

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

May 13, 2019

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

Board Member Absent: Marva G. Scott

Others Present: Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent
 Mrs. Abbey Futrell, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
 Susan Hoke, Community & Communications Coordinator
 Laurie Leary, Director of Finance
 Matthew Mayo, Director of Technology
 Janet Morris, Director of Testing/Accountability
 Jerome Williams, 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.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS: Tarboro High School AF-JROTC presented the Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested to add item: (8.6.B) Approval of Affiliation Agreement between Edgecombe County Board of Education and NC Central University. 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.

RECOGNITIONS: Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Ms. Yolanda Jones, Princeville Elementary Counselor, as the employee of the month. Mrs. Hoke presented Ms. Jones with a certificate and Mr. Greg Sessoms, State Farm Agent, presented Ms. Jones with a gift card.

Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Briyana Storm Baker, North Edgecombe High School student, for her dedication to the school district. Mrs. Hoke presented Briyana with a certificate.

Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the North Carolina Governor's School Nominee, Susana Contreras-Blanco, Tarboro High School student. Mrs. Hoke presented Susana with a certificate.

Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., President of W. A. Pattillo National Alumni, informed the Board that the association provides scholarships, grants, and financial assistance to educational institutions at all levels for the stated purpose of the association. It has a scholarship incentive award program that awards scholarships to qualifying college bound graduates in the Edgecombe County School System and to high school seniors nationally who are grandchildren and great grandchildren of alumni members. The association also offers an incentive program to elementary and middle school students. It is the intent of the association to offer a variety of programs in areas of the community to promote involvement and to enhance the appreciation for the association as a viable entity in the Tarboro and Edgecombe County communities. Scholarships will be presented to ECPS graduating seniors in July at their memorial services. This year the incentive awards are presented in the name of Mrs. Doris Batts, Honorary Member, for her leadership and community service in the communities. Dr. Woods and Mrs. Beverly Perry Clark presented the incentive awards to ten selected ECPS elementary and middle school students.

GOLD KEY RECOGNITIONS: Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke provided an explanation of what it means to be a Gold Key Student and the process of selection. Mrs. Hoke read an informational narrative on each student being recognized. Students were presented with certificates and ECPS lapel pens by Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson and Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson requested a correction be made on page 5, paragraph 4, line 1; to change Vice to Board. A motion was made by Member Lillie R. Worsley to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ann Kent and, with a unanimous vote approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of school field trips she approved that were submitted after the April 8, 2019 board meeting, but occurring prior to the May 13, 2019 board meeting.

Extended Day:

Pattillo (16251) – Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC; Baseball/Softball Teams; 04/13/2019; Departure: 3:00 p.m. – Return: 8:00 p.m.

NEHS (16216) – The Proximity Hotel Conference Room, Greensboro, NC; Grades 8-9 Micro School; 04/28/2019; Departure: 11:30 a.m. – Return: 9:30 p.m.

Pattillo (16323) – NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Manteo, NC; Grade 6 (1st group); 04/29/2019; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

Pattillo (16356) – NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Manteo, NC; Grade 6 (2nd group); 04/30/2019; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

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NEHS (16343) – Wendell Middle School, Wendell, NC; Grades 8-9 Micro School; 05/04/2019;
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

NEHS (16364) – US Army Recruiting Office, Fort Bragg, NC; JROCT Cadets; 04/30/2019;
Departure: 6:30 a.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.

NEHS (16386) – US Army Recruiting Battalion, Raleigh, NC; JROCT Cadets; 05/02/2019;
Departure: 6:30 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

Overnight & Out-of-State

Princeville (16350) – National Air & Space Museum/US Capital/Washington Monument/The White House/Madame Tussauds/MLK, Jr Memorial/World War II Memorial/African American Museum/Comfort Inn, Washington, DC & Comfort Inn, Oxon Hill, MD; Grade 5; 04/17/2019 – 04/19/2019; Departure: 04/17/2019 at 7:30 a.m. – Return: 04/19/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of school fundraisers she approved that were submitted after the April 8, 2019 board meeting, but occurring prior to the May 13, 2019 board meeting.

W. A. Pattillo Middle Softball Team fundraiser with Double Good to Sell Popcorn for \$9 - \$36 on April 12 – 15, 2019

SWEHS PBIS Committee Fundraiser to Sell “Shout Outs” for \$1 on April 29 – May 10, 2019

SWEHS Athletics Department Fundraiser to Host an Annual Golf Tournament at Maccriline Country Club on May 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and Charge a \$200 Entry Fee per Teams and Sell Individual/Business Sponsorships \$100 per Hole

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board that NEHS has submitted a Bright Ideas Grant Application to NC Electric Cooperative.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board that NEHS has submitted a Youth Literacy Grant Application to Dollar General.

Director of Maintenance Jerome Williams provided updates to the Board:

- ECPS Professional Development Center
 - Rough ends are completed
 - Inspections are being assessed as planned
 - Building had some vandalism and damages have been repaired
- Princeville Elementary School
 - Demolition is complete
 - Renovations are a week ahead of schedule
 - Had a break-in and damages have been repaired
 - Will plan a walk-through with the Board in June
- Security Assess Systems
 - Installation complete at NEHS, SWEHS, and THS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve Policy 2500 – Hearings Before the Board and Policy 4130 – Discretionary Admission, 2nd Reading, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

CONSENT ITEMS: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested Board approval of a field trip consent item, as presented.

Field Trips:

Extended Day & Out-of-State

SWEHS (13018) – Kings Dominion, Doswell, VA; Seniors; 05/18/2018; Departure: 7:00 a.m. –
Return: 8:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested Board approval of a fundraiser consent item, as presented.

Fundraisers:

THS Athletic Department Fundraiser to Host an Annual Golf Tournament at Cotton Valley Golf Club May 18, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. and Charge a \$200 Entry Fee per Teams and Charge Sponsorships \$100 per Hole

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the fundraiser consent item, 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 Raymond Privott to approve Audit Report for 2017-2018, 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 William Ellis to approve the 2019-2020 Payroll Calendars, as presented. 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 Waiver of Policy 3410 Middle School Math I EOC Count 25% of Student Grades (for the 2018-2019 School Year Only), as presented. 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 submit the Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning Grant Application to US Department of Agriculture, 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 adopt a Schedule for the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation, 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 Affiliation Agreement between ECBOE and NC Central University, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson 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 Edgecombe County BOE v. Retirement Systems Division, Case No. 18 DST 7191, in the Office of Administrative Hearings, 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 William Ellis to approve personnel management, as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ann Kent and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Member Lillie R. Worsley to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of April 8, 2019, as amended in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges shared with the Board an invitation from W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. regarding their 38th Annual Reunion scheduled on July 5 – 7, 2019.

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS OR SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of the EC Field Day scheduled on May 17, 2019 at THS from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board she will be in Raleigh on May 15, 2019 for the deposition.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson informed the Board that there isn't enough funds available in the budget for board members to attend the NCSBA SIS & Policy Conference scheduled on June 17 – 21, 2019, and if any members want to attend they will need to pay for the conference expenses themselves. Board Member Evelyn Johnson was not in agreement with the Board not being informed earlier about the budget balance. Vice Chair Ann Kent said everyone's budgets will be cut 10% in 2019-2020 and they could schedule bi-monthly updates or meetings on the budget with the Board. Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges said she will provide the Board with a detailed itemization of the 2018-2019 board budget.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____