25th. D. F. Walker Elementary School had two teams compete in different problem areas and both teams finished in 1st place. Chowan Middle School finished in 3rd place and John A. Holmes High School finished in 2nd place in their respective categories.

The Town, County and Dr. Sasscer have reached an agreement on the termination of reverter condition that was included in the deed to the Armory. The Town agreed to give up a stake in ownership in exchange for a protective covenant. The covenants give the Town authority to approve future renovations and/or enhancements of the facility to preserve the historical, cultural and architectural significance of the Armory in perpetuity. This agreement now ensures the Armory will always be a part of John A. Holmes High School and makes the school site a whole and complete parcel. This step now clears the path for us to receive loan closing instructions from USDA and brings us closer to taking the project out to bid.

The Board recognized members of the Chowan Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

John Mitchener

CONSIDER:

ECU Health Chowan Hospital MOA - Dr. Sasscer presented a Memorandum of Agreement between ECU Health-Chowan and Edenton-Chowan Schools for the Board’s consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract Services - Ms. Lori Heginbotham, Director of Exceptional Children, presented a contract for psychological services for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Testing Plans - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2022-2023 Summer School Testing Plans and Program for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the 2022-2023 Summer School Testing Plans and Program as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revisions (Second Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented the following Board Policy Revision for a second reading:

- 5145 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the revision to Board Policy 5145 as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 BOE Meeting Schedule - Chairman Jordan presented the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule for the Board's consideration. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the 2023-2024 BOE meeting schedule as presented, with the exception of replacing the October 23, 2023 meeting with a meeting to be held on November 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis 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 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- March 7, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - February 2023

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

5 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - Future Teacher Seminar

6 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - HOSA State Leadership Conference

7 - Chowan Middle School Overnight Field Trip Request - HOSA State Leadership Conference

There were no additional board member remarks/comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Clifton at 7:29 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Perry to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary