

Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education
Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
White Oak Elementary School Media Center

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m., in the Media Center of White Oak Elementary School with the following Board Members present: Chairman John Guard, Vice Chair Jean Bunch, Ricky Browder, Gil Burroughs, Glorious Elliott, Gene Jordan, Kay Wright and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

Others present were: Assistant Superintendent Tanya Turner; Director of Human Resources Michelle Maddox; Directors representing Central Services; D.F. Walker Elementary School Principal Michelle White; Deputy Antwan Rascoe; Board Attorney Hack High; and Board Clerk Sarah Hare.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from D.F. Walker Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to approve the agenda as presented. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no requests to address the Board.

REPORT:

BOE Recognitions - Mr. Guard recognized Ms. Marla Jordan, Testing Data Manager, for her outstanding service and support to Edenton-Chowan Schools.

NCSBA Awards Program - Mr. Guard informed Board Members of the NCSBA Awards Program.

2015-2016 State Assessment Results - Ms. Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent, shared the 2015-2016 State Assessment Results with the Board and answered questions from Board Members.

NCSBA District Meeting Information - Mrs. Sarah Hare, Board Clerk, provided Board Members with information related to the NCSBA District 1 Meeting that will be held on September 7, 2016 at Weldon Middle School.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Catina Byrum has been selected as the 2016-2017 Edenton-Chowan Schools Teacher of the Year.

As of the sixth day of school, there are 2,047 students in membership.

All of the slots in the Pre-Kindergarten Program have been filled.

Our student membership includes 95 children who live outside of Chowan County. Twelve students who reside in Chowan County requested to attend school in another district.

Six hundred Chromebooks at a price of \$169 each have been ordered and are expected to be delivered by September 16th.

On June 25, 2016, the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education suffered approximately \$80,349.94 in damage to school bus tires and windows. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Section Chief has stated that the Board will receive a funding increase to cover the cost of the replacement tires.

Over the summer, the Chowan County Sheriff's Department sponsored the Kids and Cops Programs at Chowan Middle School and D.F. Walker Elementary School. In addition, Chowan Middle Schools students had the opportunity to participate in a STEM Camp and Envirothon Camp.

With the assistance of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, White Oak Elementary School will be offering swimming classes to all 2nd grade students this year.

CONSIDER:

New Board of Education Policy (Second Reading) - Dr. Jackson presented the following policy to the Board for a second reading:

- 6035 - Facility Construction

A motion was made by Gene Jordan to approve the policy as presented. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

Sixth Grade Athletics - Dr. Jackson gave a presentation on the HRS-D-001 Policy regarding Interscholastic Athletics. After some discussion and upon the recommendation of Dr. Jackson, a motion was made by Gil Burroughs to not allow 6th grade students to participate in middle school sports during the 2016-2017 school year, to research the possibility of allowing this in the future, and to bring back to the Board a recommendation for whether sixth-graders should participate in middle school sports in future years. A second to the motion was made by Jean Bunch. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of BOE Professional Development - Dr. Jackson presented the Board with a tentative professional development schedule for Board Members. The Board was supportive of the professional development schedule as presented. There was not a formal motion made.

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Glorious Elliott to approve the following items by consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Kay Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

- August 2, 2016 Board Minutes
- August 2016 Personnel Report
- School Board Report – August 2016
- John A. Holmes High School Overnight Trip Request

A motion was made by Gil Burroughs to enter into a closed session at 7:40 p.m. as permitted by the following North Carolina General Statutes:

- §143-318.11 (a) (3) - To consult with the school attorney
- §143-318.11 (a) (6) - To discuss a personnel matter

A second to the motion was made by Gene Jordan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon Dr. Jackson's recommendation, a motion was made by Jean Bunch to retain John Lassiter as the Principal of Chowan Middle School without a plan for remediation. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/COMMENTS

Mr. Burroughs commented on the following:

- State Assessment Results

With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Gil Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Glorious Elliott. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guard, Chairman

Rob Jackson, Ed.D., Secretary