

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

June 10, 2019

Board Members Present: Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Board Chair Ann Kent, Vice Chair
 William Ellis Marva G. Scott
 Dr. Evelyn Johnson Lillie R. Worsley
 Raymond Privott

Others Present: Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent
 Mrs. Abbey Futrell, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
 Susan Hoke, Community & Communications Coordinator
 Shawna Andrews, Director of Middle Schools
 Paula Flythe, Director Elementary Schools
 Laurie Leary, Director of Finance
 Ruth McDowell, Director Child Nutrition Services
 Sheila Porcher, CTE Coordinator
 Meagan Sykes, Director of AIG/ECP/PreK
 Jerome Williams, Director of Maintenance
 Erin Swanson, Director of Innovation
 Deborah Stagner, Board Attorney
 Rose Cole, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Ann Kent welcomed everyone in attendance. The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested to table items: (8.5.B) Approval of Procurement Plan for Child Nutrition Program and (8.11.B) Approval of ECPS Bell Schedules for 2019-2020. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson arrived to the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS: Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the following Edgecombe County Public Schools team captains for their participation in the “Relay for Life” campaign for raising over \$17,000 toward the fight against cancer. Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson and Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges presented the following school team captains with a certificate:

Largest contributors in Elementary, Middle, and High School:
Stocks Elementary – Selena Hale - \$2,300
South Edgecombe Middle – Samantha Icenhour - \$2,400
SouthWest Edgecombe High – Takisha Jones - \$4,500

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Other team captains who also did a fantastic job:
G. W. Bulluck Elementary – Tonia Clark
G. W. Carver Elementary – Teresa Webb
Coker-Wimberly Elementary – Yasmine Little
Edgecombe Early College High – Gerald Williams
Martin Millennium Academy – Tesia Bynum, Taylor Fisher, and Montressa Scott
North Edgecombe High – Chiquinta Dickens
W. A. Pattillo Middle – Dana Alexander
Phillips Middle – Maya Pittman
Princeville Elementary – Raynelle Phipps
Tarboro High – Pippa Boyd
West Edgecombe – Rebecca Stokes
Child Nutrition – Ruth McDowell

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mrs. England Alston, NEHS Bookkeeper, as employee of the month. Mr. Greg Sessoms, State Farm Agent, could not attend the meeting, but provided Mrs. Alston with a gift card.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mrs. Sarah Walker, NEHS Drivers Ed Coordinator, as a special recognition for retiring a second time from ECPS and for her dedication and commitment to our schools, staff members, and students.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard recognized Mrs. Carol Lee, Child Nutrition Assistant for being selected as the 2019 NC School Nutrition Employee of the Year by the School Nutrition Association (SNA). Mrs. Lee will be recognized at the SNA National Conference at St. Louis, Missouri in July.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson asked that a correction be made on page 1, line 4, of the header of the May 13, 2019 open session minutes, to change W. A. Pattillo Middle School Auditorium to Edgecombe Community College Keihin Auditorium. A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the open session minutes dated May 13, 2019, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the personnel meeting open session minutes dated May 22, 2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of field trips she approved that were submitted after the May 13, 2019 board meeting but occurring prior to the June 10, 2019 board meeting.

Overnight:

SWEHS (16435) – North Carolina A&T State University/Baymont Inn/Seasons Mall Food Court, Greensboro, NC; Track Team; 05/16/2019 -05/17/2019; Departure: 05/16/2019 at 3:00 p.m. – Return: 05/17/2019 at 10:00 p.m.

Extended Day:

SWEHS (16388) – WEMS, Rocky Mount, NC; Band; 05/16/2019; Departure: 3:00 p.m. – Return: 5:15 p.m.

Carver (16265) – NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll, Pine Knoll Shores, NC; EC Class; 05/21/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

Pattillo (16428) – Asheboro Zoo, Asheboro, NC; 6th Grade; 05/24/2019; Departure: 6:30 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

Pattillo (16294) – Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach, NC; 7th Grade; 05/24/2019; Departure: 8:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

Extended Day & Out-of-State:

SWEHS (16218) – Kings Dominion, VA; JROTC Cadets; 06/01/2019; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 9:00 p.m.

Director of Maintenance Jerome Williams provided the Board with updates on the ECPS Professional Development Center and Princeville Elementary School Renovations. Mr. Williams said the painting, plumbing, electrical, and installation of the cabinets are completed. The appliances will be installed on Thursday. After the certificate of occupancy is issued, the professional development center will be available for use. Mr. Williams said the renovations to the Princeville Elementary School are 10 days ahead of schedule and the cost is under budget. The floors have been pulled out and the plumbing and electrical are completed. All projects are on schedule. A walk-through with the Board and Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges will be scheduled in July.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board that W. A. Pattillo submitted a Game on Grants: BE Time Grant application to Action For Healthy Kid's (AFHK's) in the amount of \$5,800.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the board policy revisions of the following policies, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

Policy Revisions

1510/4200/7270 – School Safety

1720/4015/7225 – Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure

4333 – Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats and Clear Threats to Safety

4130 – Discretionary Admission

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

Field Trip:

Overnight:

THS (16354) – Camp Ginger Cascades, Lenoir, NC; AFJROTC Cadets; 7/08/2019 -07/12/2019; Departure: 07/08/2019 at 8:30 a.m. – Return: 07/12/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Fundraiser:

MMA Garden Club Fundraiser with the Tarboro Market to Sell Produce from the MMA Garden for \$.50 - \$3.00 per pound and Plants for \$1.00 - \$10.00 each on the following eight days: July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, September 7, September 21, October 5, and October 19, 2019

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the consent items, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Lillie R Worsley and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR ACTION: A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the Appointment of Dr. Alvah Chad Cayton, IV to the ECC Board of Trustees to serve a 4-year term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Marva Scott to approve to add an additional pay date in June 2019 and to move the final pay date for June 2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Lillie R. Worsley and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson to approve the Budget Amendments for 2018-2019, 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 Lillie R. Worsley to approve the Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the Child Nutrition Department Bids for 2019-2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the 2019-2022 Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson to approve the Career and Technical Education (CTE) State/Federal funding for 2019-2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Lillie R. Worsley and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member William Ellis to accept the Longleaf Grant Award for the development of an adaptive playground at G. W. Carver Elementary School in the amount of \$28,700.00 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars), as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott to approve the Edgecombe County Board of Education Business and Conference Meetings Schedule for 2019-2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve an addendum to the contract between Edgecombe County Board of Education and Kinetic Physical Therapy & Wellness, Inc. to provide speech services for 2018-2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve an addendum to the contract between Edgecombe County Board of Education and Kinetic Physical Therapy & Wellness, Inc. to provide occupational therapy services for 2018-2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Lillie R. Worsley and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the Lease Agreement between Boys & Girls Club of Tar River Region and Edgecombe County Board of Education, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Member William Ellis under the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, Sections 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 Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

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

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes dated May 13, 2019, as corrected in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Lillie R. Worsley and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the personnel meeting closed session minutes dated May 22, 2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: None

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS OR SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges stated that the high school graduation ceremonies held on Friday and Saturday provided excellent programs. Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board that Tarboro High School's year book order was not received prior to graduation. Tarboro High is planning to schedule a signing party for students to be given the opportunity to sign their year books. Dr. Bridges said she will look

into what caused the year books to be received late and verify what happened to ensure the orders are received on time in the future.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Lillie R. Worsley to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____