

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at J.C. Sawyer Elementary School and was also available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

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| Angela Cobb, Chair | |
| Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair | Rodney Walton |
| Tommy Old | Sharon Warden |
| Shelia H. Williams | Valerie Bogues |

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent
 Rachael Haines, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
 Sammy Fudge, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Inst.
 Candy Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
 Adrian Fonville, Executive Director of Secondary Education
 Dr. Katina Waples, Executive Director of Elementary Education
 Sandy Kinzel, Interim Director of Federal Programs
 Marlene Wilkins, Director of Maintenance
 Kelly Cowell, Director of Talent Development
 Tammy Rinehart, Director of Child Nutrition
 Nina Griffin, Director of Testing & Accountability
 Heather Edmisten, Director of Technology
 Delishia Moore, Principal Pasquotank County High School
 Jennifer Lee, Principal ECP Early College
 Dexter Jackson-Heard, Director of Communications & Community Schools
 Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board
 Mitchel Manuel, PCHS Student Board Member
 Gabby Johnson, NHS Student Board Member
 Haley Mayhew, ECP-Early College Board Member - not present

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney
 Zach Robeson, School Board Attorney

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Angela Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and 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

Rodney Walton 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 Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the April 22, 2024 meeting agenda.

6. Recognitions

Dexter Jackson-Heard introduced Principal Kim Robertson as she shares the outstanding work from J.C. Sawyer Elementary School. Ms. Robertson recognized several of her students who scored 100 on the NC check-ins. Ms. Robertson recognized her school improvement team, head custodian, secretary, school nurse, and school bookkeeper. Ms. Robertson stated all of these individuals make a difference to the students and staff at J.C. Sawyer.

7. Instructional Highlights

Ms. Robertson stated this year at J.C. Sawyer, we are riding the wave to Dolphin success. Ms. Robertson stated, we envision a school where confident responsible Innovative 21st Century problem solvers can learn, thrive and grow through hands-on experiences. Ms. Robertson stated, we are student centered and data driven. Ms. Robertson shared the great things happening in all the classrooms at J.C. Sawyer.

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Keith Parker stated he is proud of J.C. Sawyer Principal Robertson as well as the staff and students. Dr. Parker commented on the amazing video that highlights all the incredible things that are going on at J.C. Sawyer. Dr. Parker stated he is proud of the work that our staff does to make a difference in the lives of our students everyday. Dr. Parker stated J.C. Sawyer is one of three elementary schools that will begin in August, launching the new Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program in kindergarten and first grade. Dr. Parker stated, we will begin some renovation and construction on the kindergarten wing.

Dr. Parker stated, we had some amazing events and opportunities going on over the past few months. Dr. Parker stated he had the opportunity to attend a theatrical production at the Arts of the Albemarle that was performed by the three high schools. Dr. Parker stated it was called "Mamma Mia" the musical and the students that performed did an incredible job. Dr. Parker stated the students and staff that helped with this production did an amazing job.

Dr. Parker stated on March 24, students from all of our elementary schools came together at the Arts of the Albemarle and participated in an all district choir event. Dr. Parker stated this was another amazing event where our students came together and performed several selections.

Dr. Parker stated, we have 23 instructional days left in this school year until our young people take their end of grade assessments. Dr. Parker stated at the end of February, we launched an initiative called our 60-day plan of purpose. Dr. Parker stated he challenged all of our staff, students and families to make the most of those 60 days. Dr. Parker stated his message to the entire district is "let's make every one of those 23 days count."

Dr. Parker highlighted several events beginning tomorrow and Thursday of this week. Dr. Parker stated, we are kicking off SAT awards, on May 6th is Teacher Appreciation week across North Carolina, high school proms are going to be April 27th for ECP Early College and PCHS, and May 4th will be Northeastern's High School prom. Dr. Parker stated the minister's council is going to be hosting the senior baccalaureate service on June 2nd at PCHS. Dr. Parker stated the Minister's Council is a collection of local faith-based organizations that come together to support our schools. Dr. Parker stated the commencement services will be on May 18, ECP Early College will be hosting their graduation the weekend of the Potato Festival at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Parker stated graduation for PCHS will be on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. and NHS will be on June 8th at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Parker encouraged everyone to view the ECPPS calendar on the website for all the events taking place.

9. Student Board Members' Report

Gabby Johnson, Northeastern High School stated since spring break students have been prepping for the upcoming exams in May and June. Gabby stated the APs are the first week in May, sports are doing well, SAT awards are tomorrow and prom is May 4th.

Mitchel Manual, Pasquotank County High School stated, we had a benchmark prep rally with games centered around the upcoming benchmarks. Mitchel stated, we had the National Honors Society inductions last week and inducted 16 new people. Mitchel stated FFA had their regional rally with Daniel Haines placing first and he will be going to the state competition. Mitchel stated four students competed in the Introduction to Horticulture, and the FFA Chapter placed 3rd regionally in Poetry Judging.

Hailey Mayhew, ECP- Early College stated, we had our first ever field day. Hailey stated the National Honors Society elected new leadership for next year. Hailey stated, we had student-led conferences for 9th and 10th graders. Hailey stated senior awards night is May 1st, underclassman awards May 15th and graduation is May 18th. Hailey stated, we only have 10 days left of COA classes.

10. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024 and both sets of minutes for April 15, 2024.

11. Public Comment (*Citizen Comments to the Board*)

Ms. Elizabeth Shaken spoke on Dr. Parker's K-12 pathway in ECPPS. Ms. Shaken stated, we all hope to see an increase in student enrollment and achievement with this vision. Ms. Shaken asked the board to consider replacing the global leaders framework in the elementary schools with the education model "Leader in Me."

12. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, to approve the consent agenda for April 22, 2024 seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote.

13. Other Agenda Items**Financial, Business, and Technology Committee (FBT)****Sharon Warden, Chair**

Sharon Warden turned over her role as Chair to Vice Chair Rodney Walton. Mrs. Candy Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance presented the ECPPS Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 for approval.

A motion was made by Rodney Walton and seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve (FBT-01) 2024-2025 Superintendent's Proposed Budget , as presented.

Personalized Education (PE)**Pam Pureza, Chair**

Mr. Phil Jones, School Design Partner at Transcend Education, Mrs. Delishia Moore, Principal of Pasquotank County High School presented Reimagining the Student Experience at Pasquotank County High School for information only.

Mrs. Sandy Kinzel, Interim Director of Federal Programs and Mrs. Stephanie Ambrose, Principal of P.W. Moore Elementary School presented the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for approval.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza and seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant as presented.

Mr. Adrian Fonville, Executive Director of Secondary Education presented the 2024-2025 ECP-Early College Calendar for approval.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza and seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the 2024-2025 ECP-Early College calendar as presented.

Global Citizens and Healthy Students Committee (GCHS)**Tommy Old, Chair**

Tammy Rinehart, Director of School Nutrition, presented the Community Eligibility Program for approval. Mrs. Rinehart stated, we have the opportunity to re-establish the community eligibility provision this year. Mrs. Rinehart stated re-establishing the baseline will ensure the opportunity that our students will be provided meals at no cost for another four years.

A motion was made by Tommy Old, seconded by Valerie Bagues, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the Community Eligibility Program as presented.

Dr. Parker, Superintendent, presented "A New Vision for Pasquotank Elementary School." Dr. Parker shared the process, ECPPS Membership Trends, Forecast, Student Assignment, rezoning maps, and expanding the NC Pre-K Program in the presentation for approval.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the "A New Vision for Pasquotank Elementary School" and the Rezoning Maps, as presented.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Tommy Old, 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 7:51 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Angela Cobb, Vice-Chair Pam Pureza, Tommy Old, Valerie Bogues, Dr. Shelia Williams, Rodney Walton, and Sharon Warden. The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Rachael Haines, John Leidy and Zach Robeson, School Board Attorneys, were 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 8:50 p.m.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Chair Angela Cobb

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Sharon Warden

Tommy Old

Rodney Walton

Valerie Bogues

Dr. Sheila H. Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent

Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

John Leidy and Zach Robeson, School Board Attorneys

Excellent Educators Committee

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 Valerie Bogues, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to accept the Superintendent's Report for Personnel as presented.

14. Other

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Chair

Secretary