

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
January 17, 2017**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

	Ms. Sharon Warden, Chair	
Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Vice Chair		Mr. Barry Overman
Mrs. Virginia Houston		Mrs. Pam Pureza
Mr. Walter Jolly		Dr. Sheila Williams

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, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Tammy W. Sawyer, Community Schools Director/Public Information Officer

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Warden called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Dr. Cartner led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

III. Approval of Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Walter Jolly, seconded by Dr. Sheila Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. Recognition of Guests

Chair Warden recognized guests present and thanked everyone for attending.

V. Superintendent's Report

The following "Employees Exceeding Excellence" were recognized:

Janet Demetres, Cindy Jennings, Karen Kidd, Jennifer Kresicki, Betty Meads, Sharon Meads, Lynn Spruill, Gwen Stevens, Martha Taylor, Caren Williams and Liz Wooten were recognized for renewing National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification.

School Social Workers Elizabeth Batson and Midge Hudyma were recognized for going above and beyond during the holidays to meet the needs of families.

Dr. Cartner recognized Board Members in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

Tammy Sawyer, PIO, presented gifts prepared for Board Members by students in honor of Board Appreciation Month which included cards, videos, plants, 3-D logo art, pottery and paintings.

Dr. Cartner recommended revisions to the 2016-17 school calendar due to days missed for snow/ice on January 9, 10 and 11, 2017.

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Dr. Sheila Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the recommended changes to the 2016-17 calendar.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Dr. Denauvo Robinson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016 (regular meeting) and January 5, 2017 (Board Retreat).

VII. Action Agenda

Financial, Business and Technology Systems

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Walter Jolly, and unanimously carried to accept the 2015-16 Audit Report as prepared and presented by Donna H. Winborne, CPA, P.C.

A motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Walter Jolly, and unanimously carried to accept the bid submitted by Comfort System USA (Mid Atlantic), in the amount of \$367,932.00 to replace two 250 ton Air Cooled Chillers at Pasquotank County High School.

A motion was made by Walter Jolly, seconded by Virginia Houston, and unanimously carried to approve the 2016-17 (second semester) Fundraising Requests.

The Monthly Building Rental, Monthly Maintenance and Monthly Roof Inspection Reports were presented for information.

Policy:

A motion was made by Barry Overman , seconded by Pam Pureza and Walter Jolly, and unanimously carried to approve PLS Updates (October 2016).

Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Denauvo Robinson, seconded by Barry Overman, and unanimously carried to go into closed session for the purpose of considering personnel actions that involve employees of this Board as allowed by NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) and for the purpose of discussing a student matter as allowed by NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1).

Upon the board’s motion to enter closed session, staff and guests exited the board room. Dr. Larry Cartner, Mr. Steve Lassiter and Dr. Joanne Sanders remained for the meeting.

Members discussed employee recommendations, personnel matters and a student matter.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Pam Pureza, 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.

Excellent Educators

Following closed session, a motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Walter Jolly and unanimously carried to approve the following:

Resignation (information only):

NAME	LAST	SITE	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE
Davia	Banks	Pasquotank	Cafeteria Assistant	December 28, 2016

Elections:

NAME	LAST	SITE	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE
Cullen	O'Brien	PCHS	Science Teacher	January 13, 2017
Christopher	Doepker	PCHS	Social Studies Teacher	January 3, 2017
Rachel	Pizano	PW Moore	Intervention Teacher	January 3, 2017
Jennifer	Durham	RRMS	Math/Science Teacher	January 3, 2017
Chenice	Shaw	RRMS	Social Studies Teacher	January 3, 2017
Traci	Pierce	JC Sawyer	Paraprofessional Exceptional Children	January 3, 2017

Sheronda	Rountree	PCHS	Paraprofessional Exceptional Children	January 3, 2017
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Coaches:

NAME	LAST	SITE	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin	Rouson	ECMS	Head Boys' Basketball Coach
Tony	Royal	ECMS	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
Wendy	Kobiela	PCHS	Swim Coach

Leaves of Absence:

NAME	LAST	SITE	ASSIGNMENT	BEGINNING DATE
Adriane	Walker	ECMS	Math Teacher	December 19, 2016
Tameka	Jackson	RRMS	Science Teacher	January 3, 2017

Dr. Cartner and Board Members discussed Reform Model Options available for Low Performing Schools (Transformation Model, Restart Model, Turnaround Model and School Closure) to keep them out of the pool of potential schools to be part of the State's Achievement School District. There was lengthy dialogue about the options available and the need to make decisions in the best interest of children.

A motion was made by Dr. Denauvo Robinson, and seconded by Walter Jolly, to place P. W. Moore Elementary School and Elizabeth City Middle School in Transformation Model taking them out of the State's Achievement School District pool and to accept the recommendation of the superintendent to place Pasquotank Elementary School and River Road Middle School in Restart Model taking them out of the State's Achievement School District pool. Voting for the motion were Walter Jolly, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Barry Overman and Virginia Houston. Voting against the motion were Pam Pureza and Dr. Sheila Williams. The motion carried.

VIII. Public Forum (Citizen Comments to the Board)

There were no requests to appear before the Board.

IX. Board Member Reports

Board members commented on the many activities going on in the system and reported on their attendance at events.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary