

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

John A. Holmes High School  
Media Center  
600 Woodard Street  
Edenton, NC 27932

### MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m. in the John A. Holmes High School Media Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Paul Clifton, Lisa Perry, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer. Sherronne Battle and George Lewis participated remotely via Zoom. Joan White was absent.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Ms. Perry gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Hope Academy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. 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:

May 1st was National Principals' Day. Our four principals, Ms. Rinehart, Ms. Meads, Ms. Walton and Ms. Newsome, and our Hope Academy Coordinator, Ms. Melendez, go

above and beyond to see that our vision becomes a reality through healthy relationships, strategic planning and a can-do spirit.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th-12th. We will celebrate our teachers and staff for their endless care of our children and shower our schools with gratitude for their commitment to provide every single student a transformational experience.

Special thanks to Ms. Susan Creed, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, our community partners, Ms. Katie Milligan, and White Oak Elementary School for hosting another successful "Vehicle Day." Students marveled at the emergency vehicles, farm equipment, bucket truck, and our very own trolley to name a few. The goal to promote career awareness among our students and give them an opportunity to "touch a truck" and learn about the career opportunities available to them was achieved.

The school year will soon be coming to an end and there will be many activities to celebrate our students and their accomplishments. The Senior Walk, which will occur on May 19th, always brings tears to the eyes of students and staff as they walk the halls of the elementary and middle schools. Board members are invited to join us for these special celebrations.

Ms. Christina Melendez, Director of Hope Academy, shared some highlights of Hope Academy with the Board.

There was no public board dialogue.

#### REPORT:

Student Board Member Candidate Presentations - John A. Holmes High School Students Olivia Armstead and Kate Foster, each shared a presentation with the Board as part of their Edenton-Chowan Schools Student School Board Member application.

#### CONSIDER:

Community Eligibility Provision - Ms. Stephanie Patsel, Director of Child Nutrition, presented the Community Eligibility Provision to the Board, which allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost. Ms. Patsel made a recommendation to the Board to accept the Community Eligibility Provision for the Child Nutrition Program for the 2023-2024 school year as the first year of a four year cycle.

Ms. Perry made a motion to approve Ms. Pastel's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 Budget - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Superintendent, presented the 2023-2024 budget for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

DFW HVAC Controls Bid - Mr. Chris Brabble, Director of Maintenance, presented to the Board for consideration the need to bid the DFW HVAC controls and purchase with fund balance. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Perry to use fund balance to purchase new HVAC controls for D. F. Walker Elementary School in the amount of \$185,000. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revisions - Dr. Sasscer presented the following board policy revisions for a first reading:

- *3220 - Technology in the Educational Program*
- *3225/5175 Technology Responsible Use*
- *3226 - Internet Safety*
- *4318 - Use of Wireless Communication Devices*
- *4380 - Automated External Defibrillators*
- *5323 - Use of Personal Technology to Conduct School Business*
- *5355 - Professional and Staff Development*
- *6480 - Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)*
- *6524 - Network Security*
- *6050 - Minority Business Enterprise Participation in Construction and Contracts Policy*

Read to Achieve Camp, Credit Recovery and Career Accelerator Day Camps - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2023 Summer Camps for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the 2023 Summer Camps as presented. A second to the motion as made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented to the Board for consideration. Dr. Rawls brought to the Board's attention that Amy Sasscer, wife of Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer, was listed on the teacher contract list. A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the

following items on the consent agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- April 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- May 2, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - April 2023

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

5 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - Volleyball Team

6 - Chowan Middle School Overnight Field Trip Request - FCCLA

7 - Chowan Middle School Overnight Field Trip Request - HOSA

8 - D. F. Walker Elementary School Overnight Field Trip Request - Odyssey of the Mind

9 - Teacher Contracts

There were no additional board member remarks/comments.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry at 8:27 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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the May 2, 2023 Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to appoint Olivia Armstead as the Edenton-Chowan Schools Student School Board Member for a two year term beginning in the 2023-2024

school year. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. 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 Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary