

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Early Childhood Learning Center and was available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us

1. Meeting Call to Order by Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Cobb.

2. Closed Session

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pam Pureza, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and carried unanimously by those present (Angelique Boylan, Tommy Old, and Dr. Shelia Williams were not present), as confirmed by a 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, Vice Chair Pam Pureza, Valerie Bogues, and Sharon Warden. (Angelique Boylan, Tommy Old, and Dr. Shelia Williams were not present)

The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Rachael Haines, and Zachary Robeson, School Board Attorney. The Board and staff discussed confidential matters during the closed session.

3. Return to Open Session

A welcome was extended to all attendees and the meeting was officially opened at 6:05 p.m.

The following Board Members were present and constituted a quorum:

Chair Angela Cobb	Tommy Old (not present)
Vice Chair Pam Pureza	Sharon Warden
Valerie Bogues	Dr. Shelia Williams (not present)
Angelique Boylan (not present)	

Student board members in attendance were Chaiyanne Barrett, Natalie Gallop and Kathryn Hutto.

Others present were Zachary Robeson, School Board Attorney, Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent, Rachael Haines, Meredith Collins, Kelly Cowell, Heather Edmisten,

Nina Griffin, Amanada Hill, Wilma Jordan, Morgan Murray, Tammy Rinehart, Renee Tamarelli, Candy Tilley, Simona White, and Kim Whitehurst.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Cobb and followed by a moment of silence.

5. Roll Call

Amy Bundy called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

6. Ethics Awareness and Identification of Conflicts of 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 the Agenda

A motion was made by Pam Pureza to amend the agenda for February 23, 2026 to remove item F. Policy 3620, seconded by Sharon Warden, and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

A motion to approve the amended agenda for February 23, 2026 was made by Sharon Warden, seconded by Pam Pureza, and unanimously approved by those present.

8. Recognitions

Dr. Parker led the recognition portion of the meeting.

PCHS Choir

Monica Williams introduced Liliana Thaxton, Audrey Farmer, Christopher Quijada, and Jason Okiegar who will be performing for the upcoming All-East Choral Festival. The students sang selections from Willy Wonka and Alice by Heart. A theatrical performance of Alice by Heart will be taking place at Arts of the Albemarle April 23-26.

Science Fair Winners

Kim Whitehurst recognized elementary school science fair winners, noting participation in the district and regional science fairs. Top winners were:

3rd - Preston Billups from Sheep Harney

2nd - Blair Bateman and Ashley Whidbee from P.W. Moore

1st - Grady Christian from Weeksville

Weeksville Elementary

Jim Schiffbauer recognized staff members Mr. Cooper, Ms. Inge, Ms. Guyette, and Ms. Winslow. The administrative support staff Ms. Coker, Ms. Meads, and Nurse Amanda were also recognized. Mr. Schiffbauer also recognized several students for their excellence at Weeksville.

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Early College

Jennifer Lee recognized the YMCA Executive Director Eli Dowell and Senior Director Anella Tori for their partnership and support, particularly regarding the after-school care and student stability. Mrs. Lee also recognized her PTO's governing board members. Mrs. Lee then recognized several seniors.

9. Instructional Highlights

Mr. Schiffbauer presented a video showcasing student-led interviews highlighting school culture.

Ms. Lee presented a video showcasing technology integration and the school's journey to becoming a distinguished Apple school.

Recess

A brief 2 minute recess was taken.

10. Public Comment (Citizen Comments to the Board)

Chair Cobb reviewed the public participation policy. There was one person signed up for public comment.

Mrs. Patrice Ellis addressed the board regarding an incident involving her son during a basketball game held at Pasquotank County High School on January 27, 2026.

11. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Parker noted the following during the superintendent's report to the Board.

Dr. Parker reported on the documentary produced in partnership with EdNC regarding the history of PW Moore Elementary School, noting nearly 90,000 views on YouTube and the upcoming PBS broadcast.

Dr. Parker thanked Board Member Bogues for the invitation to the Black History program at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Dr. Parker expressed condolences to Wilkes County Schools for a recent tragic loss of their superintendent.

Dr. Parker concluded his report.

12. Student Board Members Report

Vice Chair Pureza introduced the Student Board Members.

Pasquotank County High School – Chaiyanne Barrett

Chaiyanne Barrett reported on testing, course registration, basketball playoffs, and senior activities.

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Early College – Natalie Gallop

Natalie Gallop reported on NHS volunteering, student government activities, COA midterms, and the partnership with the YMCA.

Northeastern High School – Kathryn Hutto

Kathryn Hutto reported on biology check-in scores, sports championships, and FFA spirit week.

Vice Chair Pureza concluded the Student Board Member reports.

13. Approval of Consent Agenda

The items listed on the consent agenda for approval include the January 20, 2026 and January 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Budget Amendments; a Crowdfunding Request; the February Fundraiser Report; Purchasing Report for January; the Rental Report; and the Superintendent's Recommendations for Personnel. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Valerie Bogues seconded by Sharon Warden, and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

14. New Business**A. Board Committees Formation**

Chair Cobb presented the board committees' membership realignment based on the district's strategic plan. Vice Chair Pureza made a motion to accept the 2026 calendar year committee membership, Valerie Bogues seconded, and was passed unanimously by those present.

B. Board Nomination for NCSBA Legislative Committee

Sharon Warden gave information on the purpose of the NCSBA Legislative Committee. Chair Cobb opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chair Pureza nominated Sharon Warden to continue serving on the committee. Sharon Warden accepted the nomination. Vice Chair Pureza made a motion to approve the nomination of Sharon Warden to serve on the NCSBA Legislative Committee, Valerie Bogues seconded, and was passed unanimously by those present.

C. EC Virtual Teacher Contracts

Renee Tamarelli presented 2 EC Virtual Teacher Contracts to address staffing gaps for approval. A motion to approve the contracts was made by Vice Chair Pam Pureza, seconded by Sharon Warden, and was passed unanimously by those present.

D. Roof Quotes

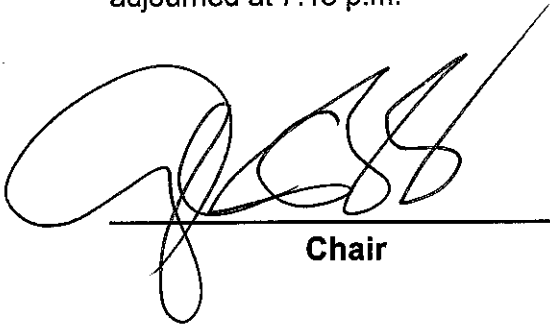
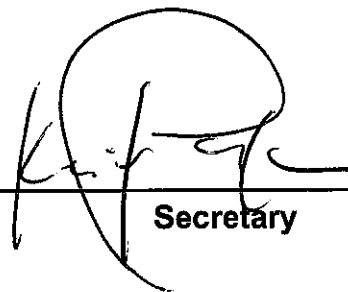
Wilma Jordan presented information and quotes for roof repairs to River Road Middle School with a recommendation of a bid from Roof Engineering and roof repairs to Weeksville Elementary and the Block House with a recommendation of a bid from Patuxent. A motion to approve the roof quotes as presented was made by Vice Chair Pureza, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and was passed unanimously by those present.

E. PCHS Track Repair

Wilma Jordan presented the quote for the resurfacing of the track at Pasquotank County High School. A motion to approve the PCHS Track Repair as presented was made by Valerie Bogues, seconded by Vice Chair Pureza, and was passed unanimously by those present.

16. Adjournment

Vice Chair Pureza motioned to adjourn the February 23, 2026 meeting of the board, was seconded by Sharon Warden, and passed unanimously by those present (Angelique Boylan, Tommy Old, and Dr. Shelia Williams were not present). Chair Cobb declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


Chair
Secretary