

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, October 5, 2009, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2009, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference Room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, Win Dale, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Emma Berry, Mary Lyons, Dorsey Harris, Jonathan Blumberg, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Browder. The invocation was given by Kay Wright.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by John Guard to adjourn the regular session meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to G.S.115C-319 and 115C-321 to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to open session.

REPORT:

1. **Boys and Girls Club PowerHour at Chowan Middle School.** Superintendent Allan Smith informed the Board on an agreement between Chowan Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club. The agreement will allow middle school students to continue with an afterschool program. The State eliminated funding for the SOS program this year. After the SOS program funding was eliminated this year, Rose Hawkins was reassigned as a teacher assistant at Chowan Middle School. Rose will begin her new hours from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm so that she may provide services to the Boys and Girls Club after school. The first 1½ hours will be spent at the middle school helping the students with academics similar to the Boys and Girls Club PowerHour. After the PowerHour session Rose will accompany the students to the Club and work with them until 6:00 pm. Since this is a Boys and Girls Club activity the students will have to become members. A part-time teacher assistant will be employed to replace Rose Hawkins from 8:00-11:00 am. The Boys and Girls Club purchased the Albemarle Learning Center building from Chowan County.
2. **October 12, 2009 Quarterly Meeting.** The Board of Education scheduled their quarterly meeting for Monday, October 12, 2009, 6:30 pm, John A. Holmes High School Media Center. Each of the schools will present their School Improvement Plans.

CONSIDER:

1. **2009-2010 Budget Resolution.** Emma Berry presented the 2009-2010 Budget Resolution for approval. A motion to approve the 2009-2010 Budget Resolution was made by John Guard, seconded by Kay Wright and passed unanimously. **(Attachment #1)**

Also presented were the Fund Balance Reserves and 2008-2009 Line Item Transfers. **(Attachment #2)**

2. **Policy 5430 Fair Labor Standards Act Compliance.** Michelle Maddox presented for the Board's first reading an amendment to Policy 5430. The amendment changes the work week for classified employees from Saturday through Friday to Sunday through Saturday. **(Attachment #3)**
3. **Policy 1110 Code of Conduct for Members.** Superintendent Allan Smith presented for the Board's first reading an amendment to Policy 1110. The amendment includes the requirements of Board members to earn 12 hours of training each year and two hours of ethics education within 12 months of election or appointment. **(Attachment #4)**
4. **Policy 4200 Student Discipline Revision.** Last month the Board reviewed an amendment to Policy 4200. The amendment to the policy includes the appropriate use of seclusion and restraint. A motion to approve Policy 4200 was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by Jean Bunch and passed unanimously. **(Attachment #5)**
5. **Joint County Commission/Board of Education Committee Meeting.** Chairman Ricky Browder selected Board members John Guard, Gene Jordan, and Board Chairman Ricky Browder to serve on the Joint County Commission/Board of Education Liaison Committee. County Commission committee members are Kenny Goodwin, Eddy Goodwin and Keith Nixon. The meeting will be held October 20, 2009, 9:00 am at the Public Safety Building.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by John Guard, seconded by Jean Bunch to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #6)**
3. Financial Report **(Attachment #7)**

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS:

Board member Win Dale requested that the Board recognize Rob Boyce for his years of service to Edenton-Chowan Schools. The Board suggested presenting him with a resolution at his retirement dinner.

Board member Gil Burroughs inquired about the lottery funds that the State allocates to the County to be used for school system needs. Mr. Burroughs would like to request that the county allocate the lottery money to the school system's capital outlay fund.

Board member Gil Burroughs asked if the school system's transportation fund had been reduced. The state transportation budget adjusted the schedule for school bus replacement financing from three years to four years.

Board member Gil Burroughs would like to see the school system look at options for the compensation of long term substitutes. He stated that long term substitutes have more responsibility in the classroom.

Board member Gil Burroughs would like the school system to investigate the use of thin client or server based computing.

Board member Gil Burroughs inquired about the alternative school program for the high school. Superintendent Allan Smith said that Jamie Gillespie, principal at John A. Holmes High School, will be reviewing the curriculum and making suggestions for future programs.

Superintendent Allan Smith reported on the absences that the schools are experiencing. There has been an increase in absences on Friday and Monday. The schools are experiencing flu-like symptoms, strep throat, and upper respiratory issues. Albemarle Regional Health Services has been providing information for the maintenance and cleaning of our school buildings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary