

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
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 in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m in the Media Center of John A. Holmes High School. 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. Michael Sasscer.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mr. Browder gave the invocation.

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

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

The Board recognized the following students from Chowan Middle School for their outstanding academic and/or athletic performance:

Nasim Hunt
Chloe Chappell
Morgan Nixon
Jaidyn Jackson

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

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! We have joyfully celebrated our teachers and staff - they are amazing!

We have received an additional \$25 million from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant for a total of \$40 million in grant funds for the new high school building project.

The Board of County Commissioners approved our plan to upgrade our communication system to VOIP phones. They also accepted our bid of AR Chesson to perform the renovation of the "Old D.F. Walker" second floor to include a new entrance and elevator.

The district and school staff participated in a two-day threat assessment training with Dr. Amy James, a clinical and forensic psychologist, to maximize our ability to keep our schools safe.

Finally, Dr. Sasscer encouraged students to use their voice to share their vision and desires for their experiences in school.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Tom Joyal
Tom Abbott

REPORT:

John A. Holmes High School (JAHHS) Athletic Booster Club - Mr. David Ray, President of the Aces Booster Club, gave the Board an update on the Aces Booster Club and provided information on the existing concession stand that is located at John A. Holmes High School.

Student Board Member Presentation - John A. Holmes High School Students Liza Bond, Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes and Trent Spear, each shared a presentation with the Board as part of their Edenton-Chowan Schools Student School Board Member application.

CONSIDER:

Masking - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the district's health data and shared the results of a recent masking survey that was sent to school system staff. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to continue with optional masks in indoor spaces and buses, as supported by the staff survey results. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Sciences, Agri-Sciences and Digital Resources - Mr. Josh Davenport, Director of CTE and Secondary Education, shared information with the Board requesting to purchase an Anatomage Table for the high school Health Science and Agri-Science classes at a cost of approximately \$105,000. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to purchase the anatomage table as presented by Mr. Davenport. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Budget - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2022-2023 budget for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Bids - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, shared information from the Request for Proposals for Auditor Services. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept the bid from Anderson, Smith, and Wike PLLC for the 2022-2023 auditor services, as recommended by Ms. Berry. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

6-12 Alternative Learning Program: Policy 4065-R (Second Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented Policy 4065-R for a second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the policy as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 BOE Meeting Schedule - Mr. Jordan shared the proposed 2022-2023 board meeting schedule for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the meeting schedule as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bunch at 8:13 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6)

and to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential 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 9:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Browder to appoint Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes as the Edenton-Chowan Schools Student School Board Member for the 2022-2023 school year. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda, to include a personnel addendum. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- April 5, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- May 3, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - April 2022

4 - Teacher Contracts

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Survey Data

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 Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary