

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 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 3, 2015, 6:30 pm, John A. Holmes High School Media Center with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

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 Hackney High; Board Clerk Sarah Hare and numerous teachers, staff 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 an invocation was given by Kay Wright

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from D F Walker Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Kay Wright to approve the agenda as amended, to exclude the Audit Presentation. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

Mr. Guard recognized Daniel Jones for his recent participation in Summer Ventures.

Mr. Guard recognized Daniel Jones and Noah Jordan for their recent participation in Boys State.

Mr. Guard recognized Laura Chappell, Kate Whichard and Aylin Duruman for their recent participation in Girls State.

Laura Chappell was also recognized for having been selected to the Commission on Presidential Scholars for consideration at the national level.

REPORT:

1 - Edenton-Chowan Community Foundation Mini-Grant Presentations - Ms. Linda White, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation and Ms. Joy Denton, President of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation presented the following Mini-Grants to Edenton-Chowan School Teachers:

White Oak Elementary School - Christina Melendez, Connie Peeler, Teresa Ward and LeAnn Nixon

D F Walker Elementary School - Angela Elsbree, Kristine Ludlow, Eugene Baker, Nikki Dowd, Krista Bond, Rachel Byrum, Asheton Smith, Kristie Williams, Phil Huey, Jennifer Thach, Becky Nixon, Stacey Banks, Justin Smith and Heather Strausser

Chowan Middle School - Kaitlin Layden, Janie Joseph and Deborah Bunch

2 - Alternative Learning Program Update - Dr. Jackson gave an update on the Alternative Learning Program and answered questions from Board Members.

3 - 2016-2017 School Calendar - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with a draft copy of the 2016-2017 school calendar, and also gave a powerpoint presentation outlining school calendar law and other pertinent information related to the calendar.

4 - Proposed Student Board Member Discussion - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with information about the potential requirements and duties of student board members. After some discussion, it was decided that the Board would continue to explore this idea as well as other options as a way of receiving feedback from students.

5 - Board Policy Revisions - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with the following policies revisions for a first reading:

- 2130 Parental Involvement
- 2420 Use of School Buildings for Community Purposes
- 2510 Tobacco-Free Policy
- 3600 Student Promotion and Accountability
- 3630 Students at Risk of Academic Failure

- 4400/5125 Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 5135 Staff-Student Relations
- 5165 Weapons Prohibited on School Property
- 5180 Employee Use of Social Media
- 6400 School Bus Transportation
- 6420 Duties and Responsibilities of School Bus Drivers
- 6430 School Bus Passengers

6 - New Board Policy - *Dr. Jackson presented the Board with the following new policies for a first reading:*

- 1470 Remote Participation in Board Meetings
- 6480 Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)

7 - Superintendent's Report - Dr. Jackson was pleased to inform Board Members that Mr. Phillip Gatling, Assistant Principal of Chowan Middle School, has been named as the Edenton-Chowan Schools 2015-2016 Administrator of the Year. Students, volunteers, teachers and staff recently enjoyed the Book Character Day celebration at White Oak Elementary and D.F. Walker Schools. D.F. Walker Elementary School has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from Albemarle Community Trust to add equipment to the school's playground. Winborne Farms recently donated 70 pumpkins to our elementary schools. Each month at Chowan Middle School, students will be chosen as Students of the Month-Model Readers and will have the opportunity to go to D. F. Walker Elementary and White Oak Elementary Schools to read with younger students. Since the beginning of the school year, the school system Facebook page has had over 17,000 visitors. As of the current date, the John A. Holmes High School Class of 2016 has received 58 letters of acceptance to colleges and universities and \$1,087,700 in scholarship monies.

CONSIDER:

1 - Low Performing School Update/Plan - Ms. Tanya Turner asked for the Board's approval of the Preliminary Plan for Approving Performance at D.F. Walker Elementary School. Ms. Turner indicated there had not been any public feedback to the plan. Prior to Mr. Guard asking for a motion to approve the plan, Ricky Browder indicated that he would not be casting a vote since he was not present at the time the plan was presented. A motion was made by Jean Bunch to accept the Preliminary Plan for Approving Performance at D. F. Walker Elementary School and to send it to the state for approval. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. Those in favor of

the motion were: Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, John Guard, Kay Wright, Gene Jordan, and Glorious Elliott. Ricky Browder abstained from voting. The motion carried 7-0.

2 - 2015-2016 Budget Resolution - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2015-2016 Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to accept the 2015-2016 Budget Resolution as presented. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

3 - Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools Resolution - Dr. Jackson presented a Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools Resolution to the Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to adopt the Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools Resolution. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the following items by consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

- October 6, 2015 Board Minutes
- October 20, 2015 Board Minutes
- October 2015 Personnel Report
- School Board Report - October 2015
- Line Item Transfers

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Guard reminded Board Members of the joint meeting with the Chowan County Commissioners scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2015 at John A. Holmes High School.

Mr. Guard also reminded Board Members of the upcoming NCSBA annual conference that will be held in Greensboro November 16-18, 2015.

Dr. Jackson asked if any Board Members were interested in serving on the D. F. Walker Task Force Committee (old D.F. Walker) that has been organized by the Chowan County Commissioners. Kay Wright agreed to serve on the committee.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ricky Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary