

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
June 26, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in closed session on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5:00 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 Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Valerie Bogues, 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 5:01 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Angela Cobb, Pam Pureza, Valerie Bogues, Angelique Boylan, Sharon Warden and Dr. Shelia Williams. Tommy Old was not present.

The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Rachael Haines, and John Leidy, School Board Attorney, were 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 6:09 p.m.

Chair Cobb welcomed everyone to the Board of Education meeting for June 26, 2025.

The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Angela Cobb, Chair

Pam Pureza, Vice-Chair

Valerie Bogues

Angelique Boylan

Tommy Old

Sharon Warden (not present)

Dr. Shelia H. Williams (not present)

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

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.
 Renee Tamarelli, Assistant Director of Exceptional Children
 Nina Griffin, Director of Testing & Accountability
 Marlene Wilkins, Director of Safety and Security
 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
 Kim Whitehurst, District Lead Teacher - Elementary Math
 Joshua Sawyer, Math MCL
 John Peel, Assistant Principal Central Elementary
 Pam Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board

Others present:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence were led by Chair Cobb.

5. Roll Call

Pam Parker called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting. (Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden not present)

6. 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.

7. Approval of Agenda

Chair Cobb stated we need a motion to approve the agenda. Pam Pureza made a motion and Angelique Boylan seconded, and confirmed by show of hands to approve the agenda for June 26, 2025.

8. Recognitions

Dr. Katina Waples recognized Central Elementary School as the winners of County Field Day. Dr. Waples stated this was the first County Field Day since 2012.

Joshua Sawyer recognized Auburn Stevens from River Road Middle School, Liz Wooten from the Early College, Jodeann Williams from Northeastern High School, Sylvia Carver for Pasquotank County High School, Sharla Riddick from Elizabeth City Middle School, and Juvanda Crutch from HL Trigg as the NCDPI and NCCTM Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teachers. Mr. Sawyer also recognized Sylvia Carver as the NCCTM Outstanding Math Teacher for the District.

Chair Cobb shared a special recognition for Pam Parker in honor of her retirement. Chair Cobb shared words of heartfelt appreciation for Mrs. Parker and all she has done for ECPPS and the board. Dr. Parker also expressed his gratitude for everything she has done for him and the board as she goes into the next chapter with the wonderful memories.

This concludes the recognitions.

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

There are no public comments.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Parker stated we have completed the Summer School Retest Program and thanked all the departments involved for making it a successful program.

Dr. Parker also recognized Mr. Sammy Fudge and thanked him for his service with ECPPS as he moves on to his next endeavor in education. Dr. Parker also shared warm regards from a parent of a former student.

Dr. Parker attended the change of command at the United States Coast Guard for the Aviation Preparation Group - Aviation Projects Acquisition Center which ensures the aircraft are mission ready. Dr. Parker shared that Captain Jessica Barerra is retiring and he helped welcome incoming Captain Ryan Angelo. Dr. Parker highlighted that ECPPS has students that have completed internships at the aviation logistics center and that Captain Angelo is excited for opportunities for high school students to do internships in his aircraft hanger.

Dr. Parker mentioned Summer Programming that is going on through the Boys and Girls Club, Parks and Rec, PWM 21st Century Summer Learning and more information is available on the website or through the schools for those who may be interested..

Dr. Parker thanked Ms. Rinehart and her team for the Summer Feeding Program at the Public Library providing children with a pack of 7 meals on Fridays. Dr. Parker reported that 350 boxes of meals were distributed the first day and that those numbers have increased. The Program will continue all Summer on Fridays. Dr. Parker also congratulated Ms. Rinehart as the newly elected President of the NC School Nutrition Association for 2025-2026.

Dr. Parker stated that the Board interviewed a series of rising 12th graders for the Student Board Member positions and that they are ready to make a recommendation after the interview process that took place today. Dr. Parker then deferred to Vice Chair Pureza for an update.

Pam Pureza stated 9 interviews were held. She made a motion to select the following students for student board members for the board of education for the 2025-26 school year. From Elizabeth City

Early College Natalie Gallop and alternate Damyra Brumfield, from PCHS Chaiyanne Barrett and alternate Marissa Norman, and from NHS Kathryn Hutto and alternate Genesis Perez-Sanchez. Second by Angelique Boylan. The vote was unanimous by those present. (Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden not present)

This concludes the Superintendent's Report.

11. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A motion was made by Tommy Old, to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Valerie Bogues and unanimously carried, and confirmed by show of hands. (Sharon Warden and Dr. Shelia Williams not present) Chair Cobb asked that the record reflect that the Chair of the School Board does not vote unless there is a tie.

12. Unfinished Business

Rachael Haines requested approval of the revision to Policy 5220 for Collections and Solicitations. A motion was made by Angelique Boylan to approve Policy 5220, seconded by Tommy Old, and unanimously carried by a show of hands by those present. (Sharon Warden and Dr. Shelia Williams not present)

13. New Business

Dr. Parker shared there are a number of items for new business to begin with the Global Leaders update.

Sammy Fudge requested approval for the expansion for Global Leaders Programs to include ECMS. The initial quote did not include ECMS for the 25-26 school year. Mr. Fudge stated that the amount to include ECMS would be \$10,000.

Chair Cobb stated each item on the list will be voted on separately and a motion will be made after each item. A motion was made by Pam Pureza to approve item A, Global Leaders ECMS as presented, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and unanimously approved by a show of hands by those present. (Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden not present)

Wilma Jordan requested approval for ECMS Electrical Repairs damaged primarily through electrical surges. 76,923.35 with a savings of over 13,0000 to complete 2 repairs at one time. A motion was made by Valarie Bogues to approve item B, ECMS Electrical Repairs, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and unanimously approved by a show of hands by those present. (Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden not present)

Tammy Rinehart shared a Milk Bid renewal that is a coalition between ECPPS and Currituck. The renewal period runs August 1st through July 31st. This was awarded to Mayola last year. This is the second year for renewal. Pam Pureza made motion to approve item C, Milk Bids seconded by Tommy

Old, and carried unanimously with show of hands for those present. (Dr. Shelia Williams and Sharon Warden not present)

Ms Rinehart also shared a renewal bid for Sysco of Hampton Roads Virginia for groceries, supplies, and all fresh produce. Coop with NENC region. Angelique Boylan made a motion to approve item D, Northeastern NC CO-OP bid seconded by Valarie Bogues and carried unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

Ms. Rinehart requested approval for a serving line replacement at RRMS in the amount of \$81,855 by Singer. Chair Cobb asked if the work would be completed before the beginning of the school year. Ms Rinehart stated that if not, they would begin the work on a Friday and be completed over a weekend. Tommy Old made a motion to approve item E, seconded by Pam Pureza, and carried unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

Amy Bundy shared information for approval to submit the Consolidated Application for federal funding. Valarie Bogues made a motion to approve item F Consolidated Federal Grant, seconded by Pam Pureza and carried unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

Rachael Haines shared the proposed meeting calendar for the Board Of Education for 2025-2026. Pam Pureza noted a date correction for the June 25 meeting should be 2026 meeting on the calendar presented. A motion to approve item G was made by Tommy Old, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and carried unanimously by a show of hands for those present.

Candy Tilley shared a Micro Purchase Threshold certification of \$50,000 for Federal Funds. A motion was made by Tommy Old to accept item H, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Candy Tilley shared the proposed payroll calendar for 25-26. A motion was made by Angelique Boylan to approve item I, seconded by Tommy Old, and carried unanimously by show of hands by those present.

Candy Tilley shared the 25-26 Insurance Renewal for Errors and Emissions and General Liability Policy through the NC School Boards Trust in the amount of \$12,346. Chair Cobb asked to include items K and L since they are a similar category. Candy Tilley then shared the Automobile Inland and Marine premium in the amount of \$29,064 also through the North Carolina School Boards Trust. Workers Comp and Cyber Insurance through Surry Insurance WC in the amount of 442,914. CS 23,725 and is a reduction in premium.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza to approve items J, K, and L, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and carried unanimously by show of hands by those present.

Candy Tilley requested approval for the 2025-2026 Interim Budget Resolution to continue operations beginning July 1. A motion was made by Tommy Old to approve item M, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and was carried unanimously by show of hands by those present.

Candy Tilley requested approval for the Superintendent Authorization to Approve Year End Budget Amendments. Ms. Tilley also recognized the members of the Finance Department for completing year end closeout. Angelique Boylan made a motion to approve item N, seconded by Tommy Old, and carried unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

Candy Tilley requested approval to transfer remaining Afterschool Funds in the amount of \$141,181.44 from a local account to a restricted account for a use to be used at a later date. Tommy Old made a motion to approve item O, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

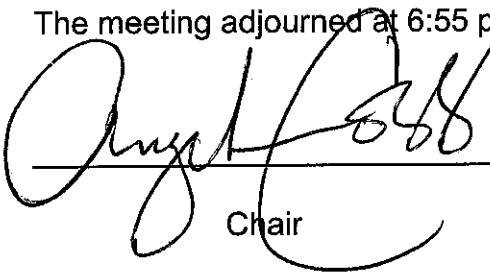
Nina Griffin presented information regarding the 2025-2026 Alternative Schools Modified Accountability System. Ms. Griffin is requesting approval of Option B for HL Trigg Community School. Pam Pureza made a motion to approve item P, 2026-26 Alternative Schools Modified Accountability System, seconded by Tommy Old, and carried unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

Dr. Kelly MacPherson requested approval of proposed 2025-2026 EC Contracts to include a bilingual evaluator for psych and speech services for ELL. Valerie Bogues made a motion to approve item Q, EC Contracts, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and 3 positive votes, 1 abstain, and positive vote from the chair.

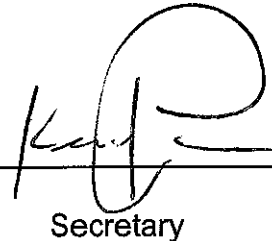
14. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Chair



Secretary