

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Building
800 North Oakum Street
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Building with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Deputy Holly Pierce; Board Attorney Will Crowe; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Mason

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

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

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

Report from Joint Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Committee on High School Replacement - Chairman Jordan and Mr. Browder shared information with

Board Members from the recent Joint Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Committee Meeting on High School Replacement.

NCSBA Annual Conference Information - Mrs. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, provided information on the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference. The conference is scheduled for November 18-20, 2019 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC.

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

D. F. Walker Elementary School has been named North Carolina's National Title 1 Distinguished School in the category of high progress. D. F. Walker Elementary was one of two North Carolina schools chosen to be finalists for this prestigious award out of approximately 1,400 Title 1 schools across the state. D. F. Walker Elementary will represent the state during the 2020 National Title 1 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in February.

The administrators of Edenton-Chowan Schools have selected Chowan Middle School Assistant Principal Ms. Makesha Spivey to represent them as the 2019-2020 Assistant Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Sheila Evans has been selected as the 2019-2020 Edenton-Chowan Schools Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Amanda Goodwin, Transportation Director, has researched the number of our students that live in town versus in the county. It was determined that of our 1,872 students, 735 live inside the Town of Edenton Limits (39%). 1,225 (65.4%) students live within the boundary that stretches from Wildcat Road to the River Bridge at Drummonds Point.

The annual PBIS celebration will be at the Aces football game on Friday, November 8th. Students will have the opportunity to parade down the track to be acknowledged for their good choices.

Dr. Jackson also reported to the Board that he approved an overnight field trip for the John A. Holmes High School Tennis Team to compete in the State Competition.

CONSIDER:

Approval of Location for New High School - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the new high school. Mr. Browder made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Joint Board of Education/Board of County Commissioners Committee on High School Replacement to leave the high school at the current site and to renovate or replace it. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Construction Management Firm - Dr. Jackson made a recommendation to the Board to have M. B. Kahn serve as the advisor to the John A. Holmes High School building project. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept Dr. Jackson's recommendation as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps in High School Construction Process - Mr. Rick Ott of M.B. Kahn shared information with Board Members about the next steps in the high school construction process. No motion was made.

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 1, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- October 22, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- November 5, 2019 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- November 2019 School Board Report

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Timeline of making a decision to renovate or replace high school

Mr. Browder commented on the following:

- Tennis Courts at John A. Holmes High School

Mrs. Bunch commented on the following:

- Public Board Comments at Board Meetings
- Board of Education Meeting Announcement Process

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 8:05 p.m. to enter into a closed session to consult with the Board Attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:22 p.m. No action was taken.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Mason to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary