

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
April 26, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met via livestream, on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Sharon Warden, Chair
Mr. George Archuleta
Mrs. Virginia Houston
Mr. Rodney Walton

Ms. Pam Pureza
Mr. Daniel Spence
Dr. Shelia Williams

The following staff members were present:
Rhonda James-Davis, Interim Superintendent
Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer
Karen Dameron, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer
Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO
Executive Asst to the Superintendent and Board

1.Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Warden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance was led virtually by Julie Simons, 8th grade student at River Road Middle School.

3.Roll Call

Tammy Sawyer called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

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

Virginia Houston 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

A motion was made by Rodney Walton, seconded by Virginia Houston, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the agenda. Dr. Shelia Williams was experiencing connection difficulties and her vote was unable to be recorded.

6.Superintendent's Report

Rhonda James-Davis, Interim Superintendent, shared the Superintendent's Report. The report included: Plan A Return to Campus update, end of year events information regarding proms and graduations.

7.Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the minutes for March 22, 2021; March 26, 2021; April 19, 2021; and April 21, 2021.

8. Public Forum (*Citizen Comments to the Board*)

Ginger Hurdle and Jill Malo shared public comments regarding concerns with end of year events and activities at Northeastern High School. Phil Hornthal shared concerns regarding recognizing graduates according to Latin distinctions versus naming valedictorians and salutatorians.

9. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Rodney Walton, seconded by George Archuleta, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve from the consent agenda, FBT-02 Technology Surplus; FBT-03 Budget Amendments #107, #204, #307, #403, #806; FBT-04 Quote for Scholastic Books; and FBT-05 2021-2022 Local Current Expense Proposed Budget. Dr. Shelia Williams was experiencing connection difficulties and her vote was unable to be recorded.

10. Other Agenda Items

Financial, Business and Technology Committee

Sharon Warden, Chair

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer, presented fundraisers for approval. A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the fundraising requests. Dr. Shelia Williams was experiencing connection difficulties and her vote was unable to be recorded.

Personalized Education Committee

Pam Pureza, Chair

Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer, presented the ECPPS Summer Learning Plan for approval. A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the fundraising requests.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Pam Pureza, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, 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 7:06 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Sharon Warden, Chair; Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair; George Archuleta; Virginia Houston; Daniel Spence; Rodney Walton; and Dr. Shelia Williams. The following staff members were present: Rhonda James-Davis, Interim Superintendent, Karen Dameron, Interim 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 Daniel Spence, seconded by Rodney Walton, 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 9:24 p.m.

Meeting Called to Back to Order by Chair - Open Session

Chair Warden called the meeting to order at 9:25 p.m.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Sharon Warden, Chair
Mr. George Archuleta
Mrs. Virginia Houston
Mr. Rodney Walton

Ms. Pam Pureza
Mr. Daniel Spence
Dr. Shelia Williams

The following staff members were present:

Rhonda James-Davis, Interim Superintendent

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer

Karen Dameron, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer

Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer

Amber Godfrey, Director of Technology

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO/Executive to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Excellent Educators Committee

Dr. Shelia Williams, Chair

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Daniel Spence, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the COVID leave extension for emergency paid leave only, that would offer up to 80 hours beginning April 1st, ending June 4th.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to accept the report from the Excellent Educators Committee.

11. Other

No further business was shared by the board.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary