

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Conference Room with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Paul Clifton was absent.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; 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 and the invocation was given by Mrs. White.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to amend the agenda to include the following items:

- Demographics Study moved to the "Report" section of the agenda
- March Quarterly Board Meeting date

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

BOARD RECOGNITIONS:

The Board recognized the Chowan Middle School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the 2016-2017 Conference Tournament Championship.

Deputy Heather Matthews with the Chowan County Sheriff's Department was recognized for leading the efforts in organizing the recent Lock-Up Hunger Food Drive event in which all four Edenton-Chowan Schools participated in.

There were no requests to address the Board.

## REPORT:

John A. Holmes High School Graduation Project - Ms. Natalie Briggs, John A. Holmes High School Media Coordinator and Ms. Laurie Brooks, John A. Holmes High School English Teacher gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the John A. Holmes High School Graduation Project. The changes are reflected in the 2017-2018 John A. Holmes High School Program of Studies which will be voted upon by the Board.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan Goal Three Update - Ms. Jamie Bowers, Director of Alternative Learning and College Liaison 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.

Demographic Study - Dr. Jackson gave Board Members an update on information regarding the proposed Demographics Study.

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

A Special Joint Meeting with the Chowan County Board of Commissioners has been scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017 at John A. Holmes High School at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of John A. Holmes High School.

White Oak Elementary Teachers Julie Privott and Bess Little recently taught a workshop to Head Start parents on Kindergarten Readiness.

At the beginning of the school year, 60% of our current Kindergarten students were at the lowest level of reading performance. That percentage has decreased to just 8% of our students at the lowest level. At the mid-year point, 12% of our Kindergarteners were performing at the the highest level.

The Children's Law Clinic at Duke University Law School released a study titled "School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years". Dr. Jackson will share the study with the Board in the Weekly Update.

The State Board of Education passed a resolution proclaiming the week of March 6-10, 2017 as National School Breakfast Week in North Carolina.

## CONSIDER:

2017 - 2018 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented the proposed 2017 - 2018 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to approve the 2017 - 2018 School Calendar Frozen/Optional Teacher Workdays as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

2017 Audit Contract - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer presented the June 30, 2017 Fiscal Year Audit Contract from Donna H. Winborne, CPA, P.C. to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Re-Testing Plans - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented the Summer School Re-Testing Plans for D.F. Walker Elementary School and Chowan Middle School to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Summer School Re-Testing Plans as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

March Quarterly Board Meeting Date - Dr. Jackson recommended that the Board postpone the March 20, 2017 Quarterly Board Meeting and reschedule to a later date if needed. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept Dr. Jackson's recommendation. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

1 – Minutes

- February 7, 2017 Board Minutes
- February 20, 2017 Quarterly Board Meeting Board Minutes

## 2 - Personnel Report

- February 2017 Personnel Report

## 3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - February 2017

## 4 – John A. Holmes High School Program of Studies 2017 – 2018

## 5 – John A. Holmes High School Overnight Trip Request (Key Club)

### Board Member Remarks/Comments

Mrs. Elliott commented on the following:

- NCSBA Board Meeting that she recently attended

Mr. Burroughs:

- K-3 Class Size

Chairman Jordan and Board Members suggested topics to discuss at the Joint Meeting that will be held on March 13, 2017 with the Chowan County Commissioners.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Elliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary