

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
June 27, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at P.W. Moore Elementary School and was also available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Angela Cobb, Chair (Not Present)

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Valerie Bogues

Tommy Old

Rodney Walton

Sharon Warden

Dr. Shelia H. Williams

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

Meredith Collins, Executive Director of Accounting Services

Adrian Fonville, Executive Director of Secondary Education

Dr. Katina Jones-Waples, Executive Director of Elementary Education

Tammy Rinehart, Director of Child Nutrition

Nina Griffin, Director of Testing & Accountability

Dexter Jackson-Heard, Director of Communications & Community Schools

Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney

Zachary Robeson, School Board Attorney

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Vice-Chair Pam Pureza called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

(Chair Cobb not present)

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

Valerie Boges 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 H. Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the June 27, 2024 meeting agenda.

6. Recognitions

Mrs. Tammy Reinhart, Director of Child Nutrition recognized several of her staff that were recognized at the state level in Greensboro NC.

7. Instructional Highlights

Mr. Jerry Johnson, East Carolina University and shared a presentation on Mitigating COVID-19 Impact: Implementing Community School Framework in Rural Schools.

Mr. Bill Blake, Executive Director of United Way stated in order for students and families to thrive we need to provide all the resources that are available. Mr. Blake stated every school should be a community school and every school should have family engagement. Mr. Blake stated United Way is committed to part of the solution and community schools engagement. Mr. Blake stated if our students thrive our community will prosper.

8. 2024-2025 HLT Alternative School's Modified Accountability System Options

Mrs. Nina Griffin shared information on the NCDPI Alternative Schools' Modified Accountability System Options for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Griffin stated the Alternative Schools' Modified Accountability System was developed to provide additional accountability information on eligible schools and to supplement the School Performance Grade. Mrs. Griffin stated for this upcoming school year, we are requesting that H.L. Trigg Community School returns all of their students' data to their base schools within our LEA. Mrs. Griffin stated H.L. TRigg Community School will be given the letter grade of the school where the highest percentage of students are sent back. Mrs. Griffin stated the end goal for students at H.L. Trigg is to successfully graduate and receive their high school diplomas or transition back to their home schools. Mrs. Griffin stated the testing and accountability department is requesting "Option B" for the 2024-2025 school year.

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the HLT Alternative School's Modified Accountability System "Option B" for the 2024-2025 school year. Chair Cobb was not present

9. New Logo for ECPPS

Dr. Parker shared information on the new ECPPS logo that represents the vision for the district. Dr. Parker shared the process, community responses, and a metaphorical approach about Elizabeth City by using "sun and water."

A motion was made by Rodney Walton, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools New Logo. Chair Cobb was not present

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Parker stated today marks the last day of the summer school retest program. Dr. Parker thanked everyone who has been involved in making this successful. Dr. Parker stated we ended school on June 7th and opened it back up on June 11th for the summer school program. Dr. Parker thanked the principals and teachers who worked in the program as well as Nina Griffin. Dr. Parker, we will be transitioning into a 4 day work week. Dr. Parker stated, we have some new administrators moving into new positions. Dr. Parker stated, we have made a lot of progress in staffing and significantly reducing the amount of vacancies we have in our core teaching positions.

11. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Valerie Bogues, seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve the minutes for May 28, 2024, June 17, 2024 and June 21, 2024. Chair Cobb was not present.

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

13. Other Agenda Items

Financial, Business, and Technology Committee (FBT)

Sharon Warden, Chair

Candy Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance presented (FBT-01) Budget Amendments #110, #206, #310, #403 and #807; (FBT-02) Year End Budget Amendment Authorization; (FBT-03) Continuing Budget Resolution for approval.

Dr. Parker presented (FBT-04) 2024-2025 Revised Board Calendar for approval. Dr. Parker stated we are also making a recommendation to move the meeting location to Pasquotank Elementary School Media Center.

A motion was made by Sharon Warden and seconded by Rodney Walton, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve (FBT-01) Budget Amendments #110, #206, #310, #403 and #807; (FBT-02) Year End Budget Amendment Authorization; (FBT-03) Continuing Budget Resolution; (FBT-04) Revision to the 2024-2025 Board Calendar and meeting location to Pasquotank Elementary School Media Center as presented.

Global Citizens and Healthy Students Committee (GC)

Tommy Old, Chair

Mrs. Tammy Rinehart, Director of Child Nutrition presented (GC-01) Milk Bids; (GC-02) Northeastern NC CO-OP bid awards to Sysco Hampton Roads for approval.

A motion was made by Tommy Old and seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to approve (GC-01) Milk Bids; (GC-02) Northeastern CO-OP as presented.

Policy Committee (PC)

Rodney Walton, Chair

Mrs. Rachael Haines, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented policies: PC-01 - PC-18 for first read and asked the board to take action at the next regular board meeting.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia H. Williams, seconded by Rodney Walton, 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: Vice-Chair Pam Pureza, Tommy Old, Valerie Bogues, Dr. Shelia H. 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. Chair Cobb was not present

Meeting Called Back to Order by Chair - Open Session

Vice-Chair Pureza called the meeting back to order at 7:54 p.m.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Angela Cobb, Chair not present

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Rodney Walton

Valerie Bogues

Sharon Warden

Tommy Old

Dr. Shelia H. Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent

Rachael Haines, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

John Leidy and Zach Robeson, School Board Attorneys

Excellent Educators Committee

Dr. Sheila H. 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 H. Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to accept the Superintendent's Report for Personnel as presented.

14. Other

Vice-Chair Pureza presented the names of the Student Board Members and their alternate for the 2024-2025 school year.

A motion was made by Valerie Bogues and seconded by Rodney Walton, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote to accept ECP-Early College - Brandon Moore and alternate Mason Stuart as the 2024-2025 Student Board Members. Dr. Shelia H. Williams abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Sharon Warden and seconded by Tommy Old, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote to accept Northeastern High School - Arykah Moore and alternate Margaret Brothers as the 2024-2025 Student Board Members. Dr. Shelia H. Williams abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Rodney Walton and seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote to accept Pasquotank County High School - Rubi Nunez-Anaya and alternate Ariana Hill as the 2024-2025 Student Board Members. Dr. Shelia H. Williams abstained from voting.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Chair

Secretary