

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Edenton Town Council Chambers
504 S. Broad St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the Edenton Town Council Chambers. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Ricky Browder, Sherronne Battle, Paul Clifton, George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending the meeting were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; Community Members; and Board Attorney Hack High.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Clifton gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the agenda as amended to include an item regarding the November 1, 2023 Board of Education Work Session. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Board Member Report - Ms. Ambrosio-Reyes and Ms. Armstead presented their monthly Student Board Member Report.

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

Students at White Oak Elementary School were recently treated to a gorgeous day at the Chowan County Fair thanks to Becky Wilder and the Chowan County Fair Board of Directors.

This month we will be celebrating the outstanding leadership each of our principals demonstrate on a daily basis. School principals are an essential part of how we excel as a school system. Our principals are our guiding light. Ms. Micah Lynch (White Oak), Ms. Angie Walston (D.F. Walker), Ms. Sharon Meads (Chowan Middle) and Ms. Sonya Rinehart (John A. Holmes) are to be commended for their vision, strategy, and can-do spirit to lead our schools through challenges and to celebrations. Please join me this month in showering them with appreciation for their service.

Mr. Chris Brabble has provided the following update on our capital outlay projects. The WOS water heater project has been awarded to Joey Reynolds Plumbing. Material has been ordered and the project is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving. The WOS/DFW heat exchangers have been ordered by Schneider Electric and should be complete by December 1. The JAHHS softball field lights contract has been awarded to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC and should be completed by January 1. The DFW HVAC controls contract was awarded to Damuth Trane and materials have been ordered. The LED lights for 1st grade hall have been contracted with Anthony Evans Electric and ordered. The WOS/DFW furniture allotment was used to replace DFW office flooring by Ellis Tile and a coat of fresh paint by Carrera Painting. The project is complete. The next big project going out to bid is the HVAC replacement at the JAHHS Field House.

We are excited to be moving forward with the infrastructure for our new electric bus. Our total award amount for this part of the project is \$89,500. Work will be completed this school year in order to be ready to use the electric bus for the 2024-25 school year. EV Revolution has been contracted for \$33,500 to install electrical service, including the transformer, to the charging station. Carolina Thomas has been contracted to provide the charging station for \$44,180.62. The Department of Environmental Quality, through DPI, will reimburse the school system for these expenses.

Principal Micah Lynch shared some student highlights from White Oak Elementary School.

There was no public board dialogue.

REPORT:

Audit Presentation - Anderson, Smith and Wike - Mr. Dale Smith from Anderson Smith and Wike presented the Board with the June 30, 2023 audit report and answered questions from Board Members.

NCSBA Annual Conference - Chairman Jordan led the Board in a discussion regarding the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference.

November 1, 2023 BOE Work Session - Chairman Jordan shared information with the Board regarding the upcoming Board of Education work session scheduled for November 1, 2023.

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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 Mr. Browder for the following Board Members to serve: George Lewis, Lisa Perry, Sherronne Battle and Joan White (alternate). A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS LINQ - Ms. Stephanie Patsel, Director of Child Nutrition, presented a proposal from Titan to modernize the Child Nutrition software. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to accept the proposal as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

A.R. Chesson Contract - Dr. Sasscer presented a contract from A.R. Chesson for the Technology Facility renovation project. A motion was made by Ms. Battle to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Revisions - Parents' Bill of Rights (Second Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented the Parent's Bill of Rights policy revisions for a second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the policy revisions as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lewis to table the policy revisions until the November 7th meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The motion and second to approve the policy revisions is still on the floor and will be discussed and voted upon when the matter is brought up again for reconsideration at the November 7, 2023 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1 - Minutes

- September 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- October 3, 2023 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - September 2023

4 - John A. Holmes High School Overnight Field Trip Request - FFA

There were no additional board member remarks/comments.

A motion was made by Ms. White at 7:44 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a confidential matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statutes 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 7:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the October 3, 2023 Student Transfer Report as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Browder to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Battle. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary