

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting of the Board Held at Edgecombe County Board Rooms
412 Pearl Street
Tarboro, NC

July 9, 2018
6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Evelyn S. Wilson, Board Chair Ann Kent, Vice Chair
 William Ellis Raymond Privott
 Evelyn Johnson

Board Members Absent: Olga Dickens Marva G. Scott

Others Present: Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent
 Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
 David Coker, Director of Maintenance/Transportation
 Paula Flythe, Director Elementary Schools
 Deborah Stagner, Board Attorney
 Rose Cole, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson welcomed everyone in attendance. The meeting was called to order. The Board led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Board Member Raymond Privott requested that item (12.2) HOPE Program be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the regular business meeting open session minutes of June 11, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the special called meeting open session minutes of June 25, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS: Honorable Carol Allen White commenced the Oath required of Board Members by swearing in Dr. Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Ann R. Kent and Dr. Evelyn Shaw Wilson. Mrs. White congratulated the board members and everyone applauded them.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges to do the order of business for the selection of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2018-2019. Dr. Bridges explained the process of selection, explaining that she would distribute written ballots for members to mark their selection and asked that the members sign their signatures on the front of the ballots.

Ballots were distributed for the selection of board chairperson. Vote tally: Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson (4 votes by Members William Ellis, Ann Kent, Raymond Privott, and Evelyn S. Wilson); and Rev. Raymond Privott (1 vote by Member Evelyn Johnson). A majority vote was made by members of the Board for Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson to serve as Board Chairperson for 2018-2019.

Ballots were distributed for the selection of Vice Chairperson for 2018-2019. Vote tally: Mrs. Ann R. Kent (4 votes by Members Evelyn Johnson, Williams Ellis, Evelyn S. Wilson and Ann R. Kent); and Rev. Raymond Privott (1 vote by Member Raymond Privott). A majority vote was made by members of the Board for Mrs. Ann R. Kent to serve as Vice Chairperson for 2018-2019.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a letter she received from the Town of Pinetops Mayor, Mr. Steve Burress, expressing their concern about school violence and their interest to do everything possible to ensure the children's safety. The town would like for the Board to consider staffing a police officer at Carver Elementary School. The town would work with the school district to obtain any possible grants from various federal, state, and nonprofit agencies to fund the position. The Board discussed the letter provided.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a letter she received from the Edgecombe County Sheriff, Mr. Cleveland Atkinson, Jr., expressing concern for all students and school personnel across Edgecombe County. Sheriff Atkinson provided a list of suggestions that would assist in making our schools safer. Sheriff Atkinson also provided a salary estimate with number of school days for the School Resource Officers (SRO) for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board discussed the letter and salary estimate provided. Dr. Bridges stated that ECPS has applied for grants and are in the process of completing one due on July 13, 2018 in the amount of up to \$50,000 per school, if awarded.

CONSENT ITEMS: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges requested that the Board approve the Fundraiser consent items:

EECHS Fundraiser to Raise Match Funds for the NC GreenPower Scholar Schools Project from July 10 – October 30, 2018 and Request to Waive Policy #8240 – Money-Making Projects 14-Day Fundraising Restriction

Princeville Elementary Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme to Sell Doughnut Certificates for \$7 each on August 23 – September 5, 2018

G. W. Carver Elementary Fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell Merchandise for \$5 - \$20 on September 11 – 24, 2018

Princeville Elementary Fundraiser with World Class Marketing to Sell Bagged Candy Items for \$7 each on November 1 - 13, 2018

A motion was made by Member Evelyn Johnson to approve the fundraiser consent items, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR ACTION: Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson requested that the State NCCBSBM Fall Retreat scheduled on October 4-6, 2018 be added to the schedule. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the Addendum of the ECBOE Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the request of Princeville Elementary School to operate a school store. The Board requested that the request be tabled and brought back to the next meeting with additional information to clarify the organizational plan and structure for the school store.

A motion was made by Member Evelyn Johnson to approve the Lease Agreement between ECBOE and Toshiba Business Solutions for July 9, 2018 – June 30, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Purchase of the Instructional Support Materials in full for English Language Arts Teachers in Kindergarten – Grade 3, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Athletic Trainer Program between Carolina Regional Orthopaedics, P.A., Vidant Edgecombe Hospital, and Edgecombe County Board of Education for a term beginning June 30, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Evelyn Johnson under the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, Section 143-318.11 (a) (1), (a) (3), and (a) (6), to go into Closed Session to consider personnel matters, to consult with the attorney to preserve attorney-client privileged information, and to prevent the disclosure of student records rendered confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and the disclosure of personnel records rendered confidential under G.S. 115C-319 through 321. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Member Evelyn Johnson to approve the personnel management list, as discussed in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of June 11, 2018, as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the special called meeting closed session minutes of June 25, 2018, as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: None

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONSIDERATION/
DISCUSSION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges asked the Board to consider scheduling a Special Called Board Meeting on July 30 or July 31 for the Board to approve the Title I Grants, EC Contracts, and Personnel Management for 2018-2019. The consensus of the Board agreed to schedule a special called meeting on July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members discussed the HOPE Program organization and structure with Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges and requested that she share their questions and comments with the CISS Team at the upcoming meeting and bring back a prospective of the program to the Board at the next meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____