

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 6:30 pm, Central Services Conference Room 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, Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter, John A. Holmes High School Assistant Principal Catherine Baker, White Oak Elementary School Assistant Principal Sarah McLaughlin, Deputy Ricky Winebarger and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and an invocation was given by Glorious Elliott.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Guard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the agenda. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

Mr. Guard recognized Madison Nance, student at John A. Holmes High School, for her recent participation in the North Carolina Governor's School.

REPORT:

Presentation of Chowan Middle School Grant – Ms. Pam Pekrun of Dominion North Carolina Power, presented Chowan Middle School teachers Janie Joseph and Deborah Bunch with a grant check for \$2,500.00 for their STEM Crazy Club.

Legislative Update – Dr. Jackson gave a report of recent legislative updates and answered questions from Board Members.

New Board Policy – Dr. Jackson presented the following policy to Board Members for a first reading:

- 6480 – Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)

After some discussion, Board Members requested that Dr. Jackson make a few changes to the policy. The policy will be brought back before the Board at the November board meeting for a new first reading with the requested changes.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jackson updated Board Members on various school events and activities. Dr. Jackson also informed Board Members of the status of several capital outlay projects that have been underway. Laurie Brooks, an English Teacher and Teacher of the Year at John A. Holmes High School, has been awarded with the honor of being the 2015-2016 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year. A complete inventory of chemicals at John A. Holmes High School has been performed. Several chemicals that are no longer being used will be disposed of by a professional waste disposal company. Although School Report Cards will not be released by the State until later in the year, the District has learned that John A. Holmes High School and Chowan Middle School have both received a letter grade of "C". D F Walker Elementary School received a letter grade of "D". Dr. Jackson shared with Board Members that last year's Student-Body President of John A. Holmes High School, Hadiya Bembry, has been named to the UNC Women's Basketball Team.

CONSIDER:

Strategic Plan – Ms. Tanya Turner presented the 2015-2016 Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to accept the Strategic Plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

School Resource Officer Memorandum of Agreement – Dr. Jackson presented the Board with the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Agreement for approval. A motion was made by Kay Wright to accept the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Agreement as presented. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Delegates to the Annual NCSBA Conference – Mr. Guard asked for volunteers to serve as delegates at the North Carolina School Board Association Annual

Conference. After some discussion, the following Board Members agreed to serve as delegates: Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs and Gene Jordan.

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by Consent Agenda. A second to the motion was made by Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

- September 1, 2015 Board Minutes
- September 2015 Personnel Report
- School Board Report - September 2015

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS:

Ms. Wright commented on the following:

- Expressed her appreciation for Dr. Vann Lassiter's years of service to Edenton-Chowan Schools

Mrs. Bunch commented on the following:

- Trophy cases at John A. Holmes High School
- Online Spanish Courses at John A. Holmes High School

Mrs. Elliott commented on the following:

- Alternative Learning Center

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- Heating system at John A. Holmes High School

Mr. Jordan commented on the following:

- Suggested student public board dialogue

Mr. Guard commented on the following:

- Quarterly Board Meeting scheduled for October 20, 2015 at Chowan Middle School

- Energy Management System at White Oak Elementary

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 Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary