

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Technology Center
800 N. Oakum St.
Edenton, NC 27932

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 p.m in the Edenton-Chowan Schools Technology Center. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Gene Jordan, Vice-Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Joan White, and Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasscer.

Others attending were: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Auxiliary Services Dr. Jana Rawls; Directors representing Central Services; John A. Holmes High School Principal Ms. Sonya Rinehart; Chowan Middle School Principal Ms. Sharon Meads; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Ms. Trisha Walton; White Oak Elementary School Principal Ms. Michelle Newsome; Board Attorney Hack High; Student Board Member Damaris Ambrosio-Reyes; Deputy Brian Callon; Community Members; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Chairman Jordan gave the invocation.

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

The following students were recognized for leading the morning broadcast at D.F. Walker Elementary School:

Bodie White
Anne Marie Shook
Kadence Jackson
Heidi Matthews

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ambrosio-Reyes presented her monthly Student Board Member Report.

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

Congratulations to John A. Holmes High School and White Oak Elementary School for bringing home first place ribbons with their booths at the Chowan County Fair.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina held its October session of court at the Historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse recently in Edenton. Under state law, the Supreme Court can meet in only two other cities outside of Raleigh: Edenton and Morganton.

October 5th is an early release date for students. All district staff will participate in threat assessment training with Dr. Amy James at Rocky Hock Baptist Church from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

October is National Principals Month. Dr. Sasscer expressed his appreciation to our school leaders for the passion and compassion that they display each day to move our schools from great to greater.

PUBLIC BOARD DIALOGUE

The following individuals spoke during public board dialogue:

Kermit Nixon
Tom Joyal

REPORT:

NCSBA Annual Conference Information - Ms. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, shared information with the Board regarding the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference.

John A. Holmes High School Project Review - Ms. Mary Brehler, LS3P, joined the meeting via Zoom and gave an overview of the high school building project and answered questions from Board Members.

CONSIDER:

JAHHS Site Security Plan - Dr. Sasscer presented the John A. Holmes High School Site Security Plan to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

School Improvement Plans - Dr. Sasscer, along with the Principal of each school, presented the school improvement plans for the 2022-2023 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the school improvement plans as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract Services - Ms. Nekia Williams, Exceptional Children's Program Specialist, presented a contract from Valery Davis for psychological testing for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the contract as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

AIG Field Trip and Fundraisers - Dr. Linda White, Director of Teacher and Staff Development, and Ms. Christy Stevens, AIG/Quest Coordinator, presented the proposed 2022-2023 AIG field trips and fundraisers for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the field trips and fundraisers as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

Technology Facility Architect - Dr. Sasscer shared information with the Board regarding the selection of the architect for the Technology renovation project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve Dr. Sasscer's recommendation of JKF Architecture to provide architectural services for the renovation of the Technology Facility. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

BOE New Policy - Dr. Sasscer presented new Board Policy 4390 (Use of Service Animals) for a first reading.

Local Budget Detail - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2022-2023 Local Budget Detail to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the 2022-2023 Local Budget Detail as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. 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 Mr. Jordan for the following Board Members to serve: Paul Clifton, Joan White, Gene Jordan and Ricky Browder (alternate). A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. 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 Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- September 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- October 4, 2022 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - September 2022

There were no additional comments or remarks from Board Members.

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Bunch to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary