

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 22, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

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

Board Member Absent: Olga Dickens  
Evelyn Johnson

Others Present: Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent  
Dr. Marc Whichard, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Stacey Stewart, Assistant Superintendent  
Susan Hoke, Community & Communications Coordinator  
Melissa Michaud, 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.

RECOGNITION: Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Colonel Mike Whitehurst, JROTC at SouthWest Edgecombe High School, as the employee of the month.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard recognized coaches and members of the Tarboro High School Varsity Football Team and congratulated them for winning the 1AA State Football Championship. This is the fifth state championship the football team at Tarboro High School has won.

West Edgecombe Middle School Principal Claude Archer stated their focus is on educating and developing the whole child. Ms. Rebecca Stokes, Digital Literacy Coach, presented a PowerPoint presentation on “Learning Corners”. Ms. Stokes showed how their school media center was transformed by adding new furniture, whiteboard tables and moving around bookshelves. Students can communicate, debate and co-teach curriculum in the learning commons without being in the confines of a classroom. Scholars shared with the Board how the great features of the new learning corners are incorporated into their academic learning activities and how they comprehend learning history, mathematics, practice writing, communicate with pen pals and exchange videos from China in a fun way. The Scholars stated that Ms. Stokes is always willing to provide guidance and help answer questions they may have. Mr. Archer stated that Ms. Stokes is the heartbeat for WEMS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Member William Ellis requested that agenda items (12.1) Calendar Suggestions for Future School Calendars and Vice Chair Ann Kent requested that (6.3) G. W. Bulluck Elementary School be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the open session minutes of December 11, 2017, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:** Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of school field trips she approved that were submitted after the December 11, 2017 board meeting, but occurring prior to the January 22, 2018 board meeting.

**Extended Day**

**NEHS** (11654) – Bethel Town Hall, Bethel, NC; Marching Band; 12/16/2017; Departure: 2:00 p.m. – Return; 6:00 p.m.

**SWEHS** (11655) – Bethel Town Hall, Bethel, NC; Marching Band; 12/16/2017; Departure: 8:30 a.m. – Return; 1200 p.m.

**MMA** (11649) – Koka Booth Amphitheate, Cary, NC; Grade 4; 01/12/2018; Departure: 2:00 p.m. – Return: 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of a school fundraiser she approved that was submitted after the December 11, 2017 board meeting, but occurring prior to the January 22, 2018 board meeting.

**Pattillo Middle School** Jr Beta Club Fundraiser to Host a Winter Dance on January 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Charge a \$5 Admission Fee

Vice Chair Ann Kent informed the Board that G. W. Bulluck Elementary School had teaching going on via Facebook during the days schools were closed due to the winter weather. Mrs. Kent stated this was an awesome educational opportunity for students on snow days. Principal Hillary Boutwell shared with the Board how her teachers went to great lengths so their students could continue their learning from home by converting the snow day into an e-learning day using their computers and tablets. The staff posted a notice on Facebook the night before stating that they were going live the next day to teach lessons in 30 minutes sessions from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. They received over 5,000 views, these views were not only from their students, but also from other districts interested in the lessons. Martin Millennium Academy staff joined on the second day at their site. There is now interest from the staff in doing lessons on Saturdays or during spring break.

**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 William Ellis and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

**Policy Revisions**

Policy #1310/4002 – Parental Involvement

Policy #1510/4200/7270 – School Safety

- Policy #1800 – Governing Principle – Stewardship of Resources
- Policy #2310 – Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Policy #2400 – Board Policies
- Policy #3000 – Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program
- Policy #3100 – Curriculum Development
- Policy #3110 – Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction
- Policy #3115 – Curriculum and Instructional Guides
- Policy #3220 – Technology in the Educational Program
- Policy #3230/7330 – Copyright Compliance
- Policy #3300 – School Calendar and Time for Learning
- Policy #3450 – Class Rankings
- Policy #3460 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy #3530 – Citizenship and Character Education
- Policy #3540 – Comprehensive Health Education Program
- Policy #4040/7310 – Staff-Student Relations
- Policy #4155 – Assignment to Classes
- Policy #4240/7312 – Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations
- Policy #4600 – Student Fees
- Policy #6125 – Administering Medicines to Students
- Policy #6321 – Bus Routes
- Policy #6340 – Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- Policy #6420 – Contracts With The Board
- Policy #6430 – Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
- Policy #6440 – Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies (*Rescinded*)
- Policy #6442 – Vendor Lists
- Policy #6450 – Purchase of Services
- Policy #6520 – Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies
- Policy #6524 – Network Security
- Policy #6560 – Disposal of Surplus Property
- Policy #7130 – Licensure
- Policy #7240 – Drug-Free And Alcohol-Free Workplace
- Policy #7510 – Leave
- Policy #7530 – Military Leave
- Policy #7810 – Evaluation of Licensed Employee
- Policy #7900 – Resignation
- Policy #7930 – Professional Employees: Demotion and Dismissal
- Policy #7940 – Classified: Personnel Suspension and Dismissal
- Policy #8210 – Grants and Funding for Special Projects
- Policy #8510 – School Finance Officer
- Policy #9110 – Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers at Risk
- Policy #9115 – Prequalification of Bidders for Construction Projects
- Policy #9120 – Bidding for Construction Work

Policy #9400 – Sale, Disposal and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property

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

**Field Trips:**

**Overnight:**

**G.W. Bulluck Elementary** (11821) – Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club; 02/05/2018 – 02/06/2018; Departure: 02/05/2018 at 6:30 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**G.W. Carver Elementary** (11676) – Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club; 02/05/2018 – 02/06/2018; Departure: 02/05/2018 at 6:00 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**South Edgecombe Middle** (11550) – Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC; Jr Beta Club; 02/05/2018 – 02/06/2018; Departure: 02/05/2018 at 6:00 a.m. – Return: 02/06/2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**Extended Day**

**Pattillo Middle** (11634) – NC Central University, Durham, NC; STEAM Club; 03/20/2018; Departure: 7:00 a.m. – Return: 3:30 p.m.

**Out-of-State & Overnight:**

**G.W. Bulluck Elementary** (11926) – Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA; Grades 1-5 Mathfest Competitors; 03/23/2018 – 03/25/2018; Departure: 03/23/2018 at 8:00 a.m. – Return: 03/25/2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**Fundraisers:**

**G. W. Bulluck Elementary** Jr Beta Club Fundraiser to Host a Jeans Days from January 23-25, 2018 and Charge Participants \$1 per Day

**G. W. Bulluck Elementary** MathFest Club Fundraiser Seek Business and Community Sponsors for the MathFest Regional Finals from January 24 - February 6, 2018 and Sponsors Select a Package Ranging from \$100 - \$1,000

**G. W. Bulluck Elementary** Girls On the Run Club Fundraiser to Seek Business and Community Sponsors for the Annual National Girls on the Run Event from February 1-14, 2018 and Charge Participants \$1 per Day

**MMA PTO** Fundraiser to Host a Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance on February 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Charge a \$7 Admission Fee per Ticket

**THS** Air Force JROTC Fundraiser with HWY 55 Diner to Sell Pancake Breakfast Tickets for \$5 each from February 3 – 16, 2018

**Coker-Wimberly Elementary** Fundraiser to Host a Sweetheart Ball on February 15, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Charge a \$10 Admission Fee

**G. W. Bulluck Elementary** MathFest Club Fundraiser with Scratch Off Cards from February 15-28, 2018 and Supporters Donate the Amount Revealed Ranging from \$.50 - \$3

**MMA PTO** Fundraiser to Host a Spring Carnival on May 4, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sell Wristband for \$10 and Tickets for \$1 for Participation in Various Activities and Events

A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott 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 Marva G. Scott to approve the Instructional Services Agreement between Edgecombe County Public Schools and Edgecombe Community College Effective January 25, 2018 – June 1, 2018, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member William Ellis, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the 2017-2018 ECPS Traditional

Schools and Edgecombe Early College High School Calendar Addendums, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott, and with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent 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 Member Raymond Privott to approve the personnel management list, as discussed in closed session. 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 closed session minutes of December 11, 2017, 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: Member William Ellis suggested to the Board:

- 1) That ECPS schedule exams prior to the Christmas break. Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke informed the Board that the Administrators are meeting this week to discuss pushing the Christmas break into January.
- 2) That ECP change the January pay date to earlier in the month to set off the length of the pay periods between December and January.

Vice Chair Ann Kent informed the Board that she been requested to serve on the Scholarship Committee at Edgecombe Community College.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

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Approved by the Edgecombe  
County Board of Education

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

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