

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
July 27, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 5:00 pm for closed session and at 7:00 pm for open session 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

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Chair Robinson 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. Closed Session

A motion was made by Walter B. Jolly, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, 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).

Closed session began at 5:05 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair; Sharon Warden, Vice-Chair; George Archuleta; Virginia Houston; Walter B. Jolly; Pam Pureza; and 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, and Chief Academic Officer. The Board and staff discussed personnel matters during the closed session.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried. 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 6:45 p.m.

6. Meeting Called to Back to Order by Chair - Open Session

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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/Executive to the Superintendent and Board of Education

7. Roll Call

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

8. 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.

9. Approval of Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Virginia Houston, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with two revisions, 1)moving the Superintendent's Report to the Personalized Education (PE) Committee 2)removing the June 29, 2020 Open Session Minutes.

9. Approval of Minutes (Action)

A motion was made by George Archuleta, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for the June 29, 2020 Regular Meeting and the July 20, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes.

10. Public Forum (Citizen Comments to the Board)

The following individuals requested their comments be heard by the board. The comments were submitted via email. Phil Hornthal, Phil and Kristy Hornthal, Kimberly Cooper, Terrance Boyce, Ginger Hurdle, Representatives of Elizabeth City Pasquotank NCAE (Julie Mansfield, Nandita Banerjee, Jennifer Podrasky), and Angela Cobb.

9. Agenda Items

Financial, Business, and Technology Systems

Committee Chair, Sharon Warden

The Board reviewed the latest Maintenance Report.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried to accept the quote for textbooks as presented by Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer.

Personalized Education

Committee Chair, Walter B. Jolly

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, to accept the plan offered by Superintendent Edmonds and staff. Pam Pureza voted to oppose the plan.

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Committee Chair, Pam Pureza

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Virginia Houston, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations presented by our Chief Human Resources Officer during the closed session.

10. Board Member Reports

Board members expressed appreciation for the town halls held for each school to answer questions regarding re-entry. Members also expressed appreciation for those who participated in the public forum during the meeting.

13. Other

There were no additional items for Board consideration during the July 27, 2020, meeting.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by George Archuleta, seconded by Pam Pureza, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Chair

Secretary