

Edenton-Chowan Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center with the following Board Members present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Maxine Mason, Joan White and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Board Members Ricky Browder and Paul Clifton were absent.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Michael Sasscer; Directors representing Central Services; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; D. F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; Chowan Middle School Principal Alton Campbell; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Deputy Heather Matthews; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

The invocation was given by Chairman Jordan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

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

The Board of Education recognized Sheila Evans, Principal of White Oak Elementary School; Michelle White, Principal of D. F. Walker Elementary School; Alton Campbell, Principal of Chowan Middle School; and Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, for their outstanding leadership in our school system.

There were no requests to address the Board.

## REPORT:

2018-2019 Academic Data Report/School Performance Grades - Dr. Michael Sasscer, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2018-2019 Academic Data Report/School Performance Grades and answered questions from Board Members.

Board Discussion of Recent Joint Public Hearings on the Location of the New High School - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion on the recent joint public hearings that were held in regards to the location of the new high school.

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:

October is another busy month in the school system. We will be celebrating the Chowan County Fair, the Peanut Festival, and the launching of our new Strategic Plan. October is also the National Principals Month.

Total meal counts for the first month of school are 109.8% higher than last year, despite having fewer students in the school system. The area of greatest growth is in the breakfast count at Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes High School where we started new breakfast service options - Grab-and-Go Breakfast at Chowan Middle School and Second-Chance Breakfast at John A. Holmes High School.

Professional Learning never ends and has kicked off in a big way in the school system. Assistant Principals learned about social and emotional learning and engaged in rich conversation about constructing effective leadership during the first meeting of the Assistant Principals' Academy this past month. In the Technology Department, Mr. Mebane and Ms. Spivey partnered with Perquimans County Schools to kick-off the second Digital Innovators cohort. Dr. Sasscer and his team are working with teachers during their Professional Learning Community meetings.

We will have a district-wide staff professional day on November 1, 2019 that will focus on Social-Emotional Learning.

## CONSIDER:

Draft Strategic Plan (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the Edenton-Chowan Schools Draft Strategic Plan for a second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to accept the 2019-2021 Draft Strategic Plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

NCSBA Voting Delegates for Annual Conference - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding voting delegates for the annual NCSBA Conference. After some discussion, the following Board Members agreed to serve: Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Maxine Mason and Joan White (alternate).

NCSBA Awards Consideration - Dr. Jackson shared information with the Board regarding the guidelines and requirements of the NCSBA awards. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. White to nominate the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education for the NCSBA School Leadership Award. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunch to nominate Chairman Jordan for the NCSBA Raleigh Dingman Award. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

## 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 Mrs. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

### **1 - Minutes**

- September 10, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- September 17, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- September 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

### **2 - Personnel Report**

- October 1, 2019 Personnel Report

### **3 - Financial Report**

- October 2019 School Board Report

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs at 8:10 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter and to consult with the Board Attorney as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (6) and 143-318.1 (a) (3). A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to extend Dr. Jackson's contract by one year to June 30, 2023 and to increase his salary to \$157,000.00. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

#### BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

The next Joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Education School Replacement Committee meeting will be held on October 29, 2019.

There will be a Quarterly Board of Education meeting on October 22, 2019.

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Timeline of making a decision on the location of the new/renovated high school

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary