

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, May 3, 2010, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2010, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Sarah McLaughlin, Sonya Rinehart, Linda Hobbs, Mel Pekofsky, Jan Smith, Karen Tynch, Angie Layden, Casey Spear, Pam Spruill, Debra Elliott, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Browder. The invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **Budget Update.** Dr. Smith reported that he attended the County Commission finance meeting on April 28, 2010. At that meeting the County Commission recommended an additional \$50,000 to be given to the schools local budget in addition to the \$220,000 bringing the total amount to \$270,000. Dr. Smith contacted County Commissioners to request that they consider fully funding the 2010-2011 local budget request that was presented by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The request for an allocation of \$3,506,956 does not include any increase in services or programs. The appropriation would meet mandated increases in employee benefits and the restoration of salary reductions for all employees for this year. The Board's request represents less than half of the \$1 million reduction for the current expense and technology for this year.

Dr. Smith presented a draft "Open Letter" outlining the concerns and impact for Edenton-Chowan Schools on the proposed Governor's budget for the Board's consideration. The Governor's proposed budget calls for a \$135 million reduction to public education. A motion to approve the "Open Letter" with the changes discussed was made by John Guard, seconded by Gene Jordan and passed unanimously. The letter will be sent to state legislators and senators.
(Attachment #1)

2. **Federal Health Plan.** Michelle Maddox presented an overview of the impact of the new federal health plan for school system employees. The plan requires people to have insurance by 2014. **(Attachment #2)**

CONSIDER:

1. **Policy 4320 Head Lice.** Angie Layden presented Policy 4320 – Head Lice for the Board's first reading. The original policy addresses the procedures for head lice. The procedures have been taken out of the policy. **(Attachment #3)**
2. **Policy 4330 First Aid.** Pam Spruill presented Policy 4330 First Aid for the Board's first reading. The amended policy updates changes in terminology. **(Attachment #4)**
3. **Policy 4380 Automated External Defibrillators.** Casey Spear presented Policy 4380 for the Board's first reading. This is a new policy that addresses the use of defibrillators in the schools. **(Attachment #5)**
4. **Exceptional Children Grant.** Linda Hobbs requested Board approval for her to apply for federal grants. A motion to approve Linda Hobbs to apply for federal grant opportunities was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan and passed unanimously.
5. **AIG Plan.** Mel Pefofsky, AIG Coordinator at D.F. Walker Elementary School presented the 2010-2013 AIG Plan for Board approval. North Carolina updated the AIG Program Standards in July 2009. The AIG Program Standards have been developed to serve as a statewide framework and guide Edenton-Chowan Schools in developing, coordinating, and implementing comprehensive AIG programs. Based on feedback from stakeholders, the AIG leadership team recommends changes to the AIG program for 2010-2013 that will ensure that the needs of students are met. A motion to approve the AIG Plan was made by John Guard, seconded by Kay Wright and passed unanimously. **(Attachment #6)**
6. **2010-2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.** A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the 2010-2011 Board of Education meeting schedule. **(Attachment #7)**
7. **Location of June 7, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.** A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by John Guard to change the location of the June 7, 2010 to John A. Holmes High School. The Board will recognize the 20-year employees and retirees with a reception.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Kay Wright to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel (**Attachment #8**)
3. Financial Report (**Attachment #9**)
4. Overnight Trip (**Attachment #10**)

Chairman Ricky Browder requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-321 and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (3) and (6). A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Gil Burroughs to enter into closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary