

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
September 19, 2020 – Emergency Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in an emergency session on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 1:00 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/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
Dexter Jackson-Heard, Office of the Superintendent

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Chair Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested everyone please think of our Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, during the moment of silence.

3. Roll Call

Tammy W. Sawyer 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 the Agenda

6. Closed Session

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by George Archuleta, 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 1:11 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 and Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer. The Board and staff discussed personnel matters during the closed session.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Virginia Houston, 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 4:00 p.m.

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

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

7. Roll Call

Tammy W. Sawyer recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair

Ms. Pam Pureza

Mrs. Virginia Houston

Ms. Sharon Warden

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Superintendent

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer

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8. Agenda Items

Financial, Business, and Technology Systems

Committee Chair, Sharon Warden

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer, shared information with the Board on various temperature scanners the district is considering purchasing for schools. Mrs. Warden confirmed that the Board has previously issued approval for Superintendent Edmonds to make decisions based on Board requirements and the district could move forward with the purchase as needed.

9. Other

There were no additional items for Board consideration during the September 19, 2020, meeting. Chair Robinson announced that the Board will make a final decision at the September 28, 2020 meeting to address how the district will move forward.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary