



**Board of Education Meeting Highlights**  
**September 24, 2018**  
**J.C. Sawyer Elementary School**

- Chair Sharon Warden called the meeting to order.
- Students from the J.C. Sawyer Beta Club led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Joanne Sanders, Acting Superintendent, requested a moment of silence.
- The Board approved the agenda for September 24, 2018.
- Sharon Warden recognized the guests in attendance.
- Public Forum  
The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding recruitment, transportation requests, transparency, and accountability: Keith Rivers, representing Pasquotank County Branch NAACP and parent of ECPPS student; Antonio Rook, MSEN-ECSU Program Coordinator; Ron Payne, previous ECPPS principal; Angela Felton and Wilhelmina Welch, representing Das Danmine Family Fun Center; Johnnie Walton, representing the community of Elizabeth City
- Acting Superintendent Sanders shared information on the following:
  - NCSBA Silver Bell Award for the Board of Education in recognition of training completed last year.
  - TOY Report for Board – Dr. Sanders welcomed Sabrina Sears, 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year for J.C. Sawyer Elementary School, to share with the Board some thoughts on serving as Teacher of the Year for her school. ECPPS has Teacher of the Year representatives attend the monthly meetings to provide information for the Board.
- The minutes of the following meetings were approved:
  - August 27, 2018 (Regular Meeting)
  - September 17, 2018 (Committee Meetings)
- The following items were approved during the regular meeting on September 24, 2018:
  - Personalized Education*
    1. Beginning Teacher Support Plan
  - Financial, Business and Technology Systems*
    1. Fundraising Requests (1<sup>st</sup> semester)
    2. Budget Resolution
  - Excellent Educators*
    1. Elections
    2. Resignations (information only)
    3. Reassignments
    4. Leaves of Absence
    5. Coaches
- Board Member Reports: Board members shared that they are excited to see students involved in extracurricular activities. Members also mentioned former ECPPS student athletes for their current successes at their universities. They encouraged families to attend the book fairs going on throughout the district and announced that the elementary schools will be a part of The Battle of the Books this year. A shout-out was given to the media coordinators in the district for all their hard work for the students of ECPPS.

Board members shared that they were pleased to see how well ECPPS handled the recent storm. They also gave recognition to the staff that had to take on additional roles due to the leadership change. They are making decisions putting children first. They state that the district is moving in the right direction and have confidence in Dr. Sanders and her team.

- The Board moved into Closed Session for the purpose of considering personnel actions that involve employees of the Board as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).
- Board moved back into Open Session and approved for Dr. Joanne Sanders to transition from acting superintendent to interim superintendent effective October 1, 2018.
- The meeting was adjourned.

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