

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

February 11, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

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

Board Member Absent:       Ann Kent, Vice Chair

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 make a correction on page 2, section (8.1.A) to change the 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip #15578 school from NEHS to THS. Dr. Bridges requested items (12.1) Facility Fees; (12.2) EDGE Awards; (12.3) Work Session; (12.4) Board Retreat; and (12.5) Education Channel be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Board Member Lillie R. Worsley to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Ms. Wanda Smith, Coker-Wimberly Elementary Bookkeeper, as the employee of the month. Ms. Hoke presented Ms. Smith with a certificate. Mr. Greg Sessoms, State Farm Agent, could not attend the meeting, but will provide Ms. Smith with a gift card.

*Board Attorney Deborah Stagner arrived at the meeting.*

FOCUS SCHOOLS: iZone Schools' Principal Jennifer O'Meara and Principal Donnell Cannon provided a presentation to the Board on the innovation at Coker-Wimberly Elementary, North Edgecombe High and Phillips Middle Schools. The iZone schools provide higher Math courses in middle and high schools, more hands-on projects, and a new start for students to be better learners. Teachers and scholars shared their innovative teaching/learning experiences and programs that engage design thinking, improve learning skills, and promotes a culture of achievement and innovation for students to be empowered with developing skills in communication, problem-solving, creativity, self-reflection, and collaboration on a daily basis.

**FOCUS SCHOOLS:** Micro School – Phillips Middle/NEHS’ teachers and scholars provided a presentation to the Board on “I Have a Recognition”. Reach Associate Delmonika Vick shared the extraordinary work the scholars are doing by learning how to take a bold look and learn strategies that support their becoming the architects of their own lives beyond school for their future. The scholars begin the day with recognitions which builds collaboration; creates better social-emotional learning experiences and relationships; and promotes an impact that can transfer their lives to be in a better place.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested a correction on page 2, paragraph 4, line 1; to add “Principal Craig Harris provided an overview of the school’s presentation.” A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the regular business board meeting open session minutes of January 14, 2019, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott 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 January 14, 2019 board meeting, but occurring prior to the February 11, 2019 board meeting.

**Extended Day**

**NEHS** (15346) – EECHS, Tarboro, NC; JROTC; 01/21/2019 (MLK Jr Holiday); Departure: 9:15 a.m. – Return: 2:00 p.m.

**Extended Day & Overnight**

**SEMS** (15365) – Joseph K Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club; 2/05/2019-02/06/2019; Departure: 02/05/2019 at 6:00 a.m. - Return: 02/06/2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**W. A. Pattillo Middle School** (15596) – Joseph K Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club; 2/05/2019-02/06/2019; Departure: 02/05/2019 at 6:00 a.m. - Return: 02/06/2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**SWEHS** (15590) – Croatan High School, Newport, NC; Parkerton Inn, Cape Carteret, NC; Wrestling Team; 02/08/2019 – 02/09/2019; Departure: 02/08/2019 at 12:30 p.m. – Return: 02/09/2019 at 9:45 p.m.

**SWEHS** (15593) – JDL Fast Track; Baymont Inn Winston-Salem, NC; Boys Track Team; 02/08/2019 – 02/09/2019; Departure: 02/08/2019 at 1:15 p.m. – Return: 02/09/2019 at 10:00 p.m.

**THS** (15564) – Rosewood High School; Holiday Inn Express, Goldsboro, NC; Wrestling Team; 02/08/2019 – 02/09/2019; Departure: 02/08/2019 at 1:00 p.m. – Return: 02/09/2019 at 10:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board of school fundraisers she approved that were submitted after the January 14, 2019 board meeting, but occurring prior to the February 11, 2019 board meeting.

**Phillips Middle School** Band Fundraiser to Sell BBQ Chicken Plate Tickets for \$7 each on January 15 – 28, 2019

**THS** Spanish Class Fundraiser to Seek Donations via DonorsChoose.org on January 22 – February 4, 2019

**SWEHS** Varsity Cheerleaders Fundraiser to Seek Donations/Sponsorships from Local Businesses on February 5 – 18, 2019

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

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

**Field Trips:**

**Extended Day**

**W. A. Pattillo** (15120) – Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, Chapel Hill, NC; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; 02/15/2019; Departure: 7:15 a.m. – Return: 3:45 p.m.

**THS** (15578) – Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Girls/Boys Basketball Team & Cheerleading Team; 02/16/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 p.m.

**MMA** (15344) – International Civil Rights Museum, Greensboro, NC; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; 02/21/2019; Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 5:15 p.m.

**NEHS** (15384) – NC Museum of Natural Science, Raleigh, NC; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade; 02/22/2019; Departure: 8:30 a.m. – Return 6:00 p.m.

**EECHS** (15441) – ECU, Greenville, NC; Science Olympiad Students; 02/23/2019; Departure: 6:00 a.m. – Return: 7:00 p.m.

**NEHS** (15348) – Lee County High School, Sanford, NC; JROTC; 03/02/2019; Departure: 7:30 a.m. – Return: 7:00 p.m.

**W. A. Pattillo** (15437) – Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC; STEM Club; 03/07/2019; Departure: 7:30 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m.

**NEHS** (15592) – NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC; JROTC; 03/08/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 6:45 p.m.

**Princeville** (15560) – Jennet’s Pier, Nags Head, NC; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; 03/13/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

**NEHS** (15347) – Hoke County High School, Raeford, NC; JROTC; 03/16/2019; Departure: 5:15 a.m. – Return: 6:30 p.m.

**NEHS** (15345) – NC State Legislative Building, Raleigh, NC; JROTC; 03/20/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

**W. A. Pattillo** (15438) – SciFest, Durham, NC; STEM Club; 04/05/2019; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m.

**Princeville** (15022) – UNC at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; 04/05/2019; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

**MMA** (15552) – Asheboro Zoo, Asheboro, NC; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; 05/10/2019; Departure: 6:00 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.

**Out-of-State & Overnight**

**SWEHS** (15463) – Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Westgate Myrtle Beach Lodging, Myrtle Beach, SC; Varsity Cheerleading Team; 03/15/2019 – 03/17/2019; Departure: 03/15/2019 at 3:00 p.m. – Return: 03/17/2019 at 8:00 p.m.

**W. A. Pattillo** (15381) – Millennium Broadway New York Times Square Hotel, New York, NY; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; 04/10/2019 – 04/12/2019; Departure: 04/10/2019 at 12:00 a.m. – Return: 04/12/2019 at 12:00 a.m.

**EECHS** (15026) – Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington; Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA and Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington, DC; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade; 04/11/2019 – 04/14/2019; Departure: 04/11/2019 at 7:00 a.m. – Return: 04/14/2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Fundraisers:**

**Coker-Wimberly** Fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell Items Ranging up to \$25 each on February 12 – 25, 2019

**NEHS** Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme to Sell Donut Certificates for \$8 each on February 12 – 25, 2019

**MMA** Drama Club Fundraiser to Sell Candy Items for \$1 each on February 19 – March 4, 2019

**Phillips Middle School** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme to Sell Donut Certificates for \$8 each on February 19 - March 4, 2019

**MMA** Fundraiser to Collect \$1 Donations at the Annual Black History Program held at ECC Keihin Auditorium on February 26, 2019

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**NEHS** Athletics Fundraiser with FanCloth to Sell Hoodies, T-shirts, Hats, etc. from \$15 - \$36 on March 1 – 14, 2019

**G. W. Carver** PTO Fundraiser to Sell Raffle Tickets for \$1 each Game Wristbands for \$15 each from March 2 – 15, 2019; and to Host their Annual Carnival on March 15, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the consent items, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION:** A motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott to approve the Cooperative Innovative High School Renewal Agreement between Edgecombe Early College High School, Edgecombe County Public Schools and Edgecombe Community College Effective March 15, 2019 – March 14, 2024, 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 William Ellis to approve the North Edgecombe High School (NEHS) submitting the NELA 2.0 Cohort (4 & 6) Continuing Support/Continued Professional Development Grant Application to NC State University, 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 North Edgecombe High School (NEHS) submitting the NELA 2.0 Cohort (4 & 6) Continuing Support Innovation Fund Grant Application to NC State University, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

*Board Member Evelyn Johnson arrived at the meeting.*

A motion was made by Member William Ellis to approve the 2018-2019 ECPS Traditional Schools and Edgecombe Early College High School, & iZone Schools Calendar Addendums, 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 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 Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**OPEN SESSION:** A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott 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 William Ellis to approve the regular business meeting closed session minutes of January 14, 2019, 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 H. Bridges shared with the Board that the Carver Alumni Association had submitted a Facilities Use Application requesting to use the SWEHS track on April 13, 2019 at a reduced hourly fee rate. The Board requested that the Carver Alumni Association Facilities Use Application be brought for board approval at the March 11, 2019 board meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges shared with Board that Upward Basketball representative, Mr. Van Holland, submitted a Facilities Use Application to use the THS gymnasium on February 23, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at a reduced rate of \$500 to conduct an Awards Banquet and the grades 3-4 and grades 5-8 basketball tournaments. A motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott to approve the request of the fee reduction in the amount of \$500 for the Upward Basketball program to use the THS gymnasium on February 23, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. pending the Facilities Use Application being submitted prior to the event. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges shared with the Board that ECPS administrative staff would like to combine the EDGE Awards and Retirement Banquet on June 6, 2019 at the Keihin Auditorium and serve heavy hors d'oeuvres. The consensus of the Board is to combine the EDGE Awards and Retirement Banquet on June 6, 2019 at the Keihin Auditorium and serve heavy hors d'oeuvres

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested that the Board consider scheduling a Work Session meeting on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the ECPS Barnhill conference room to discuss the ECPS Professional Development Center Renovation, Princeville Elementary School Renovation, and the School Resource Officers (SROs). The consensus of the Board is to hold a Work Session meeting on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges requested that the Board consider scheduling a Board Retreat on March 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to discuss the school district improvement plans and Board Attorney Deborah Stagner will conduct a training on board meetings open and closed sessions. The consensus of the Board is to hold a Board Retreat on March 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie H. Bridges informed the Board the Education Channel was having viewing problems. A meeting is scheduled with SuddenLink tomorrow to install the service programing and the channel will be up and running.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Raymond Privott 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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe  
County Board of Education

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

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