MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Pasquotank Early Childhood 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 5:02 p.m. by Chair Angela Cobb.

2. Closed Session
A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Pam Pureza, and carried unanimously by those 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 5:04 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Chair Angela Cobb, Vice Chair Pam Pureza, Valerie Bogues, Angleique Boylan, Tommy Old, Sharon Warden, and Dr. Shelia Williams.

The following staff members were present: Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent and John Leidy, 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 6:07 p.m.

The following Board Members were present and constituted a quorum:

Chair Angela Cobb
Vice Chair Pam Pureza
Valerie Bogues
Angelique Boylan
Tommy Old
Sharon Warden
Dr. Shelia Williams

Student Board Members in attendance were Natalie Gallop and Kathryn Hutto. Chaiyanne Barrett was absent.

Others present were John Leidy, School Board Attorney, Dr. Keith Parker, Superintendent, Rachael Haines, Kelly Cowell, Heather Edmisten, Nina Griffin, Amanada Hill, Wilma Jordan, Morgan Murray, Tammy Rinehart, Renee Tamarelli, Candy Tilley, Simona White, Kim Whitehurst, and Terrie Wilson.

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
Dr. Shelia Williams 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 Vice Chair Pureza to approve the May 26, 2026 agenda, with the addition of Item D. Freezer Quote for Pasquotank Elementary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williams, and then passed unanimously by those present.

8. Recognitions

Health Science Program and School Nurses
Morgan Murray, CTE Director, recognized Mr. Eddie White for his dedicated service as a long-term instructor supporting Health Science students throughout the school year.

The following school nurses were recognized for assisting with Health Science instruction while continuing to serve students and staff across the district:

Cassandra Young, McKenzie Evans, Karina Caldwell, and Rachel Vogt

The America 250 Cooking Competition
Tammy Rinehart introduced Colleen Brown who recognized student teams participating in the "Revolution in the Kitchen" competition commemorating America's 250th Anniversary.

Recognized winners included:

- Sheep Harney Elementary School (Elementary Division Champion)
- River Road Middle School (Upper Division Champion)

County Field Day
Dr. Katina Waples recognized J.C. Sawyer Elementary as the second annual Community Schools Field Day champions. Students, teachers, and Coach Mitchell were recognized for their achievement.

NCTM Elementary Math Teachers
Dr. Waples also recognized the following educators as Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teachers by their schools:

- Melanie Whidbee - Central Elementary
- Stacy-Ann Kongal - J.C. Sawyer Elementary
- Jennifer Hilliard - P.W. Moore Elementary
- Shakira Anderson - Sheep-Harney Elementary
- Briana Parker - Weeksville Elementary
- Tiffany Dudley - Micro School
- Andre Powell - Northside Elementary

Mr. Andre Powell was announced as the district's Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year.

Northside Elementary School
Jessica Prayer presented recognitions for Northside Elementary including the following:

- Morning Announcement Crew,
- "The Flock" educator team promotion inclusion and student success,
- Teachers - Jamie Teeter, Leah Maclin, and Maria Perez
- Custodial Staff members- Mrs. Hassell, Mrs. Jordan, and Mr. Jones

9. Instructional Highlights
The video tribute honoring support staff and their contributions to the school community was presented by Northside Elementary School.

10. Public Comment (Citizen Comments to the Board)
No individuals signed up for public comment.

11. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Parker recognized and thanked student board members Kathryn Hutto, Natalie Gallop, and Chaiyanne Barrett for their service during the 2025-2026 school year.

Board members offered remarks commending the student representatives for their professionalism, leadership, and contributions to board discussions.

12. Student Board Members Report

Northeastern High School – Kathryn Hutto
Kathryn Hutto provided updates from Northeastern High School, including:

- Completion of teacher-made testing
- Upcoming state testing
- Summer reading initiatives
- Athletic accomplishments, including the women's soccer team advancing beyond the first round of playoffs for the first time since 2013
- Spring sports banquet
- Prom activities
- Senior awards and field day events

Miss Hutto reflected on her experience as a student board member and thanked the board for its support and mentorship.

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Early College - Natalie Gallop
Natalie Gallop reflected on the impact of serving as a student board member and highlighted:

- Graduation from the Early College
- Professional development and public speaking experiences
- Participation in educational conferences
- Hosting visiting graduate students from Harvard University
- Student voice initiatives related to AI in education

Miss Gallop expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve alongside district leadership and board members.

13. Approval of Consent Agenda
The items listed on the consent agenda for approval include the April 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Budget Amendments; the Fundraiser Report; the Purchasing Report; the Quarterly Report; the Rental Report; and the Superintendent's Recommendations for Personnel. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Tommy Old, seconded by Angelique Boylan, and passed unanimously by a show of hands by those present.

14. Items for Information

Job Shadowing Day
Morgan Murray presented a report on the district's Job Shadowing Day initiative.

Highlights included:

- Participation by 60 students in grades 8-10
- Career exploration experiences across healthcare, automotive, media, and other fields
- Partnerships with the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, Faithway Church, and 22 local businesses and organizations

15. Unfinished Business

Policy 6140 Revision
Racheal Haines presented a second read of Policy 6140 revisions that align language with State Board Policy SHLT-000 for approval. A motion was made by Sharon Warden to accept the revisions to Policy 6140 as presented, seconded by Valerie Bogues, and passed unanimously by those present.

16. New Business

A. 26-27 Alternative School Modified Accountability System

Nina Griffin presented information regarding participation in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Alternative Schools Modified Accountability System.

Administration recommended continuing with Option B for H.L. Trigg Community School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Dr. Shelia Williams made a motion to approve Option B, Angelique Boylan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by those present.

B. Insurance Renewals
Candy Tilley presented renewal proposals from the North Carolina School Boards Trust for the following:

- General Liability and Errors & Omissions Coverage : $15,433
- Vehicle Insurance Coverage: $30,171

A motion to approve the insurance Renewals as presented was made by Tommy Old, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and passed unanimously by those present.

C.Policy 8350 Fixed Assets Inventory
Rachael Haines presented proposed revisions to Policy 8350 Fixed Assets Inventory increasing the capitalization threshold from $5,000 to $10,000, as permitted and recommended by state guidelines.

This item was presented for first reading only. No action was taken.

D. Freezer Quote for Pasquotank Elementary School
Tammy Rinehart presented quotes for replacement of the walk-in freezer/cooler combination at Pasquotank Elementary School.

After reviewing proposals from United Restaurant, Singer, and Facility Doctor, administration recommended acceptance for the Singer proposal.

Vice Chair Pureza made a motion to approve the purchase of the freezer as presented, Valerie Bogues seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by those present.

Return to Closed Session
Angelique Boylan made a motion to return to closed session. Dr. Shelia Williams seconded the motion and was carried unanimously by those present.

The Board resumed closed session at 7:04 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Vice Chair Pureza motioned to adjourn the May 26, 2026 meeting of the board, was seconded by Valerie Bogues , and passed unanimously by those present.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Chair

Secretary