

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Professional Development Center
109 Blade Street
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Professional Development Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Interim Superintendent Rick Stout.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls, Directors representing Central Services, Community Members, Board Attorney Hack High, Student Board Members Olivia Armstead and Sela McNair, Deputy Kevin Briggs, and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Ms. Battle gave the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was led by students from Chowan Middle School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the agenda as amended to add a Report Item - Educational Foundation Update. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Olivia Armstead and Ms. Sela McNair presented their student board member report.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Stout shared highlights from a professional development event that was held for staff members on October 1st.

Students from the Chowan Middle School shared information about their Peer Mentoring Program.

There was no public board dialogue.

REPORT:

Foundation Update - Mr. Stout reported that the Foundation's funds that are currently held in the District's Stif account would be transferred to the Foundation's local bank account.

Audit Presentation - Anderson, Smith and Wike - Mr. Dale Smith from Anderson Smith and Wike presented the Board with the June 30, 2024 audit report and answered questions from Board Members.

Construction Update - Mr. Stout shared an update and aerial video of the high school construction progress and answered questions from Board Members.

North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Conference - Ms. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, shared information about the upcoming annual conference that will be held in Greensboro November 18-20.

CONSIDER

District Low Performance Plan - Dr. Mindy Vickers, Chief Academic Officer, shared the District's Low Performance Plan for a first reading.

Finance Officer Salary Scale - Dr. Jana Rawls, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services, shared the new Finance Office Salary Scale for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the new Finance Officer Salary Scale as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy Update Evaluation Agreement - Mr. Stout presented for the Board's consideration, an agreement from the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) which will allow the NCSBA to assist the Board with developing and revising board policies. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the agreement as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

NCSBA Voting Delegates - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the voting delegates for the NCSBA Annual Conference. After some discussion, a

motion was made by Ms. Perry for the following Board Members to serve: Ricky Browder, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Joan White, with alternates Lisa Perry and Sherronne Battle. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

November 1, 2024 BOE Work Session - Chairman Jordan shared that the work session scheduled for November 1, 2024 was not needed. Ms. White made a motion to cancel the November 1, 2024 work session. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the following items on the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- September 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- September 17, 2024 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- September 17, 2024 Board of Education Work Session Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- October 1, 2024 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Report - September 2024

4 - Drivers Education Agreement

Board Member Remarks/Comments:

- Mr. Browder commented on hurricane relief efforts for Western North Carolina

A motion was made by Mr. Browder at 7:28 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter and a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (6) and 143-318.11 (a) (1). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to hire Mrs. Tammi Ward as the Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools with a start date of October 16, 2024. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. White to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Tammi Ward, Secretary