

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
December 4, 2023 - Organizational Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Administratives Offices, 1200 Halstead Boulevard. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Angela Cobb	Rodney Walton (virtual)
Pam Pureza	Shelia H. Williams
Valerie Bogues	Sharon Warden
Tommy Old	

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent
 Rachael Haines, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
 Candy Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
 Dr. Katina Waples, Executive Director of Elementary Schools
 Sammy Fudge, Executive Director of Elementary Schools
 Heather Edmisten, Director of Technology
 Dexter Jackson-Heard, Director of Communications & Community Schools
 Bert Lane, Executive Director of Federal Programs
 Nina Griffin, Director of Testing & Accountability
 Marlene Wilkins, Director of Maintenance
 Meredith Collins, Executive Director of Accounting Services
 Amanda King, Director of Transportation
 Kelly Cowell, Beginning Teacher Coordinator
 Pam Parker, Executive Asst. to Superintendent and Board

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney
 Anna Katherine Somberg, Attorney

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Superintendent Parker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Dr. Keith Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence.

3. Roll Call

Pam Parker called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

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

Tommy Old read the ethics statement and allowed members the opportunity to identify any conflicts or potential conflicts. The record reflects that no conflicts exist.

5. Board Organizational

Superintendent Parker opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Tommy Old nominated Angela Cobb for Board Chair. Dr. Parker asked Angela Cobb if she would accept the nomination of Board Chair. Angela Cobb, stated she would accept the nomination of Board Chair. Dr. Parker asked if there were any other nominations for Board Chair.

Dr. Parker asked for a motion to close the nominations process. Pam Pureza made the motion to close the process for nominations of Board Chair, seconded by Valerie Bagues, carried, as confirmed by roll call vote.

Superintendent Parker asked for a vote for Angela Cobb for Board Chair. Mrs. Cobb has been elected by unanimous roll call vote for Board Chair. Dr. Parker stated Mrs. Cobb has been elected as board chair. Rodney Walton (virtual vote)

Chair Cobb opened up the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Dr. Shelia Williams nominated Pam Pureza for vice-chair. Chair Cobb asked if there are any other nominations. Chair Cobb stated we need a vote to close the nomination process. Sharon Warden made the motion to close the process for nominations for board vice-chair, seconded by Rodney Walton, carried, as confirmed by roll call vote.

Chair Cobb asked for a roll call vote to elect Pam Pureza as Vice-Chair. Pam Pureza has been elected by unanimous roll call vote for vice-chair. Chair Cobb congratulated Pam Pureza as vice-chair

6. Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, 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 4:07 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Cobb, Vice-Chair Pam Pureza, Tommy Old, Valerie Bagues, Rodney Walton, Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden. The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Rachael Haines, John Leidy, School Board Attorney, Anna Katherine Somberg, Attorney was in attendance. The Board and staff discussed confidential personnel matters during the closed session.

Meeting Called Back to Order by Chair - Open Session

Chair Cobb called the meeting back to order at 4:27 p.m.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Chair Cobb

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Sharon Warden

Tommy Old

Rodney Walton (Virtual)

Valerie Bagues

Dr. Sheila H. Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent

Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

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Dr. Sheila Williams, Chair

Dr. Parker requested the board approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented by staff during the closed session.

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll-call vote, to accept the Superintendent's Report for Personnel as presented.

7. Other

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Pam Pureza, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to adjourn the December 4th meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Chair

Secretary