

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
EDGECOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held at Edgecombe Community College
Keihin Auditorium
2009 W. Wilson Street
Tarboro, NC

December 17, 2018

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

Board Member Absent: Evelyn Johnson

Others Present: Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent
Mrs. Abbey Futrell, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Hoke, Community & Communications Coordinator
Robert Batts, Director of Secondary Schools
Laurie Leary, Director of Finance
David Coker, Director of Maintenance/Transportation
Deborah Stagner, Board Attorney
Rose Cole, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson welcomed everyone in attendance. The meeting was called to order.

The North Edgecombe High School AF-JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson thanked the North Edgecombe High School AF-JROTC for their presentation of the colors.

RECOGNITIONS: SWEHS FFA presented the Board with Poinsettias.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the Edgecombe County Board of Education for receiving the NCSBA Silver Bell Award.

Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Board Chair Dr. Evelyn Shaw Wilson for receiving the NCSBA Certificate of Scholar's Circle Award and presented her with a certificate.

Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Member Evelyn Johnson for receiving the NCSBA Certificate of Bronze Award.

Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Member Raymond Privott for receiving the NCSBA Certificate of Merit Award and presented him with a certificate.

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Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the ECPS School District and ECPS Schools for receiving AdvancEd Accreditation and presented Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges and each school with a certificate.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mr. David Coker, Director of Maintenance & Transportation, as the Employee of the Month.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the following schools for being awarded Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) recognition. The three B's of PBIS – Be Prepared, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Green Ribbon Schools:

G. W. Bulluck Elementary School
G. W. Carver Elementary School
Martin Millennium Academy
Phillips Middle School
Tarboro High School

Model Schools:

Coker-Wimberly Elementary School
Edgecombe Early College High School
W. A. Pattillo Middle School
Princeville Elementary School
South Edgecombe Middle School
SouthWest Edgecombe High School
Stocks Elementary School

Exemplar School:

North Edgecombe High School
West Edgecombe Middle School

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the following schools for academic growth by achieving the goal of expected academic progress during the 2017-2018 school year:

Coker-Wimberly Elementary School
Martin Millennium Academy
W. A. Pattillo Middle School
Phillips Middle School
Princeville Elementary School
Tarboro High School
Stocks Elementary School

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the following schools for academic growth by exceeding academic growth expectations for the 2017-2018 school year:

G. W. Carver Elementary School
Edgecombe Early College High School
North Edgecombe High School
West Edgecombe Middle School

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Edgecombe Early College High School for being honored as a member of the 100% Graduation Club. This award is given to schools achieving a 4-year cohort graduation rate of 100% and 10 (ten) or more students are in their cohort.

Resolution for Board Member Olga T. Dickens - TABLED

GOLD KEY RECOGNITION – Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke provided an explanation of what it means to be a Gold Key Student and of the selection process. Mrs. Hoke read information about each student being recognized. Students were presented with certificates and Gold Key pins by Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson and Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested that the Board add items (8.6.B) Approval of Request to Close the Day Care Program at G. W. Bulluck Elementary School Effective January 3, 2019; (8.7.B) Approval of the Instructional Service Agreement between Edgecombe County Board of Education and Edgecombe Community College; and (9.3) Education Foundation to the agenda. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Board Member Lillie R. Worsley requested that corrections be made on page 2, paragraph 2, line 3 to change Leggett Lawrence to North Edgecombe High and on page 2, paragraph 7, line 1 to change West to North. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the open session minutes dated November 19, 2018, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Director of Secondary Schools Robert Batts presented and reviewed the Mid-Year Graduates applicants that have been submitted from their respective high schools with the Board. Mr. Batts stated that after carefully reviewing the transcripts and other sources of information, it has been determined these students have all met the graduation requirements and may be approved for early exit at the end of first semester.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of her approval of the following fundraisers that occurred between the November 19, 2018 and December 17, 2018 board meetings:

EECHS Prom Committee Fundraiser with Williams Plant Farm to Poinsettias for \$12 each on November 26 – December 7, 2018

EECHS Chapter of Middle College National Consortium with HWY 55 to Host a Pancake Breakfast an Charge \$5 per plate on December 8, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CONSENT ITEMS: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested Board approval of Field Trip consent items as presented.

Extended Day

W. A. Pattillo (14670) – NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC; 8th Grade; 1/18/2019;
Departure: 7:30 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

G. W. Carver (14813) – North Carolina Zoo, Asheboro, NC; 5th Grade; 03/22/2019;
Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

WEMS (14790) – NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Manteo, NC; 6th Grade; 04/02/2019;
Departure: 6:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

Overnight

WEMS (14809) – Koury Convention Center & Comfort Inn Suites, Greensboro, NC; Jr. Beta Club; 02/05/2019-02/06/2019; Departure: 02/05/2019 at 5:00 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested Board approval of Fundraiser consent items as presented.

WEMS Drama Club Fundraiser to Perform a “Charlie Brown” Play and Charge K-5th Students \$3 and 6th Grade Students – Adults \$5 on December 19, 2018

EECHS PTSO Fundraiser with Caroline’s Creation and Unique Gifts to Sell Spirit Shirts for \$15 - \$18 each on January 14 - 25, 2019

MMA 5th Grade Fundraiser with The American Heart Association to Sell Candy Grams for \$1 each on February 4 – 15, 2019

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the field trip and fundraiser consent items, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR ACTION: A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Resolution, 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 to accept the USDA Grant Award in the amount of \$162,989 (One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars), 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 Marva G. Scott to approve to establish a Non-Profit/ Foundation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ann Kent and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Board’s Vision, Equity Vision, Mission and Superintendent’s Goal, 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 William Ellis to approve the Audit Contract Extension for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 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 Marva G. Scott to approve the request to close the Day Care Program at G. W. Bulluck Elementary School effective January 3, 2019, 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 the Instructional Service Agreement between Edgecombe County Board of Education and Edgecombe Community College, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent 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, including pending litigation to discuss K. B. and L. B. v. Edgecombe County Board of Education, et al., Case No. 4:16-CV-00271-D (EDNC), 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: A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve personnel management, 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 Marva G. Scott to approve the closed session minutes dated November 19, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEM FOR ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Legal Counsel for the Edgecombe County Public Schools Educational Foundation, 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: Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson read a “Thank You” card received from Member Marva G. Scott for the cards and prayers she received after the passing of her sister, Ms. Paula Grimes.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson read a card received from the Technology Department wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges shared a W. A. Pattillo Middle School Flyer with the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges provided the Board with the updates on the School Improvement Plans.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board her goal is to visit every classroom in the district. Dr. Bridges said she leaves a calling card with teacher of each classroom she visits thanking the teacher for allowing her to visit their classroom and comments on: I Like, I Wish and I Wonder.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board she would like have a Board Retreat in February or March.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____