

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, May 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. 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:

1. Meeting Call to Order by Chair

2. Closed Session

A motion was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and carried, as confirmed by show of hands, 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 4:18 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Angela Cobb, Pam Pureza, Valerie Bogues, Angelique Boylan, Sharon Warden. Tommy Old and Dr. Williams was not present.

The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, John Leidy, School Board Attorney, was in attendance. The Board and staff discussed confidential personnel matters during the closed session.

3. Meeting Called to Order by Chair - Open Session

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

Chair Cobb welcomed everyone to the Board of Education meeting for May 27, 2025.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Angela Cobb, Chair

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Valerie Bogues

Angelique Boylan

Tommy Old (not present)

Sharon Warden

Dr. Shelia H. Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent

Rachael Haines, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Candy Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance

Sammy Fudge, Assistant Superintendent of C&I

Meredith Collins, Executive Director of Accounting Services

Dr. Katina Jones-Waples, Executive Director of Elementary Education
 Amanda Hill, Director of Transportation
 Tammy Rinehart, Director of Child Nutrition
 Kelly MacPherson, Director of Exceptional Children's Dept.
 Nina Griffin, Director of Testing & Accountability
 Marlene Wilkins, Director of Safety and Security
 Heather Edmisten, Director of Technology
 Kelly MacPherson, Director of Exceptional Children
 Kelly Cowell, Director of Talent Ed.
 Nina Griffin, Director of Testing
 Wilma Jordan, Director of Maintenance
 Antoinette Reid, Director of Student Services
 Shelia Hughes Overton, Director of CTE

Brandon Moore, Student Board Member
 Arykah Moore, Student Board Member
 Rubi Nunez-Anaya, Student Board Member
 Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board

Others present:
 John Leidy, School Board Attorney

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Roll Call

Pam Parker called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting. Student board members were also in attendance. (Tommy Old not present)

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

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

7. Approval of Agenda

Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve the agenda. Sharon Warden made a motion and Pam Pureza seconded, and confirmed by show of hands to approve the agenda for May 27, 2025.

8. Recognitions

Dr. Parker recognized Jersey Mike's, as one of our community partners, for highlighting us in their month of giving campaign. Dr. Parker stated Jersey Mike's is unable to make it tonight, but publicly acknowledged their support to ECPPS. Dr. Parker stated their proceeds on the day of giving were donated to us.

Dr. Parker recognized Mr. Guy Rind, a community partner, who donated a new baby grand piano to us. Dr. Parker stated we made a connection with Mr. Rine through the Arts of the Albemarle. Dr.

Parker thanked Ms. Lauren Luther for bringing this opportunity our way. Dr. Parker invited several Northeastern High School students to play the piano for us tonight. Dr. Parker stated they are under the direction of Emily Talbolt who has taught them piano.

Mrs. Simona White introduced Mr. Howard Latimore, State Military consultant with NCDPI to share information about Purple Star designation. Mr. Latimore stated in 2019, we launched a purple star initiative to award and recognize schools that demonstrate military friendly practices. Mr. Latimore stated in 2019, we awarded 132 schools and this past month we awarded 453 schools. Mr. Latimore stated last year, ECPSS had four schools that were awarded a plaque. Mr. Latimore stated this year, all 12 schools were awarded the Purple Star initiative for 2024-2025.

Ms. Arykah Moore, Student Board member recognized two Northeastern High School Students who are new to the Eagle Nest. Arykah stated Paul and Jordy are two exchange students that participated in the Study Abroad program. Arykah stated Paul is from Germany and Jordy is from Spain. Arykah stated they participated in sports, and was recently inducted in the National Honor Society. Arykah stated even though they are returning home, Northeastern High School was fortunate to have these amazing students.

Mr. Manzer recognized Julie Simons, who finished the Agricultural Advance class with a concentration in Agriculture. Mr. Manzer stated Julie specifically focused this year on Agricultural Literacy. Julie shared a presentation to explain the importance of Agricultural Literacy.

Mr. Manzer recognized several students who received their state degrees this year or last year. Mr. Manzer stated this is a long and extensive process. Mr. Manzer stated these students had to do over 500 work hours or over \$3500 or equivalent cost in a project that they have done since their freshman year of high school.

Dr. Katina Waples and Heather Edmisten recognized the 2025 Battle of the Books winners. Dr. Waples stated all six elementary schools came together and competed for points. Dr. Waples stated in the end, the school that took first place was Sheep-Harney Elementary School.

Ms. Prayer recognized three different groups: representing students on behalf of our career pathways, instructional leadership team, and school community volunteers.

Dr. Parker recognized the three current student board members who are completing their year of service on the Board of Education. Dr. Parker recognized Arykah Moore, Brandon Moore and Rubi Nunez-Anaya. Dr. Parker stated serving on the board is an incredible opportunity for students to have a role in the democratic process of serving. Dr. Parker highlighted some of the roles, opportunities and accomplishments the student board members have achieved over the past year. The Board of Education shared their sentiments and accolades to the student board members.

Rubi expressed her gratitude for serving on the Board of Education.

Arykah shared her thoughts and thanked the Board of Education for making this the brightest highlight of her school year.

Brandon stated he is grateful for the position he held with the Board of Education. Brandon thanked the board for this opportunity.

9. Instructional Highlights

Ms. Prayer shared the instructional highlights from Northside Elementary School.

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

Elizabeth Shakin shared information on "A Unified ECPPS."

11. Special Recognition from the Board of Education

Chair Angela Cobb, shared a special message and recognized Dr. Keith Parker with the Witherspoon Harris Award.

12. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Parker thanked Chair Cobb for the kind words. Dr. Parker stated we also had several staff and students recognized by the human rights commission as well. Dr. Parker stated it is a great legacy of two men in Pasquotank County working across racial lines during a difficult time.

Dr. Parker stated the recognitions and comments toward student board members, schools and staff have really spoken loudly. Dr. Parker stated as we move into the last two weeks of school, for the traditional schools, early college students graduated a weekend ago, we will begin testing for elementary, middle and high school students. Dr. Parker stated a "test is to prove things, not a way to take away." Dr. Parker thanked the staff for everything they are doing. Dr. Parker thanked the board for the comments and recognition.

13. Student Board Members' Report

Pam Pureza asked the student board members if they have reports they would like to share tonight.

Rubi stated this is the last board meeting together. Rubi stated this has been an amazing year and is thrilled to have had this experience with everyone. Rubi shared the highlights from Pasquotank County High School.

Rubi thanked the board for allowing her to meet some of her best friends and thanked the Board of Education! Rubi stated she is forever grateful!

Arykah shared the highlights from Northeastern High School. Arykah stated it has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of the board.

Brandon stated we had 29 graduates from the Early College. Brandon stated we had 26 graduates to receive an associates degree from COA. Brandon stated the summer retest program begins today. Brandon stated he is grateful for Arykah and Rubi.

14. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Williams and unanimously carried, as confirmed by show of hands. (Tommy Old was not present)

15. Items for Information

Heather Edmisten shared information on the Children's Internet Protection Act also known as CIPA. Heather stated this is mandated by the federal law enacted by Congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the internet on school computers.

Heather stated this is the annual notice that our school district is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act, providing technologies that go above and beyond content filtering to ensure our children are protected. Heather stated we are mandated to do this on an annual basis and we are compliant with the requirements.

16. New Business

Dr. Katina Waples introduced Michelle Flach, AIG Lead to share information on the 2025-2028 state required AIG plan for approval.

Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve Item A: 2025-2028 AIG Plan. A motion was made by Angelique Boylan to approve the AIG Plan as presented; seconded by Sharon Warden and unanimously carried as confirmed by show of hands. (Tommy Old not present)

Wilma Jordan shared information on Northside Elementary School Fire Alarm Panel Replacement for approval.

Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve Item B. Northside Elementary School Fire Alarm Panel Replacement. A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by show of hands. (Tommy Old not present)

Wilma Jordan shared information on the Early Childhood Learning Center Schematics for approval.

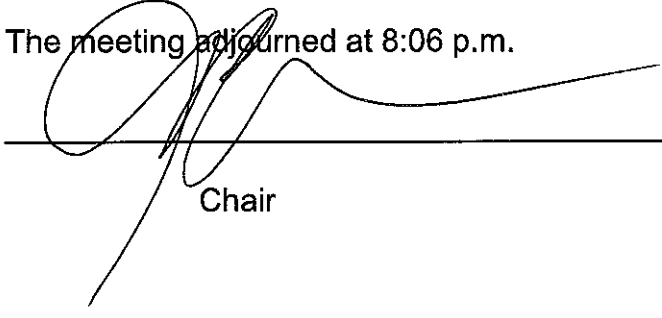
Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve Item C. Early Childhood Learning Center Schematics. A motion was made by Pam Pureza to approve Item C. Early Childhood Learning Center Schematics as presented by Oakley Collier, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by show of hands. (Tommy Old not present)

Rachael Haines presented a Policy Revision for Policy 5220 Collections and Solicitations for First Read.

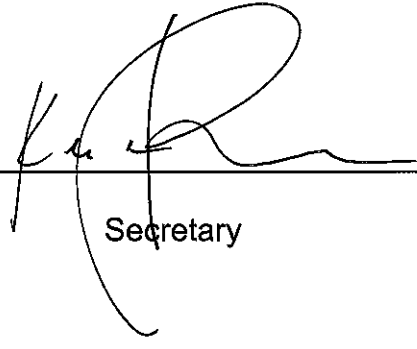
17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and carried, as confirmed by show of hands, to adjourn the meeting. (Tommy Old was not present)

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Chair



Secretary