

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
December 2, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.
Special Session/Organizational Meeting

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in special session/organizational meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the administrative offices on Halstead Boulevard. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Ms. Sharon Warden, Chair

Mr. George Archuleta

Ms. Pam Pureza

Dr. Shelia Williams

Mrs. Virginia Houston (*Joined via conference call – arriving prior to the reorganization*)

Mr. Walter B. Jolly

Dr. Denauvo Robinson

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Superintendent

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer

Meredith Collins, Assistant Finance Officer

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO & Exec. Asst. to Board & Supt.

Bert Lane, Director, Title I

Others in attendance:

John Leidy, School Board Attorney

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Warden called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Superintendent Edmonds led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Chair Warden adjusted the agenda to have Karen Dameron share information on Policy 7241. Ms. Dameron provided proposed changes for policy 7241 which requires Board approval prior to January 2020. The proposed changes were sent to the district in November. The proposed changes will ensure ECPPS policy is in compliance with DMV Clearinghouse requirements that go into effect January 2020.

III. Board Reorganization

Chair Warden announced her decision to step down as chair of the Board prior to nominations for chair being opened. She turned the meeting over to Superintendent Edmonds for the purpose of Board Reorganization.

Superintendent Edmonds opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

George Archuleta nominated Dr. Denauovo Robinson. With no additional nominations coming before the Board, nominations closed. Dr. Sheila Williams moved to approve the nomination of Dr. Denauvo Robinson as chair, seconded by Walter B. Jolly.

Dr. Denauvo Robinson was elected chair by acclamation.

Dr. Robinson asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Robinson opened the floor for vice-chair nominations. Virginia Houston nominated Sharon Warden for vice-chair. George Archuleta nominated Pam Pureza. Mrs. Pureza declined the nomination. With no additional nominations coming before the Board, nominations closed. Houston moved that Board approve Sharon Warden as Vice-Chair, seconded by Pam Pureza.

Sharon Warden was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

IV. Closed Session

A motion to enter closed session was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta. The Board met in closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential by law, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1); to confer with the Board attorney regarding a matter within the attorney client privilege and to preserve that privilege, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3); and to discuss confidential personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Upon the board's motion to enter closed session, the following members of the Board of Education were present: Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair; Sharon Warden, Vice-Chair; George Archuleta, Virginia Houston, Walter B. Jolly, Pam Pureza, and Dr. Shelia Williams. Also present were Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Rhonda James-Davis, Karen Dameron, and Tammy Sawyer remained. Closed session began at 5:00 p.m.

During closed session, the board and staff discussed personnel matters and consulted with the Board Attorney.

A motion to come out of closed session was made at 5:38 p.m. by Pam Pureza, seconded by Virginia Houston and unanimously carried. Full and accurate minutes of the closed session will be kept on file in the superintendent's office, but are to be withheld from public disclosure, so as to not frustrate the legitimate purposes of this closed session.

Following the closed session, a motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Virginia Houston, and carried to approve the recommendation from Superintendent Edmonds to offer employment to candidates for Chief Academic Officer, Child Nutrition Director and Transportation Director. Board member, George Archuleta, opposed.

IX. Other

Edmonds shared that Kam's Toybox will hold an event on December 15th at the Thorpe administration building from 2 to 4 pm, for kids to bring in their PBIS tickets in exchange for a toy.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Shelia Williams, seconded by Walter B. Jolly, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Chair

Secretary