

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Chowan Middle School Media Center

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met for their quarterly board meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:30 pm, at Chowan Middle School Media Center with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Absent was Ricky Browder.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood; Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans; Directors representing Central Services; Deputy Ricky Winebarger; Board Clerk Sarah Hare and numerous staff members, teachers and parents representing John A. Holmes High School, Chowan Middle School, D.F. Walker Elementary School and White Oak Elementary School (see attached sign-in sheet).

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and an invocation was given by Jean Bunch.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the agenda as amended to include the addition of the Preliminary Plan for Improving School Performance at D.F. Walker Elementary School. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

CONSIDER:

The 2015-2016 School Improvement Plans for each school were presented to the Board as follows:

White Oak Elementary School - Sheila Evans, Principal, presented a video of White Oak Elementary School's School Improvement Plan. Ms. Evans recognized the School Improvement Team that assisted with the plan and answered questions from Board Members.

D.F. Walker Elementary School - Michelle White, Principal, presented a video of D.F. Walker Elementary School's School Improvement Plan. Ms. White recognized the School Improvement Team that assisted with the plan and answered questions from Board Members.

Chowan Middle School - John Lassiter, Principal; Phillip Gatling, Assistant Principal; and Brenda Pate, Assistant Principal, gave a Prezi and video presentation of Chowan Middle School's School Improvement Plan. Mr. Lassiter recognized the School Improvement Team that assisted with the plan and answered questions from Board Members.

John A. Holmes High School - Steve Wood, Principal and Laura Biggs, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, gave a powerpoint presentation of John A. Holmes High School's School Improvement Plan. Mr. Wood recognized the members of the School Improvement Team that assisted with the plan and answered questions from Board Members.

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the School Improvement Plans that were presented by each school. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to enter into a closed session at 8:00 pm 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 Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

Plan for Improving School Performance at D.F. Walker Elementary School - Dr. Jackson reviewed a memo with the Board from Attorney Jonathan Blumberg with regards to legal requirements for schools designated as "Low-Performing." Dr. Jackson presented the preliminary Plan for Improving School Performance at D.F. Walker Elementary School.

Upon Dr. Jackson's recommendation, a motion was made by Jean Bunch to retain Michelle White as the Principal of D.F. Walker Elementary School. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kay Wright to accept the Preliminary Plan for Improving School Performance at D.F. Walker Elementary School. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Common planning time/collaboration at schools

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Glorious Elliott to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary