

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
February 20, 2018**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in joint session with the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m., in the Weeksville Elementary School Media Center. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

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| | Ms. Sharon Warden, Chair | |
| Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Vice Chair | | Mr. Walter Jolly |
| Mrs. Virginia Houston | | Mrs. Pam Pureza |

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. Amber Godfrey, Technology Director
Ms. Tammy W. Sawyer, Community Schools Director/Public Information Officer
Ms. Angela Cobb, Principal, Weeksville Elementary School

The following members of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners were present:

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| | Mr. Cecil Perry, Chair | |
| Mr. Jeff Dixon | | Dr. William Sterritt |
| Mr. Charles Jordan | | |

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.
Sheriff Randy Cartwright

I. Call to Order

Chair Warden called the Board of Education meeting to order.

Chairman Perry called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

Ms. Warden welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She shared information on the following items of interest and encouraged Commissioners to participate

March 1st – Read-A-Thon in honor of Dr. Seuss
March 1st – Career/Technical Education Employer Conference
March 9th – Explore ECPPS: Tour of Schools
March 22nd – Spelling & Geo Bees

Mr. Perry commented members of the Board of Commissioners are certainly willing to participate in district events. He spoke of the importance of building relationships with students.

II. Updates

Dr. Cartner shared a PowerPoint Presentation that covered the following topics:

- 2017-18 Source of Funds
(State 67.5%, Local 22.7%, Federal 9.8%)
- HVAC at Northside Elementary
(Provided history of system, short-term & long-term fixes, the recommendation moving forward– NCDPI Engineers have evaluated the system and recommend a complete replacement with an estimate replacement cost of \$2,000,000)
- High School Track Renovations
(Recommended replacement of the NHS track in Summer of 2018 and the PCHS track in Summer of 2019)
- Class Size Reduction
(Shared information on changes in legislation and district average daily membership)
- 1:1 Chromebook Implementation / Phase III
(Projected to add for Grades 5, 6 and High School Math in 2018-19)
- School Level Requests
(Activity Buses; Supplies; Personnel; Capitalized Equipment and Facility Repair – also shared information on Energy Audit Options; Outside Influences on Budget)
- School Resource Officers
(Discussion regarding the Board of Education’s desire to have officers in elementary schools; Sheriff Cartwright discussed issues surrounding the request and offered to research options and discuss the options with district officials)

- $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax
(Board of Education members requested that the Board of Commissioners place the $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Referendum on the upcoming primary ballot and on the November general election ballot if not approved on the primary ballot)

Following Dr. Cartner's presentation of each topic, members of both boards dialogued about the topic.

III. Dialogue with Boards

Mr. Jeff Dixon discussed changes proposed to after school transportation to youth clubs for students. He indicated he was appreciative of the school system's effort to find ways to cut costs, however, he felt the cost would not outweigh the benefit to children.

Ms. Sharon Warden assured Mr. Dixon that Board Members had reviewed the information staff compiled regarding efforts to make the transportation department more efficient and had decided to look at other ways. She indicated the current Board members will do everything they can to ensure the current transportation to youth centers is continued.

Dr. William Sterritt indicated that as a former educator he wants to be a strong voice for schools. He commented on the outstanding people he knows that went through the school system, including his own son.

Mr. Cecil Perry shared comments made by Nelson Mandela and the need for leaders and others to be "real smart." He commented on the need for the boards to work to educate citizens on the $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Referendum in order to better the school system and community.

Ms. Sharon Warden thanked Commissioners for a wonderful relationship and commented on the work of the school system and her pride in students.

Mr. Jolly thanked each Commissioner for the hard work they are doing. He asked for a round of applause for County Manager Bunch in recognition of his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his years of service to Pasquotank County.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business , the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.
Adjourned at 7:26

Secretary

Board Chair