

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
November 1, 2016**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in joint session with the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m., in the Pasquotank Elementary School Media Center. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

	Ms. Sharon Warden, Vice-Chairman	
Mr. Harvey Beasley		Mr. Walter Jolly
Ms. Virginia Houston		Mrs. Pam Pureza
Dr. Denauvo Robinson		

The following Central Office and District staff members were present:

Dr. Larry W. Cartner, Superintendent
Mr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Joanne Sanders, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Andrew Cox, Finance Officer
Ms. Tammy W. Sawyer, Community Schools Director/Public Information Officer

The following Board of Commissioners members were present:

	Mr. Joseph Winslow, Chairman	
Mr. Jeff Dixon		Mrs. Bettie Parker
Mr. Frankie Meads		

The following Pasquotank County staff members were present:

Mr. Rodney Bunch, County Manager
Ms. Sheri Small, Finance Officer
Ms. Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board.

Dinner provided by the Pasquotank Elementary School Cafeteria was served at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Cartner recognized Mr. Michael Thompson, Child Nutrition Director, and thanked him for the delicious meal.

Vice-Chairman Warden called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Winslow called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

Ms. Warden welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Mr. Winslow commented on the importance of education, especially to a Tier 1 county. He thanked the Board of Education and staff for the work they are doing.

Ms. Warden commented on the poverty training professional development held on October 31, 2016, for school system staff and that was also open for the public. She indicated extremely pertinent information was shared.

Dr. Cartner indicated that the definition of poverty and the difference in poverty and low income surprised most folks at the training. He discussed ways poverty impacts IQ and thinking processes.

Dr. Cartner presented a PowerPoint that provided information/updates on:

- What Have We Been Doing?
- Celebrations!!
- Progress to Date...
- Opportunities...
- Funding...
(During the funding comments, Dr. Cartner provided information regarding the legislative changes in class size requirements and discussed the financial impact it will have on the district, as well as districts across the State.)
- Major Initiatives
- Looking Ahead...

Dr. Cartner also provided copies of:

- List of 2015-16 CTE Credentials earned by students
- Year One Review of ECPPS Strategic Plan
- ECPPS Report Card

Dr. Cartner updated Commissioners on the outreach efforts he made to community groups/organizations to get information out about the One-Quarter (1/4) Sales Tax Referendum

Dr. Cartner informed Commissioners that 1200 Chromebooks were delivered today and students in grades 3, 7 and high school English would begin using those devices in January. Teachers will receive devices in the near future to become familiar with them. He thanked Commissioners for their support for the 1:1 initiative.

Dr. Cartner informed members that we are having fun, not everyone is, but most are and "your" public schools are doing very good work.

Mr. Winslow thanked Dr. Cartner for the presentation and information.

Mrs. Parker thanked the Board of Education and staff for all they are doing and indicated the school system is being energetic about getting things done.

Mrs. Houston indicated she appreciates the opportunity for both boards to dialogue and the commitment to opening up dialogue and opportunities among all facets of the community. She commented on the workshop held recently on poverty issues and stated that while working on strategies to assist students in poverty, you are doing good for all children and if you lift one group, you lift all.

Mrs. Pureza commended the community group working on promoting the One-Quarter (1/4) Cent Sales Tax Referendum .

Vice-Chairman Warden and Board members expressed their appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for the continued support of the school system.

Mr. Winslow commented that both boards are working for the same purpose and thanked the Board of Education for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Pam Pureza and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Vice-Chairman

Secretary