

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**June 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in emergency session on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 6:32 pm via livestream. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair

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

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  
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 11:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Board of Education Chair led members, virtually, in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 carried, as confirmed by roll call votes, to approve the agenda as presented. George Archuleta was not present for this meeting.

**9. Agenda Items**

**Personalized Education**

**Committee Chair, Virginia Houston**

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the NC High School Athletics Association (NCHSAA) Summer Guidance for Reopening Sports/Activities. She requested the Board consider approval for the district to proceed with developing plans, in accordance with the issued guidelines, for the high schools to begin conditioning for specific sports. This request is for high school pre-conditioning only.

Mrs. James-Davis shared the high school athletic guidance from NCHSAA with board members. She shared that even if individual pre-conditioning plans are approved, summer activities are not required for student athletes. The decision to resume activities in athletic facilities and venues is a local decision. Mrs. James-Davis also shared that the issued guidance could change as new developments occur related to COVID-19. The guidelines shared with the Board are available on the NCHSAA website at:

<https://www.nchsaa.org/news/2020-6-8/nchsaa-summer-guide-reopening-sportsactivities>

The Board discussed this guidance at length as they considered approval for the district to proceed with planning to allow pre-conditioning activities.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, to allow the district and schools to proceed with developing a plan to follow the guidelines of the NC High School Athletic Association for conditioning. George Archuleta was not present for this meeting.

Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the ECPPS Summer Jumpstart Program. The Remediation and Jump Start Plan will be submitted to the State Board of Education on June 22nd as mandated by SL 2020-4 HB 1043. The purpose of the Remediation and Summer Jump Start Plan for the 2020-2021 school year is to provide a supplemental summer learning program for students whose learning has been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19. The plan targets rising first through fifth grade students with a focus on students in 2nd and 3rd grade and identified as needing additional support in reading. The plan created by Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools that is student centered and meets state statutes, the CDC and NCDHHS. Based on new guidance, the plan for support was able to be carried into the 2020-2021 school year. Summer learning will take place through use of digital meetings, iReady and paper options. Parents will make the determination as to their child's participation. There will be professional development opportunities for implementation of the plan.

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, to approve the Summer Jump Start Plan as presented. George Archuleta was not present for this meeting.

### **13. Other**

Clarification on information for graduation events for both high schools.

### **14. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and carried to approve adjournment of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary