

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
May 6, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Chowan Middle School
2845 Virginia Road
Tyner, NC 27980

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at Chowan Middle School. The following Board Members were present: Chairman George Lewis, Vice-Chair Sheila Evans, Sherronne Battle, Ricky Browder, Paul Clifton, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Tammi Ward.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls, Directors representing Central Services, Community Members, Student Board Members Olivia Armstead and Sela McNair.

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:39 p.m. Chairman Lewis welcomed guests and those attending the meeting.

INVOCATION: Chairman Lewis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DF Walker Elementary School students assisted by Ms. Evans, Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Perry to amend the agenda to add End-of-Year School Events and BOE Work Session. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT: Ms. Armstead and Ms. McNair presented their monthly Student Board Member Report. At the conclusion of the report, Chairman Lewis presented Ms. Armstead with a small token of appreciation for her service to the Board. Ms. Armstead will be rotating off the Board following graduation June 6.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL: Chairman Lewis recognized and provided certificates to Maria Ambrosio-Reyes and Robert Layton who will be attending NC Governor's School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The superintendent's report was provided by Ms. Rinehart, JAH Principal. Ms. Rinehart reviewed the furniture selections and colors for the new high school.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS: Students, Ms. Terrell, Assistant Principal and Ms Knight, Behavior Specialist from DF Walker Elementary School provided highlights from their Student Council. Board members were able to see a copy of a student newspaper that was started with a student council idea share and a student's vision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Construction Update - Mr. Chris Brabble, Construction Liaison provided an update on JAH construction and current status. An aerial view of the site was provided.

March 2025 Financial Reports - Ms. Sandy Pittman, Chief Finance Officer shared the March 2025 Financial Reports with the Board and answered questions.

End-of-year School Events - Chairman Lewis encouraged Board members to attend end-of-year activities. A schedule of events will be provided and Board members should contact Ms. Hare to sign up for events they can attend. We are striving to have Board representation at all events when possible. It was recommended that a calendar be provided each Board Meeting of the upcoming events.

CONSIDER FOR ACTION - REQUIRES MOTION AND VOTE:

Budget Amendments - Ms. Sandy Pittman, Chief Finance Officer presented budget amendments and answered questions. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the budget amendments as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

R&R Distribution Request (DFW Gutter Replacement) - Ms. Sandy Pittman, Chief Finance Officer and Mr. Ben Layton, Maintenance Director presented information for a replacement of gutters at DF Walker Elementary School utilizing lottery Repair & Replacement funding. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the recommended gutter replacement project at DF Walker Elementary for \$120,000. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Revisions - 3220 and 3225/5175 (Second Reading) - Ms. Ward, Superintendent presented Policy 3220 and 3225/5175 for approval. There were no

questions. A motion was made by Ms. Evans to approve the policies as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

John A. Holmes High School Construction Project Change Order (Technology / AV Package) - Ms. Ward, Superintendent updated the Board on changes to the technology audio visual package and presented the change order for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the recommended Technology/AV change order in the amount of \$612,777.73. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

2025-2026 Local & Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation - Ms. Ward, Superintendent presented the 2025-26 local and capital outlay budget recommendation to be presented to the County Commissioners. There was discussion regarding the fund balance recommendation on the proposal and the Board's interest in discussing the fund balance and a written agreement with the County. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the Local and Capital Outlay Budget for presentation to the County Commissioners as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

BOE Work Session - Ms. Ward, Superintendent suggested a work session be scheduled to further discuss the budget. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to schedule a work session on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 a.m. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ms. Evans to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- April 1, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- May 6, 2025 Personnel Report

3 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Requests

- FCCLA State Officer Training
- National Leadership Conference

- FCCLA National Competition
- SEC Training

4 - Teacher Contracts

5 - Testing Readministration Plan

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

- Ms. Perry stated she enjoyed meeting at the school.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Battle to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Lewis reconvened the Board at 10:03 p.m. following Closed Session.

HVAC Request for Proposal - A motion was made by Ms. White to utilize an engineering firm to assist with preparing a scope of work for an HVAC Request For Proposal at White Oak/DF Walker Elementary Schools. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Transportation - A motion was made by Ms. Evans to approve the Transportation by Private Vehicle procedure for Edenton Chowan Public Schools. 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. Evans to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Lewis, Chairman

Tammi Ward, Secretary