

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

January 14, 2019
6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Board Chair Ann Kent, Vice Chair
 William Ellis Marva G. Scott
 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
 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 Board led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested to change (3.1) Employee of the Month to Resolution for Ms. Olga Dickens; change (3.2) United Way Recognitions to Employee of the Month; change (3.3) Focus Schools to United Way Recognitions; change (3.3) to (3.4) Focus Schools. A motion was made by Board Member Marva G. Scott to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION: Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized and read the Resolution from the Edgecombe County Board of Education in recognition of the contributions of Board Member Olga Dickens.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mrs. Rose Cole, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison at the Central Services Office, as the employee of the month. Mr. Greg Sessoms, State Farm Agent, presented Mrs. Cole with a gift card.

Mr. Richard Vann, Co-Chair of United Way Tar River Region and Mrs. Ginny Mohrbutter, Executive Director, thanked ECPS for their continued support in helping campaign for donations which are used to help thousands of local citizens each year to improve the quality of life for our children, adults and families. ECPS' total contributions were \$11,359. Special recognition awards were given to the highest total contributions per classification for: Elementary School – Stocks Elementary for raising \$1,663; Middle School – South Edgecombe Middle School for raising \$1,867; High School – Tarboro High for raising \$693 and Central Services for raising \$896. Mrs. Mohrbutter helped distribute special recognition awards certificates to all of the following contributors: G. W. Bulluck Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Coker-Wimberly Elementary, Princeville Elementary, Stocks Elementary, Martin Millennium Academy, W. A. Pattillo Middle, Phillips Middle, South Edgecombe Middle, West Edgecombe Middle,

Edgecombe Early College High, North Edgecombe High, SouthWest Edgecombe High, Tarboro High School, Child Nutrition Services Department, and ECPS Central Services Office.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke informed the Board that January is National School Board Appreciation month. Mrs. Hoke recognized the Board Members for their service and Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges and Assistant Superintendent Abbey Futrell presented each board member with a certificate and gift bag. Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson introduced her family members: Gracie Shaw Winston (daughter), Ronnie Winston (son-in-law), and Robbie Earl Winston (youngest grandson of two).

FOCUS SCHOOLS: G. W. Bulluck Elementary School Principal Kelsey Ballard provided a video presentation to the Board, "G. W. Bulluck & Food Corps". Bulluck students shared how they are doing hands on learning in the area of healthy foods. Students participate in: the Garden club, food tasting of foods made in different countries, and learn about root building, gardening and healthy eating.

Tarboro High School Principal Craig Harris provided an overview of the school's presentation. MCL Science Teacher Deneasha Strother provided a PPT presentation to the Board, "20 x 20: 20 Images / 20 Seconds". Mrs. Strother shared that THS's greatest area of need was in Science and how they have developed leadership teams through Emerging Leaders to improve instructional performance faster using data driven instruction to help teachers engage and save time in lesson planning. Teachers plan their lesson plans together collaboratively, collect data, research and share resources, and conduct Data PLC weekly meetings. Mrs. Strother co-teaches with the teachers. THS students are learning Science.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the special called board meeting open session minutes of November 27, 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 Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the regular business board meeting open session minutes of December 17, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

Field Trips:

Overnight:

G. W. Bulluck (15010) – J.S. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club;
02/04/2019 – 02/05/2019; Departure: 2/04/2019 at 6:00 a.m. – Return: 02/05/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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G. W. Carver (14986) – J.S. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Beta Club; 02/05/2019 – 02/06/2019; Departure: 2/05/2019 at 5:30 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Princeville (15023) – J.S. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Beta Club; 02/05/2019 – 02/06/2019; Departure: 2/05/2019 at 7:30 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2019 at 3:00 p.m.

MMA (15025) – J.S. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Beta Club; 02/05/2019 – 02/06/2019; Departure: 2/05/2019 at 8:00 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Extended Day:

G. W. Bulluck (14985) – Pine Knoll Shores NC Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores, NC; 5th Grade; 03/13/2019; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

Fundraisers:

Phillips Middle Band Fundraiser to Sell BBQ Chicken Plate Tickets for \$7 each on January 15-28, 2019 and Prepare/Distribute the Plates on February 2, 2019

G. W. Bulluck Elementary PTO to Host Their Annual Spring Carnival on March 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and a Fundraiser with Abrams BBQ to Sell Barbeque and Chicken Plate Tickets for \$8 each; and to Sell Raffle Tickets for \$1 each and Game Wrist Bands for \$10 each on March 11 – 23, 2019

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION: A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve G. W. Bulluck Elementary submitting a Donor's Choose Equitable Access to the World Through iPads Grant application in the amount of \$2,487.00, 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 Evelyn Johnson to approve W. A. Pattillo Middle submitting an East Carolina University Using Biofeedback Breathing to Improve Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Grant application, 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 change the pay date for January 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 under the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, Section 143-318.11 (a) (1), (a) (3), (a) (6), and (a) (8) 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 Member William Ellis to approve the personnel management list, as discussed 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 Lillie R. Worsley to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of December 17, 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: Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of the ribbon cutting at Stocks Elementary School's STEM Lab on January 15, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of the window for accepting contractor bids on rebuilding the Princeville Elementary and the ECPS Professional Development Center ends on January 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Bridges said she will ask the architect to come to the next board meeting to explain the timeline and estimated date the school will open.

Vice Chair Ann Kent informed the Board that at the board training she attended last week, it was discussed that the school calendar will be taken back to the General Assembly to give school boards local control over managing the school calendar when days are missed due to inclement weather. Mrs. Kent said that some of the Resolution examples included county managers' signatures.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board she would like to schedule a Board Retreat in February or March for one full day. Dr. Bridges said Board Attorney Deborah Stagner will train the Board on open/closed session discussions and the Directors will share information from each department. Dr. Bridges asked the Board to share any topics they would like on the agenda.

ITEMS BROUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS/SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONSIDERATION/
DISCUSSION: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott 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 H. Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____