

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

July 30, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent: Olga Dickens

Others Present: Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent
 Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Reida Roberts, Director of AIG/ECP/Pre-School
 Paula Flythe, Director Elementary Schools
 Erin Swanson, Director of Innovation
 Deborah Stagner, Board Attorney
 Rose Cole, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair 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 Bridges requested that item (3.4.A) Approval of Princeville Elementary School to operate a school store for the purpose of promoting positive school spirit be removed from the agenda. Dr. Bridges requested that (3)B Items for Information; (3.1.B) North/Phillips Micro School of Innovation Pilot for 2018-2019; (3.2.B) iZone Schools Bell Schedule for 2018-2019; (6)A Items for Actions; and (6.1.A) Approval of iZone Schools Bell Schedule for 2018-2019 be added to the agenda. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard requested that item (4.2.2) Student Transfers/Tuition Waiver Request be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Member Marva G. Scott to approve the agenda, as amended. 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 Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Exceptional Children Program contracts for 2018-2019, 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 contract between ECBOE and Kinetic Physical Therapy & Wellness, Inc. to provide speech services for 2018-2019, 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 Contract between ECBOE and Kinetic Physical Therapy & Wellness, Inc. to provide occupational therapy 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 2018-2019 Organizational Chart, 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 Marva G. Scott to approve the MOU between Edgecombe County Public School and NC State College of Education, 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 and Director of Innovation Erin Swanson informed the Board that ECPS plans to implement and test a new school model at Phillips Middle School and North Edgecombe High School designed through their participation in the Transcend+NewSchools Collaborative. The model North/Phillips Micro School of Innovation Pilot is designed to support students in becoming the architects of their own lives and has a primary focus on project-based, interdisciplinary learning, and building student resilience. Fifteen (15) Phillips Middle School 8th graders and fifteen (15) North Edgecombe High School 9th graders will participate in the pilot during the 2018-2019 school year. There is the possibility of expansion during the 2019-2020 school year and full implementation of the new model during the 2020-2021 school year.

Director of Innovation Erin Swanson reviewed with the Board the proposed iZone Schools Bell Schedule for 2018-2019. Mrs. Swanson stated this schedule will promote the teachers across all three iZone Schools to be able to engage in collaborative after-school professional development and bring the school end times closer together. This proposed bell schedule will also create a cost savings of approximately \$30,000 by combining the North Edgecombe High School and Phillips Middle School bus routes.

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 Evelyn Johnson 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 Evelyn Johnson and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ADDENDUM TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR SUPERINTENDENT: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the First Addendum to Employment Contract for Superintendent to extend Dr. Valerie H. Bridges contract from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as discussed in closed session. 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 iZone Schools Bell Schedule for 2018-2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____