

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Central Services Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 6:30 pm, Central Services Conference Room, with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chairman Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. Absent was Kay Wright.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Tanya Turner, Director of Human Resources Michelle Maddox, John A. Holmes High School Principal Steve Wood, Attorney Hackney High, Deputy Ricky Winebarger, Board Clerk Sarah Hare and other staff members representing Edenton-Chowan Schools. (see Board Meeting sign-in sheet).

The meeting was called to order by John Guard and an invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glorious Elliott.

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 the Edenton-Chowan Schools Finance Department for earning the North Carolina State Board of Education Achievement in Financial Resource Management Award.

REPORT:

Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Board with the Edenton-Chowan Schools Strategic Plan and answered questions from Board Members. Also assisting with the presentation was: Linda White, Directory of Elementary Education; Casey Atstupenas, Director of Secondary Education

& CTE; Jamie Bowers, Director of Early College and Alternative Learning Programs; and Virginia Jones, Director of Exceptional Children and Student Services.

Cohort Graduation Rate - Dr. Jackson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Cohort Graduation Rate for the Class of 2015 and answered questions from Board Members.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Jackson informed Board Members that the daily attendance thus far for the 2015-2016 school year is down significantly from last year. The new Charter School in Elizabeth City, Virtual Charter Schools, and the decrease in population in Chowan County have all contributed to the decrease in enrollment. Currently, eighty-two students have been released from the county in which they reside in to attend Edenton-Chowan Schools. Seventeen students have been released from Edenton-Chowan Schools to attend school in another district. Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and North Carolina Board of Education Chairman William Cobey, visited Edenton-Chowan Schools on August 31, 2015. White Oak has been recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for having collected the most books in the state for the "Give 5 - Read 5" campaign. The District North Carolina School Board Association Meeting will be held at DF Walker Elementary School on September 9, 2015 beginning at 4:00 pm. Dr. Jackson expressed his appreciation to Board Members for their assistance with the 2015-2016 Convocation.

CONSIDER:

Board Policy Revisions (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with the following policy revisions for a second reading:

- 1200 Election and Organization
- 4000 Attendance
- 5350 Evaluations and Improvement Plans

New Board Policy (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with the following new board policy for a second reading:

- 1460 Closed Session

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve both the board policy revisions and the new board policy as presented. A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

Honors Strength Training Course - Mr. Steve Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, presented the Board with the proposed Honors Strength Training Course for John A. Holmes High School students and answered questions from Board Members. After some discussion, it was decided that more information was needed before a decision could be made by Board Members. It is expected that the Honors Strength Training Course will be brought back before the Board at a later date.

APPROVE:

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.

- August 4, 2015 Board Minutes
- August 2015 Personnel Report
- School Board Report - August 2015

A motion was made by Jean Bunch 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.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS:

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- AP scores from last year and grade comparison
- LEED lighting
- Good start to the new school year

Mr. Jordan commented on the following:

- District's new website

Mr. Browder commented on the following:

- Drones at the schools

Dr. Jackson informed Board Members that he had been contacted by a member of the community requesting that the Board adopt a Wind Projects Resolution. Dr. Jackson presented the Board with a Wind Projects Resolution for the Board's consideration. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ricky Browder to adopt the Wind Projects Resolution and to send a copy to the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion was suspended. A motion was made by Ricky Browder to allow Jean Bunch and Gene Jordan to recuse themselves from the vote. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried 4 - 0. The motion made by Ricky Browder, with a second by Glorious Elliott, to adopt the Wind Projects Resolution and to send a copy to the Chowan County Board of Commissioners was reinstated. The motion carried 4 - 0. Those in favor of the motion were: John Guard, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, and Glorious Elliott.

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 Gil Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Secretary