

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
6:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m at 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; Board Attorney Hack High; Deputy Nic Scolaro; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Ms. White gave an invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from John A. Holmes High School.

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

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

Miller Bryant has been named as the 2021-22 Exceptional Children's Educator of Excellence. Congratulations Ms. Bryant!

White Oak Elementary School recently had their annual trip to the Chowan County Regional Fair. Students and staff alike enjoyed the gorgeous weather and an opportunity to play on the fairgrounds.

All four schools recently participated in the Annual Peanut Festival Parade. Ten bands participated in the band competition showcasing their talents.

The following students from John A. Holmes High School were recognized:

- Amanda Turner - NC Governor's School
- Olivia Layton - NCSSM Summer Ventures
- Lucas Stevenson - American Legion Boys State

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT

Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation - Ms. Joy Harvill, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan Education Foundation (ECEF), shared the organizational structure of the ECEF and discussed plans to coordinate school fundraisers with Principals and PTAs.

Capital Projects Update - Mr. Chris Brabble, Director of Maintenance, gave the Board an update on the current capital outlay projects and answered questions from Board Members.

NCSBA Annual Conference Update - Dr. Michael Sasscer updated the Board on the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference that will be held in Greensboro on November 11-12, 2021.

CONSIDER:

Senate Bill 654 - Dr. Sasscer and Mr. Kerry Mebane, Chief Technology Officer, gave a presentation outlining Senate Bill 654. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the operational plan for remote learning and virtual instruction. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Sasscer made a recommendation to continue with masks in school buildings at this time. A motion was made by Ms. White to accept Dr. Sasscer's recommendation to continue with masks in school buildings at this time. A second to

the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried 6-1. Mr. Browder was opposed.

M.B. Kahn and LS3P Contract Amendment - Dr. Sasscer presented Change Order #3 for the John A. Holmes High School building project. A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the change order as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. 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. Bowder for the following Board Members to serve: Jean Bunch, Joan White, Maxine Mason and Gene Jordan (alternate). A second to the motion was made by Mr. Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bunch at 7:42 p.m. to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

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 Mr. Browder. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- September 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- October 5, 2021 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - September 2021

4 - Contract Services - Occupational Therapy

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 Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary