

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m at 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. Social distancing guidelines were followed.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Directors representing Central Services; Board Attorney Will Crowe; Deputy Alan Stulick; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Mr. Burroughs shared a moment of reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from White Oak Elementary School.

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

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

White Oak Elementary School recently held a blended Veterans Day assembly. The program was designed by White Oak Elementary music teacher Ms. Pam Bellanca.

State Superintendent Mark Johnson announced that John A. Holmes High School was awarded \$15 million state dollars to building a new facility.

Through our partnership with the Low Wealth Consortium and Kajeet, we have provided hotspots and internet access to 102 students.

White Oak Elementary School and D. F. Walker Elementary School teachers and students dressed in costume and showed off their love for reading during our recent Book Character Day! Chowan Middle School joined the fun by having students virtually read to their elementary friends through Google Meet.

Dr. Sasscer expressed his deepest gratitude to our teachers, staff, school leaders, and central services personnel for their continued work in making sure that our schools are safe and our children are learning. Bertie County Schools recently visited John A. Holmes High School to observe our progress. Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes offer "Learning on the Lawn" every Wednesday for remote learners. White Oak Elementary School has begun WIN time or "what I need" for students needing more support and an afterschool program will begin next week. D. F. Walker Elementary School has a very successful afterschool program that supports both our remote and in-person students.

Board Recognitions - The Board of Education recognized John A. Holmes High School for earning accreditation by the North Carolina State Board of Education.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE: There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Apex Timbermill Update - Mr. Don Giecek and Mr. Richard Bunch from Apex Timbermill, gave the board an update on Chowan County wind projects and answered questions from Board Members.

John A. Holmes High School Project Discussion - Dr. Sasscer gave a presentation to the Board outlining the advantages and disadvantages for replacing or renovating the current John A. Holmes High School.

CONSIDER:

Beginning Teacher Support Plan Update - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, presented an update to the Beginning Teacher Support Plan for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the updated plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- October 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- October 27, 2020 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- November 10, 2020 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - November 2020

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Open teaching positions

Mrs. White commented on the following:

- NCSBA Annual Conference

Mr. Jordan commented on the following:

- Options for December Board of Education Meeting

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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary