

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

October 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.

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

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

RECOGNITION: Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized Mrs. Hazel Lewis, Digital Leadership Coach at W. A. Pattillo Middle School, as the employee of the month.

Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke recognized the Edgecombe County Board of Education for receiving the NCSBA Silver Bell Award.

G. W. Bulluck Elementary School Principal Hillary Boutwell presented a PowerPoint presentation on “Why Holistic Child Development” and provided the Board with a handout. Mrs. Boutwell stated their focus is on educating and developing the whole child – mind, spirit, body and heart. Mrs. Boutwell shared programs they utilize that align resources to student’s multiple needs, and advocate for a more balanced approach to meet the rigor that is needed in the instructional classrooms and throughout the school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Yolanda Thigpen, a resident of Princeville, shared with the Board that she feels it would be in the best interest of the Princeville community to rebuild the school.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

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

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Board Chair Evelyn S. Wilson asked that Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard's name be removed from the minutes. Dr. Whichard was not present at the meeting. A motion was made by Member Raymond Privott to approve the open session minutes of September 27, 2017, as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Marva G. Scott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Mr. Thom Moton, United Way Tar River Region Chairman, 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 over \$12,000. Special recognition was given to Community & Communications Coordinator Susan Hoke and all the school staff for their hard work and support. Mr. Moton stated that when United Way succeeds, the lives of 63,000 plus families are improved. United Way has helped provided 25,000 meals and tools to help 4,000 elderly citizens to live independently.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of school field trips she approved that were submitted after the September 11, 2017 board meeting, but occurring prior to the October 16, 2017 board meeting.

Extended Day

- SWEHS** (10526) – Walmart, Tarboro, NC; Marching Band; 09/19/2017; Departure: 6:00 p.m. – Return: 8:00 p.m.
- THS** (10712) – Fayetteville State University; NEHS/SWEHS/THS Students; 09/30/2017; Departure: 6:30 a.m. – Return: 6:00 p.m.
- SWEHS** (10624) West Craven High School, Vanceboro, NC; Marching Band; 09/30/2017; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 p.m.
- SWEHS** (10627) – John A. Holmes High School, Edenton, NC; Marching Band; 10/07/2017; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 p.m.
- NEHS** (10481) – Southern Lee County High School, Sanford, NC; JROTC; 10/14/2017; Departure: 5:00 a.m. – Return: 8:30 p.m.
- SWEHS** (10628) – Pasquotank High School, Elizabeth City, NC; Marching Band; 10/14/2017; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:45 p.m.
- EECHS** (10818) – Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; EEC Students; 10/16/2017; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.
- WEMS** (10524) – Talley Center, Raleigh, NC; 6-8 Grade Band & Chorus; 10/19/2017; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.
- THS** (1525) – Clayton High School, Clayton, NC; Marching Band; 10/21/2017; Departure: 11:00 a.m. – Return: 11:30 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bridges informed the Board of school fundraisers she approved that were submitted after the September 11, 2017 board meeting, but occurring prior to the October 16, 2017 board meeting.

- C-W Elementary** PTO Fundraiser with RTS Screenprinting, Inc. to Sell T-shirts for \$8 on September 12-22, 2017
- MMA** Fundraiser to Collect Donations of New Underclothes for the Flood Victims in Houston, TX on September 12-24, 2017
- MMA** Fundraiser with the Candyman to Sell Merchandise from \$5 - \$20 on October 10-23, 2017

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C-W Elementary Fundraiser to Host a Fall Festival on October 12, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sell Wristbands for \$15 each and Tickets for \$.25 each

Princeville Elementary Fundraiser to Host an Annual Fall Festival on October 12, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Charge a \$1 Admission Fee and Sell Tickets for \$.25 each

SWEHS National Honor Society Fundraiser with Krispy Kreme to Sell Doughnut Certificates for \$8 each on October 13-26, 2017

SWEHS Yearbook Club Fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolate to Sell Candy Bars for \$1 each on October 16-27, 2017

Reverend Richard Joyner, Conetoe Chapel Missionary and Family Life Center, thanked the Board for their support of the Gardening Program and the Bee Bus Project. Rev. Joyner stated these programs help our communities to be sustainable by providing jobs and getting locally grown foods into our communities and schools by working with MMA Principal Keith Parker and Director of Child Nutrition Ruth McDowell. Through community supported agriculture (CSA), the children learn how to grow and harvest vegetables and honey. Sales proceeds are invested in the farm, youth health programs and after-school education and has enabled them to build a state of the art technology system. Gardens are currently in Pinetops, on the North side of Edgecombe County and at MMA. Rev. Joyner thanked the Board for their trust in these programs and for putting their trust in him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

Field Trips:

Extended Day

SWEHS (10629) – Greene Central High School, Snow Hill, NC; Marching Band; 10/21/2017; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 11:00 p.m.

Carver (10577) – NC Museum of Natural Science, Raleigh, NC; 5th Grade; 11/02/2017; Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 5:30 p.m.

NEHS (10485) – C. B. Aycock High School, Pikeville, NC; JROTC; 11/04/2017; Departure: 6:00 a.m. – Return: 8:00 p.m.

SWEHS (10630) – Havelock High School, Havelock, NC; Marching Band; 11/04/2017; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 11:45 p.m.

Stocks (10811) – Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh, NC; Kindergarten; 11/08/2017; Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 4:30 p.m.

NEHS (10720) – Triton High School, Erwin, NC; JROTC; 11/11/2017; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 4:00 p.m.

MMA (10734) – North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC; 7th Grade; 11/28/2017; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 4:30 p.m.

NEHS (10486) – Franklinton Center at Bricks, Whitakers, NC; JROTC; 12/09/2017; Departure: 9:00 a.m. – Return: 2:00 p.m.

Carver (10503) – Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh, NC; 2nd Grade; 03/02/2018; Departure: 8:15 a.m. – Return: 5:00 p.m.

Carver (10562) – NC Aquarium, Manteo, NC/Bodie Island Lighthouse & Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nagshead, NC; 4th Grade; 04/27/2018; Departure: 8:00 a.m. – Return: 7:00 p.m.

Extended Day & Out-of-State

Transportation (10714) – Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, Williamsburg, VA; AIG Students (All Schools); 11/20/2017; Departure: 6:45 a.m. – Return: 10:00 p.m.

Fundraisers:

Pattillo/MMA Spirit Night Fundraiser with Pizza Inn on October 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Stocks Fundraiser with The Candy Man to Sell a Variety of Gifts for \$8 and up on October 19– November 2, 2017

Carver Chorus and PTO Fundraiser with Schermer Pecans to Sell a Variety of Candied and Baking Pecans from \$10 - \$12.00 on October 24 – November 6, 2017

MMA Art Department Fundraiser with Squarrel Art to Sell Student Artwork on bags, mugs, mouse pads, coasters, pillows, etc. from \$5 - \$60 on October 27 – November 9, 2017

MMA PTO Fundraiser with Pizza Inn on November 6, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SWEHS Varsity Women’s Basketball Team Fundraiser with All Star Sports Products to Sell T-shirts, Sweatshirts, & Hoodies for \$15-\$30 on November 14 – 27, 2017

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION: Approval of Princeville Elementary School was tabled.

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 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 Vice Chair Ann Kent to approve the Extra Curricular Activities-Fall Sports, 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 Marva G. Scott to approve the closed session minutes of September 11, 2017, as presented 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 closed session minutes of September 27, 2017, as amended 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: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Ann Kent to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Raymond Privott and, with a unanimous vote, approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valerie Bridges, Superintendent

Approved by the Edgecombe
County Board of Education

BY: _____
Evelyn S. Wilson, Chairperson

DATE: _____