

Edenton-Chowan Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 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, September 14, 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 Will Crowe; Deputy Alan Stulick; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan.

Ms. Mason gave an invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from D. F. Walker Elementary 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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

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

We recently held a district Academically and Intellectually Gifted parent night. Our AIG teacher leaders are now providing K-12 students with design thinking, STEM education, global awareness and other extension activities that aim to better engage our accelerated learners. This is just one example of how our schools are working to help each student find their fit.

Congratulations to Ms. Michelle Newsome who was selected as the 2021-22 Principal of the Year, Ms. Sonya Rinehart, Assistant Principal of the Year and Ms. Casey Spear, Teacher of the Year.

The average daily membership on the first day of school was 1,754 students and by day ten the number had increased to 1,861.

Senate Bill 654 was recently signed into law by Governor Cooper. An amendment was made to the bill that now allows remote instruction for the current school year as a student's main mode of learning if chosen by their family. In order to implement this law, school systems must submit a 27-page application or plan to the Department of Public Instruction by October 1, 2021. The plan will be presented to the Board at the October meeting. Once approved by the State and the Board of Education, we can move forward with offering remote learning on a recommended case-by-case scenario.

Dr. Linda White, Principal of D. F. Walker Elementary School, and Ms. Trisha Walton, Assistant Principal of D. F. Walker Elementary School, shared some highlights and successes of D. F. Walker.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT

2020-21 Accountability Data Review - Ms. Virginia Jones, Director of Testing and Special Populations, presented the Accountability Data Review for the 2020-21 school year and answered questions from Board Members.

CONSIDER:

2021-2022 Local Budget Detail - Ms. Emma Berry, Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2021-2022 Local Budget Detail for the Board's consideration. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the 2021-2022 Local Budget Detail as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously.

High School Construction Sequence - Mr. Rick Ott, Senior Vice President of M. B. Kahn, and Dr. Michael Sasscer, Superintendent, presented the proposed high school construction sequence plan to the Board for consideration. After some discussion, a

motion was made by Mr. Browder to move forward with a single phase construction for the high school project. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Bunch. The motion carried 6-1. Mr. Burroughs was opposed.

M.B. Kahn / LS3P Contract Amendments - Mr. Rick Ott, Senior Executive Vice President of M. B. Kahn, presented contract amendments for M. B. Kahn and LS3P for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Clifton to approve the amendments as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

School Fundraisers - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2021-2022 fundraising plans for White Oak Elementary School, D. F. Walker Elementary School, Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes High School. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. White to approve the 2021-2022 fundraising plans as presented. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Browder. The motion carried 6-1. Ms. Bunch was opposed.

Strategic Growth Plan (Second Reading) - Dr. Sasscer presented the 2021-2026 Strategic Growth Plan to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Browder to approve the 2021-2026 Strategic Growth Plan as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. White. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs to approve the following items on the consent agenda, to include a personnel addendum. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. White. The motion carried unanimously.

1 - Minutes

- August 3, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 31, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes

2 - Personnel Report

- September 14, 2021 Personnel Report

3 - Financial Report

- School Board Report - August 2021

4 - School Resource Officer Agreement

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Ms. Bunch commented on the following:

- Procedures at Board Meetings

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 Mr. Clifton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Jordan, Chairman

Michael Sasscer, Ed.D., Secretary