

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 6:00 p.m. to enter into a closed session to consult with the Board Attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 6:12 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

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

Ms. Mason gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from John A. Holmes High School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. 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:

White Oak Elementary School and D. F. Walker Elementary School recently celebrated Book Character Day. It was a great success and enjoyed by many.

Members of the John A. Holmes High School FFA Chapter recently traveled with their two advisors to the 95th FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. While in Indianapolis, students participated in leadership development workshops led by state and national FFA officers, attended convention sessions, observed Career Development Events, and participated in our nation's largest Career Show and Exposition. Additionally, this trip provided opportunities for our students to attend a rodeo, explore a new metropolitan area, network with students from across the country and experience air travel. Additionally, FFA Advisor Chelsea Leary delivered a professional development seminar to agriculture teachers from across the country as part of her participation in the Ag. Ed/FFA Ambassadors program. Congratulations to Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Lichtenwalner, and all participants for pursuing this transforming experience!

Edenton-Chowan Schools was awarded \$140,356 by the North Carolina Center for Safer Schools School Safety Grant Program. \$110,748 will go toward hiring another school resource officer. \$22,348 will go toward the purchase of safety equipment, and \$7,260 will provide additional training to increase school safety.

The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced that Edenton-Chowan Schools would be awarded one electric bus, including the charging station, and two low-emission activity school buses as part of the NC Volkswagen Settlement Program. The new buses we have been awarded will meet the new, higher standard emission requirements and replace current buses in our fleet that are flagged as having a higher level of emitted pollutants.

The groundbreaking for the new John A. Holmes High School was held on October 24, 2022. Dr. Sasscer expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education for their passionate commitment to the project by stating "Your patience and perseverance is commendable and your leadership has positioned future generations of Aces to teach, learn, and compete in a future-ready environment." Dr. Sasscer also acknowledged the three former superintendents that, over the past 50 years, have paved the way for education to excel in Chowan County, Dr. John Dunn, Dr. Allan Smith and Dr. Rob Jackson. These leaders were great stewards of honor, integrity, character, and

educational leadership that served as pillars of our school system's standard of excellence. Dr. Sasscer also recognized Vice Chair Ms. Jean Bunch who has served on the board for 16 years and Mr. Gil Burroughs who has served for 20 years.

The following students/groups from John A. Holmes High School were recognized for their accomplishments:

Damaris Ambrosio- Reyes - attended Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference

Jackson Heath - attended Governor's School East, Social Science

Bailey Rinehart - attended Governor's School West, Natural Science

The following Marching Aces section leaders were also recognized for their success this year:

Layla Johnson (Drum Major), Sam Clifton, Steven Toney, Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes, Finley Harrell, and Savanna Reid

Ms. Jean Bunch and Mr. Gil Burroughs were also recognized for their years of dedicated service to the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Kermit Nixon

REPORT:

NCSBA Annual Conference Information - Ms. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, shared information with the Board regarding the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference.

John A. Holmes High School Transition Update - Dr. Sasscer gave the Board an update on the high school transition plan as it moves closer to construction and discussed next steps in the building process.

CONSIDER:

M. B. Kahn Change Orders - Dr. Sasscer presented M. B. Kahn Change Orders 1 and 2 for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve Change Orders 1 and 2 as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

DREAM Provider Care Services - Ms. Virginia Jones, Director of Special Populations, presented a contract from DREAM Provider Care Services, Inc. for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Mason to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Technology Facility Contract - Dr. Sasscer presented a contract from JKF Architecture for the Technology Facility renovations for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Budget Resolution - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2022-2023 Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Resolution as presented. A second to the motion as made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the Fund Balance Reserves as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

BOE New Policy - Service Animals - Dr. Sasscer presented new Board Policy 4390 - Service Animals for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. White to approve the new policy as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. 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 Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- October 4, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- October 24, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- November 1, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - October 2022

4 - Contract Services - Kinetic Physical Therapy and Wellness

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- AP classes at John A. Holmes High School
- National Honor Society Membership

Mr. Browder expressed his appreciation to Ms. Bunch and Mr. Burroughs for serving on the Board of Education.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Bunch to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary