

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
John A. Holmes High School Media Center

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m., in the Media Center of John A. Holmes High School with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chair Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Board Member Ricky Browder was absent

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Directors representing Central Services; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Will Crowe; Board Clerk Sarah Hare and numerous staff members, teachers and parents representing John A. Holmes High School, Chowan Middle School, D.F. Walker Elementary School and White Oak Elementary School (see attached sign-in sheet).

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and the invocation was given by Kay Wright.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS:

Dr. Jackson and Board Members expressed their appreciation to out-going Board Members John Guard and Kay Wright for their dedication and years of service to Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Recognition of Teachers and Staff Accomplishments - Mr. Guard and fellow Board Members presented the following awards:

White Oak Elementary School

Rosa Carter - 2016-2017 Instructional Assistant of the Year
Catina Byrum - 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

White Oak Elementary School/D.F. Walker Elementary School

Ann Bond - 2016-2017 Bus Driver of the Year

D. F. Walker Elementary School

Justin Smith - 2016-2017 Instructional Assistant of the Year
Asheton Smith - 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

Chowan Middle School

Linda Leary - 2016-2017 Bus Driver of the Year
Shante White - 2016-2017 Instructional Assistant of the Year
Monica Cofield - 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

John A. Holmes High School

Tammy Taylor-Felton - 2016-2017 Bus Driver of the Year
Derrick Douglas - 2016-2017 Instructional Assistant of the Year
Laura Turner - 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

The following awards were also presented:

Brandi Richardson - 2016-2017 Teacher of Excellence Award - Exceptional Children's Award
Catina Byrum - 2016-2017 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year
Sarah McLaughlin - 2016-2017 Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrator of the Year

Mr. Guard and fellow Board Members also recognized the Pre-Kindergarten Program at White Oak Elementary School for their recent re-designation as a Five-Star Program.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

SAT/ACT Results - Dr. Rob Jackson presented the Board with the SAT/ACT results of the John A. Holmes High School Class of 2016, gave an overview of the average results from surrounding school districts, and answered questions from Board Members.

Education Foundation Update - Dr. Linda White, Director of Elementary Education, Title 1 & Pre-K and Executive Director of Education Foundation, gave the Board an overview of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation and answered questions from Board Members.

2017-2018 K-3 Class Size Allotment - Dr. Jackson gave a presentation on the K-3 Class Size Allotment Ratios and discussed how it could impact Edenton-Chowan Schools. Board Members discussed the need to add this concern to the North Carolina School Boards Association Legislative Agenda.

NCSBA State Conference Meeting Information - Mrs. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, provided Board Members with information related to the annual NCSBA Conference that will be held November 15 - 18, 2016 in Greensboro, NC.

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

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction selected D.F. Walker Elementary School as one of only five elementary schools as a host site for professional development for school teams across the state.

The following teachers have earned re-certification as Nationally Board Certified:

Linda Sutton - Chowan Middle School
Angie Walston, White Oak Elementary School
Cindy Olson, Chowan Middle School
BB Halstead, D.F. Walker Elementary School

Edenton-Chowan Schools has partnered with the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Public Library in that all Chowan Middle Schools students will receive a free e-card that will allow them to access over 30,000+ books by downloading them onto their Ipad.

A recent fuel pipeline explosion in Alabama has caused concerns about the availability and price increase of fuel. In checking with our Transportation Department, the school system does have sufficient fuel.

CONSIDER:

Low - Performing School Plan for Chowan Middle School - Mr. John Lassiter, Principal of Chowan Middle School, gave a presentation on the plan to improve Chowan Middle School's low-performing status. Upon Dr. Jackson's recommendation, a motion was made by Gene Jordan to adopt the Low Performing School Plan for Chowan Middle School for the 2016 - 2017 school year as presented. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Merit - Based Plan - Dr. Jackson, and Ms. Michelle Maddox, Director of Human Resources, gave a presentation on the Merit-Based Bonus Plan for Non-Educators and answered questions from Board Members. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to accept the plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Agenda - Dr. Jackson presented Board Members with the NCSBA Draft Legislative Agenda for 2017-2018. The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education Resolution on Legislative Priorities was also presented for a first reading. There were no formal motions made.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- October 4, 2016 Board Minutes
- October 17, 2016 Quarterly Board Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- October 2016 Personnel Report

3 - Financial

- School Board Report – October 2016

Board Member Remarks/Comments

There were no additional Board Member remarks or comments.

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to enter into a closed session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11 (a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to extend Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner's contract to June 30, 2020. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Glorious Elliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary