

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

September 10, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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

Board Member Absent: Olga Dickens

Others Present: Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent
 Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
 David Coker, Director of Maintenance/Transportation
 Matthew Mayo, Director of Technology
 Janet Morris, Director of Testing/Accountability
 Erin Swanson, Director of Innovation
 Deborah Stagner, Board Attorney
 Rose Cole, Board Liaison

Other Absent: Mrs. Abbey Futrell, Assistant Superintendent

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

RECOGNITION: Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Ms. Gail Clark, Child Nutrition Manager at Coker-Wimberly Elementary, as the employee of the month.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges introduced the 2018-2019 Administrative Teams to the Board. Dr. Bridges stated we have some great team leaders at our schools.

Strategic Twin-Counties Educational Partnership (STEP) Executive Director Pamela Gould awarded and presented the Board with a check donation in the amount of \$7,500 as part of the STEP “#WorkHere Initiative Grant” for the purchase of Conover Soft Skills Units and materials for STEM and/or modules for the ECPS middle schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges requested that items (6.1) be changed to Weather Updates; change item (6.2) to Fundraisers; change item (6.3) to State Accountability Release and School Performance Grades; and add item (8.4.B) NC Works Career Coach Program; Board Member Marva G. Scott requested that item (9.1.2) District 2 Vacancy be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Board Member Raymond Privott to approve the

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agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott to approve the regular business board meeting open session minutes of August 13, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges and Director of Maintenance/Transportation David Coker discussed with the Board the possible severity of Hurricane Florence. The following locations will be open as Red Cross shelters on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.:

G. W. Carver Elementary School in Pinetops, NC
Martin Millennium Academy, Tarboro High School and the Army in Tarboro, NC
North Edgecombe High School on the north side of Tarboro, NC
D. S. Johnson Elementary School in Rocky Mount, NC

Superintendent Dr. Bridges and Mr. Coker answered questions presented by the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a school fundraisers she approved that were submitted after the August 13, 2018 board meeting, but occurring prior to the September 10, 2018 board meeting.

EECHS PTSO Fundraiser with Lemongrass Spa to Sell Various Organic Soaps, Sprays and Lotions priced between \$9.25 - \$30 on August 11 – 24, 2018

WEMS Fundraiser with All-Star Sports Products to Sell T-shirts for \$10 each from August 15 – 27, 2018

Director of Testing & Accountability Janet Morris reviewed with the Board an update on the district's preliminary 2017-2018 data by the State's unofficial accountability release and school performance grades results. Mrs. Morris reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions presented by the Board. Mrs. Morris stated the results will be official when approved by the State Board of Education on October 4, 2018. Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges said the results are not where we want to be, but we are moving forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

Field Trips:

Extended Day

NEHS (13523) – Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, NC; JROTC; 9/26/2018; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.

SWEHS (13706) – West Craven High School, Vanceboro, NC; Marching Band; 09/29/2018; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 p.m.

SWEHS (13707) – J A Holmes High School, Edenton, NC; Marching Bank; 10/06/2018; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:45 p.m.

SWEHS (13698) – Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, VA; Cadets; 10/12/2018; Departure: 7:30 a.m. – Return: 10:30 p.m.

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SWEHS (13708) – White Oak High School, Jacksonville, NC; Marching Band; 10/13/2018;
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:45 p.m.
SWEHS (13709) – Pasquotank County High School, Elizabeth City, NC; 10/20/2018;
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:45 p.m.
EECHS (13700) – NC State University, Raleigh, NC; Grades 8-12; 10/22/2018;
Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

Fundraisers:

EECHS PTO Fundraiser with Williams Plant Farm to Chrysanthemums for \$12 each on September 11-24, 2018
SEMS Fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell Wrapping, Popcorn, Snacks, and Savings Cards on September 19 – October 2, 2018
Bulluck Staff and PTO fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell Various Items Ranging Up to \$25 on September 20 – October 3, 2018
Stocks PTO Fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell Candy, Cookies, Wrapping Paper, Dishes, etc. for \$8 and up on October 18 –30, 2018

A request for approval to submit Career Award for Science & Mathematics Teachers Grant Application to Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF)

A request for approval to submit NE Play Safety Initiative Grant Application to NC Community Foundation (NCCF)

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION: A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the Purchase of STEM Learning Environment at Stocks Elementary School, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Edgecombe County Public School's 2018-2019 Qualified Observers List, 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 Contract between Edgecombe County Board of Education and Public Impact, LLC Consulting 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 the NC Works Career Coach Program MOU between the Trustees of ECC and ECBOE for 2019-2020 through 2021-2022 Fiscal School Years (pending attorney approval), 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 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 Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent 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 Member Evelyn Johnson to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of August 13, 2018, as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott 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 shared with the Board that ECPS has had three students in the district to pass. Dr. Bridges asked everyone to keep the families, students and teachers in prayer.

Board Member Marva G. Scott shared with the Board that she has received inquiries about the District 2 Board Member Olga Dickens' absences. The community wants to know if she will be able to return to the meetings. Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson said Ms. Dickens family stated she has treatments on Mondays and is not able to attend events afterwards, but she is able to attend events on the other days of the week. The family also stated they have asked her doctor if she needs to resign from her board seat and the doctor said she is getting better.

Vice Chair Ann Kent said she has also received inquiries from the District 2 community concerned about their district not being represented and served.

Member Raymond Privott said he too has received calls with concerns about the District 2 community not being represented.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson stated that the District 2 board seat will be up for re-election in 2020 and the decision regarding whether to resign from the board seat is up to Board Member Olga Dickens for the remainder of her term. Dr. Wilson said she hopes to get more information to discuss with the Board at the October meeting.

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.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____