

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

November 19, 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

Others Present:             Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent  
                                   Mrs. Abbey Futrell, Assistant Superintendent  
                                   Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent  
                                   Susan Hoke, Community & Communications Coordinator  
                                   Charlene Pittman, Director of Student Support Services  
                                   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 Board led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**RECOGNITION:** Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mr. Kelvin Bynum, Phillips Middle School Coach, as the employee of the month. Mr. Greg Sessoms, State Farm Agent, presented Mr. Bynum with a gift card.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Ms. Christie Cobb, Elizabeth Lunsford, and April Phillips, G. W. Carver Elementary teachers, who recently received National Board Certification. These teachers have earned the highest credential to be earned in the teaching profession.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized North Edgecombe High School for receiving the Saffelle Award by being selected the cleanest school for the 3rd quarter of the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Hoke presented Mr. Walter Bullock, Head Custodian, Ms. Sheila Clark, and Ms. Lena Dickens, Custodial staff, with certificates.

**FOCUS SCHOOLS:** Martin Millennium Academy Principal Kelly Ann Mudd provided a video presentation to the Board, "Unified K-8 School Community". MMA scholars shared statements informing the Board why MMA is a great school. MMA staff and students have a very close bond. MMA staff make students feel comfortable at school, build relationships with students, influence students to read different types of books, provide opportunities for students to help classmates in lower grade levels, and encourage students to participate in school clubs.

G. W. Carver Elementary School Principal Thomas Holland provided a PPT presentation to the Board, "G. W. Carver Growing Together". Carver Elementary received the NC Academic Growth Award for 2017-2018 school year. The school motto: "Be better today than you were yesterday and be better tomorrow than you are today". Carver staff are creating a positive safe, nurturing, literacy environment, and inviting place for students. Fourth grade students participate in "Dream Corners" that encourage students to think past fourth grade, past middle school, past high school, past college to challenge them to think ahead in their future, to visualize their goals and beyond. Teachers use several reading strategies and games to make reading fun. Students are also encouraged to be involved in "Knowledge is Power" and that reading is their super power.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Roy Gray recommended Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley as the District 2 board seat member. Mr. Gray stated that Ms. Worsley grew up in the Leggett community, graduated from North Edgecombe High School, and had two children to go to public school.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges requested that Mr. Bobbie Jones be removed from item (5.1) Interviewing of Board Seat Vacancy; and requested to add to the motion to go into closed session "(a) (8)" after (a) (6) and to add "and to consider the school safety components of school improvement plans". 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.

*Mrs. Lillie Ransome Worsley was asked to exit the meeting while Ms. Dolores Jones Faison was interviewed by the Board. Ms. Worsley was led to boardroom IV.*

**DISTRICT 2 BOARD SEAT VACANCY:** Ms. Dolores Jones Faison informed the Board she lives in, was raised in, and is a product of Edgecombe County from Speed, NC. Ms. Faison graduated from Conetoe High School, she is a former teacher, taught business law, practiced law, and feels she is the best candidate for the Board seat vacancy in District 2 for Edgecombe County Public Schools. Her son attended public schools. She would like to see year-round schools, a facility/housing development for staff to live in Edgecombe County, and for schools to have more flexibility in grading. She stated she is a fast learner and independent thinker. She feels she is qualified to fill the position and asked for the Board's vote to allow her to serve as a member of the Board for Edgecombe County Public School System for the remainder of the District 2 board seat term. Ms. Faison responded to questions asked by the Board.

*Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley was brought back to the meeting. Ms. Dolores Jones Faison was asked to exit the meeting while Ms. Worsley was interviewed by the Board. Ms. Faison was led to boardroom IV.*

Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley informed the Board she graduated from North Edgecombe High School, her children and grandchildren attended Edgecombe County schools. Ms. Worsley said

She feels there is always room for improvement. She would like to be given the opportunity to represent District 2 as a liaison between the schools and community. If selected she will serve to the best of her ability and familiarize herself with the Board operations and policies. Ms. Worsley responded to questions asked by the Board.

*Ms. Dolores Jones Faison was brought back to the meeting.*

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges distributed the District 2 board seat voting ballots and asked that the Board to mark their candidate choice, sign and date their ballot. Dr. Bridges read each ballot as it was voted by each Board Member. Dr. Bridges announced that there are 6 votes for Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley and 0 votes for Ms. Dolores Jones Faison.

The Board voted as follows:

<b>Round One</b>		
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Dolores Jones Faison</b>	<b>Lillie Ransome Worsley</b>
<b>Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Vice Chair Ann Kent</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Member William Ellis</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Member Evelyn Johnson</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Member Raymond Privott</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Member Marva G. Scott</b>		<b>X</b>

**Round One Results: Faison – 0 Votes Worsley – 6 Votes**

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson announced that Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley will be our new Board Member. Ms. Worsley will serve as the District 2 Board Member for the remainder of the term, which ends June 30, 2020.

Board Chair Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson thanked both Ms. Dolores Jones Faison and Ms. Lillie Ransome Worsley for coming tonight and informed Ms. Worsley that someone would let her know when the swearing-in would be scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges requested Board approval of corrections of the open session meeting minutes for August 13, 2018 on page 5, paragraph 1 to omit Camban - \$30,000 and change Anonymous from \$30,000 to \$3,000. A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the correction of the regular business board meeting open session minutes of August 13, 2018. 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 regular business board meeting open session minutes of October 8, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:** Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board W. A. Pattillo Middle School submitted a grant application to NC Aquariums and the school was awarded the grant funds in the amount of \$1,200.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a school field trips she approved that were submitted after the October 8, 2018 board meeting, but occurring prior to the November 19, 2018 board meeting.

**Princeville** (14529) – North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC; 10/25/2018; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.  
**NEHS** (14702) – Carver High School, Winston-Salem, NC; NE Little Warriors; 11/03/2018; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 10:00 p.m.  
**NEHS** (14564) – Greenville VA Healthcare Center, Greenville, NC; JROTC; 11/08/2018; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 2:00 p.m.  
**NEHS** (14508) – North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC; 11/13/2018; 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades; Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.  
**NEHS** (14562) – Hertford County High School, Ahoskie, NC; JROTC; 11/17/2018; Departure: 6:00 a.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.  
**Princeville Elementary** (14749) – Raleigh Christmas Parade, Raleigh, NC; Jr. Beta Club; 11/17/2018; Departure: 6:30 a.m. – Return: 2:30 p.m.  
**SWEHS** (14694) – Sharpsburg Town Hall Parade, Sharpsburg, NC; 11/17/2018; Marching Band; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 2:00 p.m.  
**MMA** (14511) – Museum of Life and Science, Durham, NC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; 11/20/2018; Departure: 8:30 a.m. – Return: 4:45 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a school fundraisers she approved that were submitted after the October 8, 2018 board meeting, but occurring prior to the November 19, 2018 board meeting.

**THS** Student Government Association Fundraiser with Tarboro Coffee House to Host a Game Night on October 16, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Charge Participants \$3 each  
**Princeville Elementary** Fundraiser to Host an Annual Fall Carnival on October 9, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Charge a \$1 Admission Fee and Charge \$.25 per Ticket for Games.  
**NEHS** FFA Fundraiser with Florida Indian River Groves to Sell Citrus Fruits and Apples for \$20 - \$60 on October 19 – November 1, 2018  
**SEMS** PTO Fundraiser with the Town of Tarboro on October 20, 2018; Abrams BBQ on October 27, 2018; and the Town of Macclesfield on November 3, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to Sell Roasted Corn on the Cob for \$3 each  
**Carver Elementary** PTO Fundraiser to Sell Raffle Tickets on November 2 – 15, 2018 for \$1 each  
**SEMS** Beta Club Fundraiser with Legacy Fundraisers to Sell Butterbraids on November 19 – December 3, 2018 for \$14 each

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Policy Committee: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the board policy revisions of the following policies, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

1310/4002 – Parental Involvement  
2110 – Board Member Elections  
2121 - Board Member Conflict of Interest  
2670 – Business Advisory Council  
3410 – Testing and Assessment Program  
3420 – Student Promotion and Accountability

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- 3430 – School Improvement Plan
- 3470/4305 – Alternative Learning Programs/Schools
- 4125 – Homeless Students
- 4130 – Discretionary Admission
- 4152 – Unsafe School Choice Transfer
- 5020 – Visitors at Schools
- 5025 – Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol
- 5030 – Community Use Facilities
- 6125 – Administering Medicines to Students
- 6140 – Student Wellness
- 6220 – Operation of School Nutrition Services
- 6305 – Safety and Student Transportation Services
- 6315 – Drivers
- 6401/9100 – Ethics and the Purchasing Function
- 6450 – Purchase of Services
- 6560 – Disposal of Surplus Property
- 7130 – Licensure
- 7130R – Licensure – Rescinded
- 7300 – Staff Responsibilities
- 7405 – Extracurricular and Non-Instructional Duties
- 7610 – Defense of Board Employees
- 7730 – Employee Conflict of Interest
- 7920 – Reduction in Force: Teachers and School Administration
- 8305 – Federal Grant Administration
- 9110 – Use of Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers at Risk
- 9120 – Bidding for Construction Work

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

**Field Trips:**

**Extended Day**

- NEHS (14517) – NC State University, Raleigh, NC; Senior Class; 11/26/2018;  
Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.
- NEHS (14703) – Pinetops Town Hall, Pinetops, NC; Marching Band; 12/01/2018;  
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 12:00 p.m.
- SWEHS (14695) – Princeville Town Hall, Princeville, NC; Marching Band; 12/01/2018;  
Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.
- NEHS (14704) - Princeville Town Hall, Princeville, NC; Marching Band; 12/01/2018;  
Departure: 12:00 p.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.
- NEHS (14705) – City of Roanoke, Roanoke Rapids, NC; Marching Bank; 12/02/2018;  
Departure: 10:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.
- NEHS (14563) – Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, NC; JROTC; 12/05/2018; Departure: 7:30 a.m. –  
Return: 5:30 p.m.
- NEHS (14706) – Williamston Town Hall, Williamston, NC; Band; 12/06/2018;  
Departure: 1:00 p.m. – Return: 6:30 p.m.
- SWEHS (14696) – Bethel Town Hall, Bethel, NC; Marching Band; 12/08/2018;  
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 12:00 p.m.
- NEHS (14707) – Bethel Town Hall, Bethel, NC; Marching Band; 12/08/2018;  
Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 a.m.

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NEHS (14708) – Oak City Town Hall, Oak City, NC; Marching Band; 12/08/2018;  
Departure: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NEHS (14709) – Whitakers Town Hall, Whitakers, NC; Marching Band; 12/08/2018;  
Departure: 1:00 p.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.

NEHS (14710) – Town of Tarboro, Tarboro, NC; Marching Band; 12/09/2018;  
Departure: 12:00 p.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

Pattillo (14671) – NC Central University, Durham, NC; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; 12/10/2018;  
Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m.

Pattillo (14672) - NC Central University, Durham, NC; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; 12/13/2018;  
Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m.

SWEHS (14698) – Hamilton Town Hall, Hamilton, NC; Marching Band; 12/13/2018;  
Departure: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

NEHS (14711) – Hamilton Town Hall, Hamilton, NC; Marching Band; 12/13/2018;  
Departure: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Evelyn Johnson 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.

**Fundraisers:**

**Bulluck Elementary** PTO Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme on November 20 - December 3, 2018 to Sell Coffee and Doughnut Certificates for \$8 - \$20

**Pattillo** Junior Beta Club Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme on November 20 – December 3, 2018 to Sell Doughnut Certificate for \$10

**Bulluck Elementary** Beta Club Fundraiser “Wear Jeans to School” on November 20, 2018; November 30, 2018; December 20, 2018 and January 1, 2019 and Charge Participants \$2 on each Date

**Carver Elementary** Junior Beta Club Fundraiser on December 6 – 19, 2018 to Sell Holiday Grams for \$1 each or 6 for \$5

**Bulluck Elementary** PBIS Fundraiser with Webby’s Snoball to Sell Snoballs on December 7, 2018 and April 18, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. and Charge \$2 (sm.), \$3 (med.), and \$4 (lg.)

**Pattillo** Junior Beta Club Fundraiser to Sell Secret Santa Candygrams on December 10 – 21, 2018 for \$.25 each

**Carver Elementary** Junior Beta Club Fundraiser to Sell Tickets for Brunswick Stew by the Quart on January 7 – 16, 2019 for \$8 each to be Prepared On/Picked Up on January 18, 2018

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 Raymond Privott to approve the submission the NC Arts Council Grant application, 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 of obligation of purchase order payable to NCDPI in the amount of \$254,691 (Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety One Dollars) for three (3) new school buses, 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 Marva G. Scott to approve of the 2018-2019 EECHS Calendar, ECPS Traditional Schools Calendar, & iZone Schools Calendar Addendums, 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 Raymond Privott to approve the request to submit the 2019 First Robotics Competition Rookie Grant application, 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 request to submit 2019 First North Carolina/Duke Energy Foundation Team Grant application, 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 request to Submit Breakfast Expansion Grant application, 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 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, 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, and to consider the school safety components of school improvement plans. 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 Raymond Privott to approve the extra-curricular activities – winter sports 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 Evelyn Johnson to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of October 8, 2018, as presented in closed session. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**ITEM FOR ACTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the 2018-2019 District and School Improvement Plans, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges asked the Board to return their copies of the School Improvement Plans for edit updates. Dr. Bridges said she would like to review the School Improvements Plans with the Board at their next board retreat.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges shared a letter with the Board received from Melissa Michaud, Tharrington Smith Law Firm, regarding the Scholar Teachers Program collection options for scholarship donations. Dr. Bridges informed the Board that the first co-hort students graduate in May, 2019 and will begin college in August, 2019.

Board Attorney Deborah Stagner discussed with the Board the process/structure needed in place for donations and payout of student scholarships to comply with state law. Mrs. Stagner said a nonprofit foundation should be in place prior to accepting and disbursing donations and that a donor agreement should be prepared.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe  
County Board of Education

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_