

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, November 3, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2014, 6:30 pm, Board of Education Central Services Office with the following members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chair Kay Wright, Ricky Browder, Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, and Superintendent Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Emma Berry, Casey Atstupenas, Sheila Evans, Deputy Ricky Winebarger, School Attorney Will Crowe, Board Clerk Sarah Hare and several students representing John A. Holmes High School (see attached sheet).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Guard. The invocation was given by Gil Burroughs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Guard asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the following items for consideration and to add a closed session after all items were presented for consideration:

- 1 - Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars
- 2 - Resolution Regarding the State's Proposal to Assign Letter Grades to Each Public School

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott with a second by Jean Bunch to amend the agenda to include the two items referenced above and to add a closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None

REPORT:

1. **Apex Windmill Group** - Mr. Charlie Johnson from Apex Clean Energy presented a Power Point presentation illustrating the Company's future plans to implement a Timbermill Wind Farm in Chowan County. Mr. Johnson entertained questions from Board Members.

2. **International Studies Class Presentation** - The International Studies class of John A. Holmes High School presented a Power Point presentation providing an outline of their plans to visit Denmark in the spring. Eighteen students from John A. Holmes and five adults will be traveling abroad. Sheila Evans, Principal of John A. Holmes, requested the Board of Education to cover the expense of the travel insurance for the trip, which is approximately \$2,350. A motion was made by Ricky Browder with a second by Kay Wright to provide the funds for the travel insurance. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Audit Presentation** - The School's Accountant, Donna Winborne, presented the Board with a draft copy of the June 30, 2014 audit. Several items were discussed.
4. **Annual Teacher Turnover Report** - Ms. Michelle Maddox presented the Board with information regarding the school's teacher turnover rate and answered questions from the Board.
5. **Affordable Care Act** - Ms. Maddox presented the Board with a Power Point presentation regarding the Affordable Care Act and discussed how it will affect staff members.
6. **Superintendent's Report** - Mr. Jackson informed Board Members that Mrs. Michelle White, Principal at White Oak Elementary School, has been named the 2014-2015 Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrator of the Year. Mr. Jackson also informed the Board that the District's application for Title I, Title II and Rural and Low Income Schools Program Federal Monies has been approved. The Albemarle Electric Membership Co-op recently hosted an educational luncheon to discuss their partnership with Edenton-Chowan Schools. All four schools' Principals and Mr. Jackson attended this event. The Rocky Hock Ruritans raised money to purchase and present 173 dictionaries to every third grade student at DF Walker Elementary School in an effort to support the Read to Achieve literacy initiative. Mr. Jackson shared with Board Members the contributions that had been received for the Amy Asbell Memorial Fund and the Jerry McGee Weight Room and Scholarship Fund. Mr. Jackson continues to perform his classroom visits at each school. He also shared with the Board various events that had occurred at the schools' over the past month and also gave a report of his involvement in community related activities.

CONSIDER:

1. **Differentiated Pay Plan Proposal** - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the Differentiated Pay Plan Proposal for teachers, which was devised by a representative group of teachers and administrators from all schools in the district and unanimously approved by the Teacher's Advisory Council. The Board agreed to move forward with submitting the proposal to the North Carolina General Assembly.

2. **Policy 6500 “Child Nutrition Programs” Revision** - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the Policy 6500 “Child Nutrition Programs” Revision for a second reading. A motion was made by Gene Jordan with a second by Mrs. Elliott to approve the revision. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars** - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars. A motion was made Mr. Burroughs with a second by Mrs. Elliott to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution Regarding the State’s Proposal to Assign Letter Grades to Each Public School** - Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a Resolution Regarding the State’s Proposal to Assign Letter Grades to Each Public School. A motion was made by Ms. Wright with a second by Mrs. Bunch to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs with a second by Ms. Wright to enter into a closed session to discuss personnel pursuant to the North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6).

The Board returned to open session. A motion was made by Mrs. Elliott with a second by Mrs. Bunch to allow Board Clerk Sarah Hare to attend future Closed Session Meetings.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Ms. Wright with a second by Mrs. Bunch to approve the following items by consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes
2. Personnel
3. Financial

Board Members Report/Remarks: Board Members were reminded of the annual NCSBA Conference which will be held in Greensboro, November 17-19.

A motion was made by Mr. Browder with a second by Ms. Wright to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary