

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education  
Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting from:  
Chowan Middle School  
2845 Virginia Rd.  
Tyner, NC 27980

## MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Rob Jackson. Social distancing guidelines were followed. The meeting was broadcast via Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/EdentonChowan/videos/1112972929079204/>

Others present were: Rick Ott with M.B. Kahn and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

The invocation was given by Mrs. White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. 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.

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

### REPORT:

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

The Governor recently announced that schools would remain closed through the end of the school year due to COVID19.

High school staff members, along with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer, Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Jana Rawls, Director of Secondary Education Casey Bass and Dr. Jackson, recently delivered Class of 2020 yard signs to every senior. Our seniors were excited to see the caravan pull up and acknowledge them with this gesture of love. These signs were made possible by a donation from Steve Brabble Plumbing.

Last week we celebrated our teachers, administrators, and staff. They have continued to work with students and families during this unprecedented time.

Since the school closure began, our child nutrition staff has prepared 61,287 meals including breakfast and lunch for children in Chowan County.

Congratulations to Sydney Spear and Ryan White who were honored with the Heart of a Champion recognition.

Tyree Capehart was awarded the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Heart of a Champion Award and Jhasi Gilliam was awarded the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Willie Bradshaw Scholarship.

Session Law 2020-3 was signed by the Governor and addresses several issues as we approach the end of the school year. In the area of Accountability Measures & Testing, Public School Waivers have been granted EOGs, EOCs, WorkKeys, ACT (must give in 20-21), K-3 diagnostic + formative; School Performance Grades/School Report Cards/School Bldg. Reports; Low-Performing School Identification; and CPR graduation requirement.

In the area of Read to Achieve, Principals will decide 3<sup>rd</sup> grade promotions; parental notice will be given on student's progress through March 13; interventions will be provided for retained students; and waives RtA Summer Reading Camps. However, a 3rd Grade diagnostic reading test will be given to 4th Graders during the 1st 10 days buildings open in 2020-21.

In the area of the requirements for Advanced Math Placement, current Math teachers will determine the appropriate placement of students in advanced math classes or students can qualify after opting in and scoring at highest level on EOG/EOC.

In the area of School Improvement Plans, current School Improvement Plans expiring 6/30/20 will be valid through 12/31/20, then expire in 18 months rather than in 2 years.

In the area of Remote Meetings – This session law authorizes school boards & other public bodies to conduct remote meetings within limits.

Finally, all school systems are required to submit a 13-point comprehensive Remote Instruction Plan by July 20, 2020 to the State Board of Education. We have begun working on this.

CONSIDER:

Consideration of John A. Holmes High School Educational Program and Estimated Cost Summary - Mr. Rick Ott with M.B. Kahn gave a presentation summarizing the estimated cost of the John A. Holmes High School building project. After some discussion, the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept the recommendation of Dr. Jackson and Mr. Ott to reduce the size of the John A. Holmes High School building project by approximately 17,000 which would equate to a 141,246 square foot building project. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried 6-1. Mr. Burroughs was opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept the recommendation of Dr. Jackson and Mr. Ott to build a 29,000 square foot natatorium which would cost \$11 million dollars. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to not separate the pool on the ballot and to have a single question for a bond in the amount of \$61 million dollars. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried 4-3. Those opposed were Mr. Jordan, Mr. Browder, and Mr. Clifton.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to send a resolution to the Chowan County Commissioners regarding the John A. Holmes building project. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Architect Selection for John A. Holmes High School Project - Mr. Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the architect selection for the John A. Holmes High School project. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to select LS3P as the architect for the John

A. Holmes High School project. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

Revisions to the 2020-2021 School Calendar - Dr. Jackson gave a presentation and discussed the proposed revisions to the 2020-2021 School Calendar. A motion was made by Mrs. White to accept the revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Schedule - Mr. Jordan presented the 2020-2021 Board of Education Meeting Schedule for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to accept the meeting schedule 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 second reading:

- 1470 REMOTE PARTICIPATION DURING BOARD MEETINGS
- 2135 TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- 2140 SCHOOL CLOSINGS
- 3700 TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
- 3800 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
- 4040 IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION
- 4050 STUDENT ADMISSIONS
- 4310 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – STUDENTS
- 4315 CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY
- 5140 ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT
- 5145 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS
- 5290 RESIGNATION OF EMPLOYEES
- 5355 PROFESSIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- 6470 TRAFFIC AND PARKING ON SCHOOL SYSTEM PROPERTY
- 7640 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

A motion was made by Mrs. White to accept the Board Policy Revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

New Board Policies for Consideration - Dr. Jackson presented the following new Board of Education Policies to the Board for a second reading:

- 1130 BOARD MEMBER TECHNOLOGY USE
- 3605 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- 3820 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- 4212 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- 5185 TELEWORKING

A motion was made by Mrs. White to accept the new Board Policies as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- April 7, 2020 Board Minutes
- April 27, 2020 Board Minutes
- April 28, 2020 Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- May 12, 2020 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - May 2020

4 - Chowan Middle School College and Career Ready Lab

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. White to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary