

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN AT
Monday, February 22, 2021, VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING**

This document summarizes formal actions taken on substantive matters at the virtual special meeting of the Northampton County Board of Education on February 22, 2021. This document is provided for the convenience of the public and does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting. For details such as the precise substance of main motions, any subsidiary motions, the names of members who made and seconded motions, staff presentations and public comments, and the times the meeting was called to order, recessed, reconvened, and/or adjourned, please consult the official minutes of this meeting, which are maintained as audio or video recordings and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent and on the Board of Education website.

Members Present: Rhonda Taylor, Chair; Marjorie Edwards, Vice Chair; Lucy Edwards, Josephine Dunn, Barbara Stephenson, Theresa Scott, Tony Burnette, Dr. Pamela Chamblee, ex officio
Others Present: Administration and interested parties

The Board convened the Board Meeting at 2:06 p.m. Chair Rhonda Taylor, Dr. Marjorie Edwards, Ms. Lucy Edwards, Ms. Josephine Dunn, Ms. Barbara Stephenson, Mr. Tony Burnette participated in the Board Meeting virtually and Ms. Theresa Scott participated in-person in the Board Meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Approval of Agenda. Ms. Scott made a motion, Seconded by Ms. L. Edwards to approve the Board Agenda as presented. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Reopening of Schools.

Dr. Chamblee informed the Board that Senate Bill 37 has successfully passed the House and Senate and it is now under consideration with Governor Cooper. This afternoon I am requesting to allow Northampton County Schools to reopen on March 15, 2021 giving parents the in-school option for children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade to reopen under Plan A, which requires 5 days per week and grades 6 through 12 to also reopen 5 days per week, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This also gives us time at the end of the day to sanitize the buildings and make sure that we have disinfected properly.

Dr. Chamblee further stated that I would like to put out there to make sure that our parents understand that if they select to have their children return to in-person learning that they understand that all of the safety protocols that are put in place must be adhered to. For an example, we are going to continue to follow the “3W’s”, wear your masks appropriately, and wearing a mask appropriately means wearing it over their nose and over their mouth. With that said, we do have face shields for anyone who struggles with that and we just want parents to know and understand that we are going to ask for their support for following everything that we have in place as far as safety. If students refuse to follow the safety protocols, then they would have to return to a virtual option. So we want to make sure that we put that out there and that people know and understand that. Therefore, Board Members if you grant the reopening of schools on March 15th, we want to give parents until March 22nd to make a definitive decision, meaning if your child is going to attend

school virtually or if they are going to attend the brick mortar school in person, that they remain in that track until the end of the school year, because logistically we will not be able to keep switching people back and forth, because we will know how many are coming on this day, we will have our spacing right in the classroom, we will have desk shields to help protect the students, we will have about 10 desks in every classroom, and logistically it just will not be feasible for us to continue to switch back and forth. We will allow parents to do a dry run the entire week of March 15th to see what works best for them then by March 22nd they will need to make their final decisions, because that would require us to get bus routes corrected, and calculate how many students are on the bus this day, and so forth. We want to make sure that we are following the CDC recommendations and the NC Department of Health & Human Services' recommendations. Therefore, we are going to ask for flexibility that first week of March 15th starting that week.

Chair Taylor asked Dr. Chamblee if she said the students would return on Option A?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Chair Taylor that is correct, I said Option A.

Chair Taylor asked Dr. Chamblee if she means that is for elementary and middle school students?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Chair Taylor that is would be for grades 6-12. We know that we have the option of selecting Option B, but we also know and understand that some of our older siblings in the district look out for their younger siblings and for us it is just easier to have all of our students back and easier for us to do it that way, because with the high schools and their scheduling you have students that may take a class on Monday and it is just easier for us to plan with the high school scheduling if we just have our kids back on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chair Taylor thanked Dr. Chamblee for clarity regarding Option A.

Dr. Chamblee asked the Board Members if they had any questions at this time.

Attorney Rod Malone asked Dr. Chamblee if he could ask her a clarifying question in that if the Governor vetoes the Bill and or there are some changes between now and then to address some concerns that the Governor has raised, although nobody really knows exactly what is going to happen, but if it is vetoed are you still proposing to go back on March 15th somewhat regardless, which is fine, because I just want to make sure I am following you correctly?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Attorney Malone stating that is correct, because we recently believe that this Bill has bi-partisan support and so we know that even if the Governor vetoes it there is still enough votes to override his veto if that was to occur. Therefore, we want to be in a position where we have plenty of time to plan and to think about mitigating any circumstances that may come up so that gives us plenty of time to make certain that we have all of our protocols and safety measures in place and we are ready for our students to come back.

Attorney Rod Malone informed Dr. Chamblee that all of that makes sense. I just wanted to make sure that the recommendation would be the same regardless of what happens with the Bill.

Ms. Dunn asked Dr. Chamblee if all of the schools have a schedule that they go by for making sure that the desks are sanitized and so forth and so on? Is each school making it's own schedule for the classroom?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. Dunn that they will, with district input, and what I mean by that we have already had our custodians trained on how to sanitize properly and disinfect. Also, the teachers will know as well and we will put our eyes on every classroom and every building to make sure it is taken care of. This is something that we did months ago, such as we had already taken out some desks to make sure that they were six feet apart, because we did not anticipate that this would go on this long so we were already prepared and have already ordered PPE. We have masks for students and staff, face shields for students and staff, we have our temperature checks, our hand washing stations, and everything that we are supposed to have.

Mr. Burnette asked Dr. Chamblee that if you are proposing on everybody going back on March 15th, how are you going to handle the school buses and the children social distancing on the buses? Can you share with us what that looks like?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Mr. Burnette that we are still planning to have social distancing on the buses and those siblings who live in the same household can sit on the same seat. Logistically, with the numbers that we had to return on the survey and now remember we had about 37% of the parents who asked for in-person. This is an option for the parents, because some parents still opted for their children to remain virtual and those students will still remain virtual. So we are only talking about that 37% of parents who asked for an in-person option. The full district will not be back, because some parents still want the option of their children to remain virtual and they still would have that option.

Mr. Burnette informed Dr. Chamblee that he wanted to make sure that we are clear on this, because if we vote on this and the word goes out publicly that we are fully back in school on March 15th and everybody sends their kids at one time, including the ones that said they were going to stay on virtual, are we in a position to handle that?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Mr. Burnette that she is very clear on it and when you look at the survey again, we asked parents their preference in the survey. Therefore, we had about 37% who said they opt for the in-person option. With that we had over 60% who still said they want to remain remote and remember I preferenced this by saying give us the week of March 15th through March 19th of that week to make sure that we are flexible and we are going to give the parents until March 22nd to make up their minds to have a definitive answer. So if they change their minds and I don't believe it will be that many that will change their minds and once they make up their minds on March 22nd, they will remain in that learning mode until the end of this school year. If not Mr. Burnette, just like anything else it is a trial run and we will see if we have to make more than one run with the buses then that is what we will have to do. Therefore, this is a trial and error for us as well, because initially coming back I don't think it will be that many parents who are going to change their minds from a virtual presence. Also, we still have our teachers who are slated to be vaccinated on Wednesday, March 24th and it will be their first vaccination. We still have some parents who are still a little skeptical about that and they want to make sure so they still have the option of having their kids have access to their learning devices and we will be able to

work in either mode. So if more parents send their kids back, then we will have to work it out. We are prepared for that and we know that is what might happen. Siblings can sit on the same seat and then we will do every other seat for non-siblings, but those students who come out of the same household we don't have to separate those students. Therefore, we will see if more parents send them back then we will definitely have to work it out with Transportation.

Mr. Burnette asked Dr. Chamblee if there is anyway possible for them to be proactive, and I know you guys are already doing this, and what I mean by proactive is by having members of each school staff reach out to their parents letting them know what comes out of this meeting to try to get a definite "yay" or "nay" from them on which direction they are going so we would at least have some type of understanding come March 15th on what we are looking at. I know it is a dry run, but at the same time can we reach out to those parents at home?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Mr. Burnette that we have already done that Mr. Burnette and that is how I am able to give you those numbers.

Chair Taylor informed Dr. Chamblee that she was asked a question about the surveys so can we do a mailing to send home to the parents or a telephone call to the parents, because some parents are not going online to do the survey and that is part of the problem.

Dr. Chamblee responded to Chair Taylor that the principals did that last week. She further informed her that all of the principals had their staff to call all of their parents last week. We anticipated that and we made those calls last week. All of the principals once again, made those calls to make certain that parents understood. The principals and their staff took care of that last week and they just updated us with a Google form and they provided us with the updates. Therefore, we try to think of everything that could possibly come up. Now, are we going to get it perfect the first week, probably not, because we are just getting back and there are going to be some people who will change their minds and decide that I thought this would work for me, but I think this will work better. That is why we are giving them until March 22nd to give us their definitive learning mode that they are selecting for their children. Then, once they select that mode those students will have to remain on that mode until the end of the school year. Yes, Board Members I appreciate your comments, but we have taken care of that.

Chair Taylor informed Dr. Chamblee that she wanted to thank her for going the extra mile.

Dr. Chamblee informed the Board Members that we want this to work, we want it to be safe, and we are trying to do this in a safe manner as well.

Dr. M. Edwards informed Dr. Chamblee that just to be clear, I think you have touched on every avenue so as far as to call every parents' household, it also sounds like you sent out the survey, it has been responded to, and then the third thing is that you used trial and error or a positive if they decided to change their minds. Therefore, I think just to be clear that you have hit on everything I believe that our parents are concerned about and they do have the option at the end of March 19th or if they decide that this is not for them before the 15th then they can still remove their child. I just want to make sure that we are clear and that every option has been looked at if necessary to make changes within that week, because certainly we have parents that have concerns and we

want to try to answer and respond to each and every one of them.

Dr. Chamblee responded to Dr. M. Edwards that we did not just start planning a week ago. Our planning has been ongoing, because none of us anticipated this. Remember, we started preparing for the reopening of schools back in July. So this has been ongoing planning for us and our team has met multiple times in anticipation along with every director and every person in their respective areas. We have even vetted the Tool Kit that came down from the CDC to make sure that we have in our plans every suggestion that they have to mitigate the spread of this virus and we have vetted through this multiple times.

Dr. M. Edwards informed Dr. Chamblee that she wanted to thank her and her staff for all they have done and for all of their hard work. I know you have a lot of PPE equipment, wipes, temperature takers and so forth, the staff, and custodians are wiping down, and the shields are ready for our students and staff. Like I said, nothing is going to be perfect, because it is a trial run just the same and we have to pray that all will work out to satisfy our staff and students at this particular time.

Dr. Chamblee informed the Board that they are also going to meet with the staff and principals a couple of times prior to March 15th. We are not just letting them go on their own we are making sure that every teacher will know and understand about disinfecting, the proper protocol, the six feet, and even how to serve lunch. The students will not eat lunch in the cafeteria they will be served in the classrooms as the cafeteria workers will bring the food to the classrooms. When students remove their masks there is to be no talking during lunchtime and the custodians will have the garbage bags there at the classrooms so that all of the trash and debris will be deposited right there so that it limits the movement of students having to do that. When students need a break or they are getting tired we will have them stand up beside their desk, but if you will notice we have one hour less in the actual in-person until 2:00 p.m. So that gives us time and we will make sure teachers understand that not having a break from the masks or what have you so we are going to review processes and procedures with every staff at least twice before March 15th so that everybody understands.

Ms. Dunn asked Dr. Chamblee if she minded if any of the Board Members attends any of those meetings that you are having with the staff? Will you send us those dates and times?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. Dunn that she does not mind if the Board attends them.

Dr. M. Edwards added thank you for that as well Dr. Chamblee, because it will be nice for us to know in case we are asked questions, because we are servants of the citizens.

Dr. Chamblee responded to Dr. M. Edwards absolutely we can do that. One of the key factors is that we want parents to understand that if they choose the in-person option that they will support their children following the safety protocols that have been established and put in place. If their child for some reason cannot follow the protocols then they are going to have to go to the remote option of learning, because this is not something that I am going to play with.

Ms. Dunn asked Dr. Chamblee has the Bus Drivers been scheduled for their vaccinations as well?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. Dunn that Mr. Barfield is working on that and thus far Mr. Andy Smith is saying that on Wednesday, February 24th it will be for all school personnel at Central Elementary School at around 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. Dr. Chamblee further stated that she will get that information out, but she will need to touch basis with Mr. Smith one more time prior to putting that information out.

Ms. Stephenson asked Dr. Chamblee if that vaccination for school personnel includes School Board Members for those who have not received one yet?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. Stephenson that yes, she would definitely make sure that she tells him that the Board Members are included, because any of us who will be in and out of these buildings who work for the school system or with the school system should be included in that count. Again, the vaccinations will not be at Central Services it will be at Central Elementary School.

Chair Taylor asked the Board Members if they have any more questions?

Mr. Burnette informed Chair Taylor that he has one more question. Mr. Burnette stated that he knows that he has asked this question before, but it keeps rolling back in my mind. Dr. Chamblee, can you talk to me bout the school buses one more time. You said we are prepared with the school buses on March 15th.

Dr. Chamblee responded to Mr. Burnette that is correct and I was just reminded that the elementary school students don't have to social distanced. So the social distancing will come with the middle and high school students.

Mr. Burnette stated that he did not know that about the social distancing with those grade levels.

Ms. L. Edwards asked Dr. Chamblee if she was going to have separate high school, separate elementary, and separate middle school buses?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. L. Edwards yes we are. We have to have it that way because of the way the CDC has put it out in the Tool Kit. Dr. Chamblee asked the Board Members if they have a copy of the Tool Kit, if not, she stated that she would like to give them a copy so that you can see that we are going to follow all of the recommendations and guidelines that have been established for the reopening of schools. Again Board Members, we have been planning this since July so this is not something that just happened or we just thought about it haphazardly. We have been planning for reopening every since the summer. We feel confident in what we have and that is why we have all of that PPE already in the district just waiting to go, because we were anticipating reopening months ago so this is not a surprise to us or something that just caught us off guard. What we are going to do is just review the policies and procedures with everybody and with all of the staff members. Dr. Chamblee thanked the Board Members for their questions and she informed them if they have any other questions to please feel free to ask.

Chair Taylor informed the Board Members that if there are no more questions, she would like to entertain a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to reopen the schools on Plan A effective March 15, 2021.

Dr. M. Edwards made a motion, Seconded by Ms. Scott to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to reopen all schools on Plan A effective March 15, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with an option of virtual learning. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Dr. M. Edwards informed Chair Taylor that there is a question in the chat box. Dr. M. Edwards read the question as follows: Will there be extra teachers for remote learning or will teachers teach remote and in-classroom learning? The question came from someone by the name of Bradshaw.

Dr. Chamblee responded to the question stating that we will not be hiring extra teachers for remote learning. What we are doing is that those teachers who are more comfortable with the virtual learning those teachers will handle the virtual learning part and those teachers who are more comfortable with brick and mortar will handle the in-classroom learning. There may be some instances where we have some co-teaching opportunities going on, but we definitely will not employ more teachers for that. Also, there may be some blended learning in terms of when students are home with remote learning that they will have the opportunity to remote in and see what it taking place in the classroom as well, but no it does not call for us to employ more teachers for that.

Ms. Stephenson asked Dr. Chamblee how are you all going to handle parental visits on that day or that week, especially the younger group, because parents like to visit?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. Stephenson that we will not be having any parental visits with COVID. Now if they want to come to the main office and wait for their child if they have come to pick them up, but obviously with the nature and gravity of dealing with this type of situation we are not having school visits.

Ms. Stephenson stated that she understands and it is very important that the parents understand that as well.

Dr. Chamblee informed the Board Members that the parents are going to receive guidelines. I don't think that was said earlier, but the parents will receive guidelines, because I do want them to sign off to say that they are going to support all safety measures as it relates to their child, which means taking temperatures and things like that. Therefore, Ms. Stephenson I cannot risk having various people down the halls or in the classrooms when we have students who will be six feet apart. That will just not be part of our protocol at this point, because we cannot risk that.

Dr. Chamblee asked the Board Members are there any other questions?

Chair Taylor informed the Board and public at large that we a now down to the next agenda item, Approval of Athletics.

Approval of Athletics.

Dr. Chamblee reminded the Board Members that they were a part of the presentation that Mr. Privott and Mr. Long gave during the Board Retreat. In helping to build back up our students' desire to want to come and be in school where athletics has always been a big part of helping with that, I do want to give the remaining sports to students to have the opportunity to be involved in those sports following those strict protocols and guidelines put in place by the NCHSAA following the plan that you heard Coach Privott present, because we are having the face-to-face in-school option of giving the opportunity to open athletics. If we unfortunately encounter such a COVID case or something, then we would shut down just like all other schools have done, but we clearly plan to follow those guidelines that have been put in place by the NCHSAA and the plan of action for student protection by our Athletic Director and coaches for the remaining spring sports.

Mr. Burnette informed Chair Taylor that he would like to move forward with a motion to move forward with our athletics for this year, effective immediately. Dr. M. Edwards seconded the motion.

Mr. Burnette further stated that he would like to address the citizens who are on the call today. I know that the athletic department brought forth a fantastic presentation during our last Board Retreat. They gave us a lot of information about athletics and about moving forward. Also, it just came up during our last Board Meeting and I didn't feel comfortable going forward with athletics, and the rest of our Board Members either, with our schools being closed. Now, with our schools being reopened, I feel that it is safer for us move forward with our athletics and give our young people the opportunity to play. Our Athletic Directors have a good program in place for our youth and I feel that this is a good time to move forward with it.

Ms. L. Edwards stated that she wanted to make sure that we reiterate to our parents that even those students who are learning virtually will have the opportunity to participate in athletics. You know sometimes that is a question, but we know we can't deny them. Therefore, our parents do need to know that those students are eligible for athletics. Am I right Dr. Chamblee about that?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Ms. L. Edwards stating that they are definitely still our students whether they are in-person that they would definitely have that opportunity. I also would like to say to just remind the parents of the students who decide to remain virtual that their children are expected to be connected everyday so they can't opt out. I really want to make sure that I put the emphasis on that and if you remain virtual you are expected to be connected with us everyday online. I thank you Board Members for these questions, because it only helps us to get stronger. This is not my show or the staff's, this is all of us pulling this wagon together and doing what is best for our students in the interest of Northampton County and making sure that all of us have the responsibility of making sure that these protocols are followed. I am talking to the principals, the staff, teachers, teacher assistants, custodians, and cafeteria workers, because all of us have to work this together and if we follow the plans that are established and are in place, there is no reason for us not to be successful at this. Districts who have been open since the beginning, and they have managed to carry this out without incident and we need to be able to do the same. Board Members, we are going to have what you call isolation rooms in every school that if we check temperatures, not only when they first arrive, but throughout the day. So if we find anybody with a

temperature that has spiked then that person would be immediately removed and placed in the isolation room, and then handled accordingly, which most likely would mean someone would need to pick them up just to be on the safe side. Everything we do we are going to air on the side of safety and I assure you all I will not negotiate when it comes to safety for our children so that means everybody has to be on point. So if we tell the teachers that facemasks must cover the nose, the mouth, then I don't expect a teacher to tell a student, "Well you can take a break and pull yours down". I am not expecting to have that to happen so we will reinforce again, we will be meeting, you all will be invited, and I will let you know. We are going to meet with the staff and you all can join in and hear what the protocols are and how we plan to mitigate and get ahead of any situation. Of course, as always your opinions are invited and anything that you can think of that may be an extra step. We are going to put in all of the layers that we can possibly put in to make sure that we have a safe opening and remain that way until the end of the school year.

Chair Taylor informed Dr. Chamblee that she would like to add in regards to athletics that the students and the parents need to understand. Although we are allowing athletics to occur effective immediately, they have to pass their classes in order to play. If the students are not passing their classes they will not participate in athletics. So if they are not going online and they are not passing their classes they cannot play. That is the first important thing that the parents and the students need to remember and the reason we are going forward with this effective immediately is because we have had a lot of concerns, comments, and calls from students and parents in regards to athletics and number one, football. In order for us to even play football I just want to let people know that you have to have a certain number of practices in. Therefore, that is why we are moving forward now. Again, all safety protocols will be put in place and the reason that we are agreeing to this is because we have a definitive date to reopen schools.

Dr. Chamblee thanked Chair Taylor for her information and she informed her that she also wanted D. K. Edwards to address that as well, because we know that those protocols that were in place before have never changed so they know they have to pass a specific number of classes. We are not going to water down the curriculum, because our students will still be held accountable for passing the same assessment, the EOG's and EOC's as other students. So we are not going to water down the curriculum, because that would be unfair to students knowing that is not what they are going to see when they get to that State test. I will yield now for Dr. K. Edwards.

Dr. K. Edwards informed the Board and the community at-large that all of the NCHSAA protocols remain in tact and in addition to that for football, a student athlete must participate for ten days in a practice session before he or she is allowed to go on the field. The coaches have to keep a record of that, they also have to do the temperature checks, and maintain those mitigation things to lessen COVID so that the student athlete is successful. In addition, that will mean us running the athletic buses in the afternoon and we are working on that for student athletes that may need transportation after practice, but they must get 10 days in prior to putting on all of the equipment to participate in the game. At this point, our student athletes have the potential to participate in at least five games once the ten days is up for football.

Dr. Chamblee further stated that to the parents who are listening, those of you who are neighbors or parents, who talk to parents, please let them know that one way that we can remain in school is to please do not send your child to school if you know that they have a fever, they are coughing

excessively, or they appear to be sick. Please do not send our child to school on that day. This will help us to be in a position to remain open and to continue to offer in-person learning as an option. If you take your child's temperature that morning and his/her fever has spiked, please do not send them, but we are going to check temperatures as they board the buses as well. So there will be several checkpoints for temperature regulations in monitoring that. As I said before, we are not going lightly and we need everybody's cooperation so I need parents to know in advance if in-school is an option for you, please help us help you. I would rather that they stay out of school for a day or two than you send them, forbid they are infected, we don't want that to spread, and that is what we are trying to avoid. As long as we can avoid that we can have in-person learning.

Chair Taylor announced to the Board that if there is no further discussion regarding athletics we will carry out the vote.

Dr. Chamblee informed Chair Taylor that Ms. Theresa Scott just stepped out and she said her vote was affirmative. Ms. Scott left the Board Meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The motion to move forward with athletics for this year, effective immediately passed by a 7-0 vote.

Chair Taylor asked Dr. Chamblee if she had any other announcements?

Dr. Chamblee stated that we will share the protocols with you all that we plan to follow and invite you all to our open meetings that we will have with teachers and staff to ensure again that we all understand what we need to do to play our part in making sure that we can remain open as a school system. I will say that I definitely look forward to our students returning. This is kind of exciting to me because they have been gone so long. I welcome them back to their Northampton County home and I look forward to working with them and making sure that we are looking at what they need to be successful to end their year. Also, I want to thank you Board Members for voting to give us the opportunity to have this as an option. Again, we know that some students will remain virtual and that is okay, but as long as we are reaching our students and still teaching our students we are fine with that too, because every parent has to make a decision that is right for their household. We look forward to meeting these needs as a team and a team meaning parents, Board Members, teachers, staff, Central Services, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, transportation, and as well as maintenance. So we appreciate that and we will keep the communications open as we move forward closer to March 15th. Thank you everyone.

Dr. M. Edwards asked Dr. Chamblee will all information be made available to any parent, teachers, staff, or anyone who wants to know how we are dealing with this and will any concerns be addressed?

Dr. Chamblee responded to Dr. M. Edwards, yes they will and that is why we are having these meetings coming up with the staff and certainly to the parents. We are going to put something in the parents' hands and in addition to that I am also going to have an open forum, a virtual meeting where parents can call in and ask their questions as well. We will have an open session for parents as well to make sure that they are able to do that.

Dr. M. Edwards responded to Dr. Chamblee that no information is one thing, but having more than enough is even better. Thank you so much!

Dr. Chamblee shared with Dr. M. Edwards that you are welcome and we want this to be successful!

Mr. Burnette informed Dr. Chamblee that he would like to thank her and the staff for your hard work and for getting us to this point. I also want to thank our parents that are out there that has been waiting for this day to come. I ask you all to continue to please stay with us, support us in these endeavors, and together we will get through this. There is no doubt in my mind and I have never been any more optimistic about Northampton County Schools than I am right now. We do have the leadership in place to do exactly what we are doing right now and that is the important part. It is more important that we all stick together as a Northampton County Family. Together We Are Strong! Thank you Dr. Chamblee.

Dr. Chamblee informed the Board Members that they are very welcome and we thank you all as well.

Adjournment. Dr. M. Edwards made a motion, Second by Ms. L. Edwards to adjourn the Board Meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Pamela Chamblee, Superintendent