

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
May 26, 2020 – Regular Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:32 pm via livestream. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair

Mr. George Archuleta
Mrs. Virginia Houston
Ms. Sharon Warden

Ms. Pam Pureza
Mr. Walter B. Jolly
Dr. Shelia Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Superintendent
Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer
Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer
Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO & Exec. Asst. to Board & Supt.

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Kendal Olsosky, Weeksville Elementary student, led members, virtually, in the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Edmonds led members in a moment of silence.

3. Roll Call

Tammy W. Sawyer, Executive Assistant for the Superintendent and Board of Education, called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

4. Ethics Awareness and Identification of Conflicts or Potential Conflicts of Interest

Sharon Warden read the ethics statement and allowed members the opportunity to identify any conflicts or potential conflicts. The record reflects that no conflicts exist.

5. Approval of Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Walter B. Jolly, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the agenda as presented.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Edmonds provided updates on the school district's response to COVID-19.

7. Approval of Minutes (Action)

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and unanimously carried to approve, as confirmed by roll call votes, the minutes for the April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

8. Public Forum (Citizen Comments to the Board)

Diane Duarte shared a comment for the Board that there needs to be a more detailed plan in place for reentry/transition to another school after this pandemic or remote learning.

9. Agenda Items
Financial, Business, and Technology Systems
Committee Chair, Sharon Warden

The Board reviewed the latest Maintenance Report.

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer, presented the following items to the Board, requesting approval: Budget Amendments: #106, #204R, #205, #805, and EOGL Fund Participation.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the following items presented under the Financial, Business and Technology Systems: Budget Amendments #106, #204R, #205, #805 and EOGL Fund Participation.

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented two options for the revised 2020-2021 school calendars for traditional schools as well as the early college.

A motion was made by George Archuleta, seconded by Pam Pureza, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the revised school calendars, option two, for 2020-2021 as presented.

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Board of Education Chair, requested the Board consider reappointing Dr. Travis Burke to the College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Travis Burke to the College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools.

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Board of Education Chair, presented the Board Meeting Calendar for 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education Schedule for meetings.

Personalized Education
Committee Chair, Virginia Houston

Jennifer Hawkins, Director of Accountability and District Instructional Coach, presented the Alternative Accountability Model for 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to accept the Alternative Accountability Model for the 2020-2021 school year.

Shelia Hughes, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, presented the CTE Application for 2020-2021.

A motion was made by George Archuleta, seconded by Virginia Houston, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the CTE Application for 2020-2021 as presented.

Policy

Committee Chair, Walter B. Jolly

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board, presented Policy Code: 2302 to the Board and requested approval of the policy by waiving the review period for the proposed policies as related to COVID-19, based on Policy Code 2450, Suspension of Board Policies, and Policy Code 2420, Adoption of Policies.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve to waive the review period for the proposed policies as related to COVID-19, based on Policy Code 2450, Suspension of Board Policies, and Policy Code 2420, Adoption of Policies as well as approval of Policy Codes 2302, Remote Participation for Board Meetings. During roll call votes, Mrs. Virginia Houston was not available remotely during this vote.

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, presented Policy Code: 2237 and requested it be placed on review until the next meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to place Policy Code: 2237, Appointments to the College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees, on review until the next meeting of the Board. During roll call votes, Mrs. Virginia Houston was not available remotely during this vote.

10. Board Member Reports

There were no reports from the Board.

11. Closed Session

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, for the Board to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering personnel actions that involve employees of this Board as allowed by N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). During roll call votes, Mrs. Virginia Houston was not available remotely during this vote.

The Board recessed at 7:43 pm before beginning the closed session.

Closed session began at 8:00 p.m. and included Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair; Sharon Warden, Vice-Chair; George Archuleta; Virginia Houston; Walter B. Jolly; Pam Pureza; Dr. Shelia Williams; Dr. Catherine Edmonds and Rhonda James-Davis. During the closed session, the board discussed personnel matters.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes. Full and accurate minutes of the closed session will be kept on file in the superintendent's office, but are to be withheld from public disclosure, so as to not frustrate the legitimate purposes of this closed session. Closed session ended at 9:07 p.m.

12. Open Session

Action Items

Excellent Educators

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the items presented under Excellent Educators.

13. Other

There were no additional items for Board consideration during the May 26, 2020, meeting.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Walter B. Jolly, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary