

JOINT BOCC/BOE Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

6:00pm

D.F. Walker Elementary School

Multipurpose room

125 Sandy Ridge Road

Edenton, NC 27932

This meeting was recorded. A copy of the recording is in the meeting file labeled June 18, 2019.

Commissioners Present Chair Patti Kersey, Commissioners Greg Bonner, Ron Cummings, Don Faircloth, Larry McLaughlin, Bob Kirby and Ellis Lawrence

Staff present County Manager Kevin Howard, Board Clerk Susanne Stallings

Edenton Chowan Board of Education Members present: Jean Bunch, Eugene Jordan, Paul Clifton, Maxine Mason, Ricky Browder, Joan White and Gill Burroughs.

Edenton Chowan Schools Staff present: Dr. Rob Jackson Superintendent and Sarah Hare, Clerk

(Minutes of the Board of Education meeting are summarized below an official copy of the Board of Education minutes can be obtained through the Clerk to the Board of Education's office).

Special Meeting

Board of Education Chair Gene Jordan called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order.

Chair Kersey called the Board of Commissioners special meeting to order.

Demographic Research Presentation

Dr. Jerome McKibben with McKibben Demographic Research, LLC provided a PowerPoint presentation on his findings. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation as well as the Population and Enrollment Forecast report is in the meeting file labeled June 18, 2019.

He noted the forecast projects makes many assumptions and highlighted the following:

- There is no recession at any time during 10 years of the forecasts
- Mortgage interest rates stay below 5.0%
- Housing turnover rates (sale of existing homes in the district) will remain at their current levels. The majority of existing home sales are made by home owners over the age of 60.

The forecasted district population change from 2010 to 2020 is projected to decrease -2.0%.

The 2010 census by elementary area shows 30.1% of the population with persons under the age of 18.

The percentage of householders who own homes age 35-54 is 33.2%. Those that are 65 and older that own homes are 30.8%.

Mr. McKibben reviewed enrollment estimates and noted the following:

A change of -12.7% from 2018 to 2028 for Elementary enrollment.

Total population forecast for Edenton-Chowan year 2010 14,793; year 2020 14,500; year 2025 14,190 and year 2030 13,790.

Commissioner Kirby discussed his concern over the impact of mortgage rates. He stated this is a national issue and will not only impact Chowan County. He stated he could not see why this would impact any migration flow.

Mr. Browder discussed the need to recruit residents that are of child bearing age to Chowan County.

Mr. McKibben stated that Chowan County has a wonderful downtown area and water and sewer. He stated that often a successful school district will have 80% of its students move out of the County and not return. He stated many of those that move to Chowan County did not go to school here. He added that bringing good jobs will help solve this problem.

Chair Kersey discussed the significant events that are noted in the report such as Hurricanes. She asked if an interstate being built would be a significant event.

Ms. Bunch discussed the needs for senior housing in Chowan to free up housing to young families.

Commissioner Kirby asked if any of the assumptions in the report were negative impacts.

Mr. McKibben reviewed the list noting which are positive or negative.

Mr. Jordan thanked Mr. McKibben for the report and information. He then recessed the Board of Education meeting.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Chair Kersey declared the Commissioners meeting adjourned.

Patti F. Kersey, Chair

Susanne Stallings, Clerk