

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
January 27, 2022 - Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled for January 24, 2022, but was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The meeting was held at Pasquotank Elementary School and was also available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Sharon Warden, Chair

Dr. Shelia Williams, Vice-Chair

Virginia Houston

Rodney Walton

George Archuleta

Pam Pureza

Daniel Spence

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Eddie Ingram, Interim Superintendent (Virtually)

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer

Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer (Virtually)

Amanda Hill, Director of Transportation

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO

Executive Asst to Superintendent and Board

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney

Jim O'Rourke, NCSBA Representative (Virtually)

1.Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Warden called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2.Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Chair Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence.

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 Sharon Warden, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the January 27, 2022, meeting agenda.

6.NCSBA Superintendent Search Presentation

Jim O'Rourke from NC School Boards Association joined the meeting virtually to present the results from the recent superintendent search surveys. He engaged the board in conversation regarding the characteristics they are seeking in the new superintendent.

7. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eddie Ingram, Interim Superintendent, joined the meeting virtually. He shared the Superintendent's Report which included: recognition of board members for School Board Appreciation Month; information on the board's upcoming professional development session; shift to eliminating COVID notifications and only posting positive cases on the dashboard; information on a pothole on the campus of Central Elementary School and the plan to rectify the situation; monitoring for potential winter weather for the weekend of January 28, 2022, and will communicate any changes in our instructional calendar as soon as possible - the athletic departments have already changed games in order to avoid travel in hazardous weather.

8. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Rodney Walton, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the minutes from December 6, December 13, and January 18, as presented.

9. Public Forum (Citizen Comments to the Board)

Cassie Harwood and Sheila Worley submitted comments individually via email regarding the removal of face coverings for students. Heather Perkins submitted comments regarding a pothole at Central Elementary School that is of concern. Anthony Sawyer participated in the public comment portion of the meeting regarding.

10. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the items on the consent agenda. Items that were approved to go on the consent agenda from our last meeting. Those include: FBT-02 - Budget Amendments, FBT-03 Fundraisers, GCHS-01 After School Supper Program, PC-01 - 4231/5021/7263 policy regarding face coverings.

Financial, Business, and Technology Committee

Sharon Warden, Chair

Amanda Hill presented an update on transportation services which included:

Student Representative Appointment Ad Hoc Committee

Pam Pureza, Chair

Mrs. Pureza shared a proposed application and policy to appoint student representatives. She will be meeting with the principals on February 4, 2022 for feedback. Mrs. Pureza asked that the board review the documents and let her know if there are any questions or input to please share by February 4th for the meeting with principals.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Daniel Spence, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, for the board to go into closed session as allowed by N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of considering one or more personnel matters that are confidential under N.C. General Statute 115C-320; and as allowed by N.C. Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Board Attorney regarding matters protected by the attorney/client privilege and to preserve that privilege.

Closed session began at 6:58 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Sharon Warden, George Archuleta, Virginia Houston, Pam Pureza, Daniel Spence, Rodney Walton, and Dr. Shelia Williams. The following staff members were present: Dr. Eddie Ingram (virtually), Rhonda James-Davis, and Tammy Sawyer. John Leidy, School Board Attorney, was also in attendance for the closed session. 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 Daniel Spence, and 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 7:25 p.m.

Meeting Called to Back to Order by Chair - Open Session

Chair Warden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Sharon Warden, Chair	
Dr. Shelia Williams, Vice-Chair	George Archuleta
Virginia Houston	Pam Pureza
Daniel Spence	Rodney Walton

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Eddie Ingram, Interim Superintendent (Virtually)
 Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer
 Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer
 Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer (Virtually)
 Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO
 Executive Asst to Superintendent and Board

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney

Excellent Educators Committee

Dr. Shelia Williams, Chair

Interim Superintendent Ingram requested the board accept the recommendations for employment as presented by staff during the closed session.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

11. Other

Tammy Sawyer provided an update to the Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 to change the February meetings to February 21, 2022, and February 28, 2022, for committee meetings and the regular meeting respectively. A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the changes to the calendar as presented by Mrs. Sawyer.

Chair Warden read a letter from the NC Secretary of Public Safety to the bus driver who alerted officials to a situation with a student who was armed

12.Adjournment

A motion was made by George Archuleta, seconded by Virginia Houston, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary