

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

PRESENT: Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Chair
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chair
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member

Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Division Superintendent & Clerk
Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Grimm, who arrived at 6:05 p.m. and Mr. Burns. **17-18: 061
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry, and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (3-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:31 p.m. to consider the appointment of personnel, a student discipline matter and a personnel matter. **17-18: 062
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm at 7:00 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (4-0 vote-roll call) that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed; and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered. **17-18: 063
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **17-18: 064
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the agenda as amended to include *Item 11.-F. – Approval of Governance Norms and Protocols to Superintendent's Report – Action.* **17-18: 065
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

There were none to be heard. **17-18: 066
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

BCHS Band

The Band participated in “Blast in the Draft” at Stuarts Draft High School on Saturday, September 23. In class AAA, the Band took first place in Color Guard; Music, Marching; General Effect; Visual Effect; and in its class. As the highest scoring band, BCHS was awarded Grand Champion.

On September 25, the BCHS Band performed in the opening ceremony at the D-Day Memorial Golf Tournament at the Cascades Golf Course. This was the band’s third year performing for the tournament. The band met Coach Frank Beamer, PGA Hall of Famer Donna Andrews, and three WWII Veterans.

KidWind

The latest issue of the VSBA Newsletter (2017, Issue 7, p. 4), featured a division spotlight article on Bath County Public Schools submitted by Ed Ozols, Developing STEM Skills using an Iterative Design Process for a Wind Turbine competition submitted by Bath County Public Schools.

Two BCHS students auditioned and were selected as members of the New “Old School” Virginia Opry Junior Pros. Guitarist **Zach Whitmore** (BCHS Sr.) and Fiddler **Eli Phillips** (BCHS Freshman) will perform with the Virginia Opry at the Historic Stonewall Theatre in Clifton Forge, Va.

VSBA Academy Awards

Award of Distinction	Mr. Roy Burns
	Mrs. Sue Hirsh
	Mrs. Cathy Lowry
Award of Honor	Mrs. Rhonda Grimm
Award of Excellence	Mr. Bryan Secoy

Dr. Mike Perry, BCHS principal, updated the Board on an event taking place tomorrow at the Omni Homestead Resort. VACTEA Conference leaders invited Mrs. Hirsh to provide opening remarks, BCHS band to perform the National Anthem, and BCHS culinary class to provide refreshments.

Dr. Perry expressed gratitude to Bath Community Hospital as they recently sponsored a perfect attendance ice cream social and served 70 students.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:

- **Minutes**
September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting and September 20, 2017 Joint Work Session
- **Claims**
An overview of expenditure summary for September 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 72550-72560, 72564-72574, Bills – 72561-72563, 72575-72645, Direct Deposit – 2283-2286. Food Service Payroll – 11050-11053, 11054-11057 - Bills – 11058-11066 – Direct Deposit – 2283-2286.

**17-18: 067
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**17-18: 068
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Reports**

Attendance report was not available.

Cafeteria, August 2017

Maintenance, September 2017

Transportation, September 2017

**17-18: 068 (Con't.)
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

Miss Mary Dressler, BCHS student representative, noted installation of solar panels on the BCHS roof and congratulated Band students and Mrs. Hooker on their recent competition at Blast in the Draft and Grand Champion award.

**17-18: 069
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

The annual surplus auction was held Saturday on September 9, 2017 at the bus garage. Mrs. Hirsh said the auction resulted in a net profit of \$2,401.28. Anticipated revenue from the auction was budgeted at \$1,500.

A three bay sink was removed from VES kitchen and was not included in the auction. The Board is receiving sealed bids for the sink and bids to be opened on October 23, 2017.

**17-18: 070
SURPLUS
AUCTION RECEIPTS**

Mrs. Hirsh asked the Board to review current Inclement Weather Routes for School Closings and Delays. She said a division letter is usually sent to parents in October of each year and is posted on the website. Mrs. Hirsh said a parent, who lives on a designated inclement weather route, had questioned the procedure in January of last year when schools were delayed due to cold temperatures. Mrs. Hirsh told the parent she would look into it. During spring, Mrs. Hirsh said the question of cold weather days and inclement weather routes was presented again.

**17-18: 071
INCLEMENT
WEATHER ROUTES**

Mr. Ronnie Liptrap, Transportation Director, shared information/procedure when Dr. Smith, was superintendent. He said they attempted to run a snow route/2 hr. delay and on cold weather days they attempted to run a regular route. Unfortunately, this plan caused much confusion as some areas in the county had cold weather only, while others had icy, snowy conditions and cold weather. Parents became confused and expected the bus to travel their road, while the condition of the road did not permit safe travel. Mr. Liptrap provided the following reasons we changed snow routes to inclement weather routes:

- Safety
- Helps with getting students home in a timely manner with the snow conditions and also when flooding becomes a factor.
- Use of inclement weather routes when the temperature becomes a factor to help reduce confusion between the delayed openings due to snow covered conditions, just cold, or both.
- Keeps the parents, drivers and the schools on the same page, and no students are left waiting in the cold for a ride that will not show.

Mr. Liptrap and Mrs. Hirsh discussed the process of obtaining information to determine a delayed opening, early dismissal or school closing. They noted many considerations and difficulties when determining delayed openings and early dismissals: viewing multiple weather forecasts, tv/radio announcements, road conditions, current temperature, location & wind chill and overnight projections. Mrs. Hirsh and Mr. Liptrap said concern for the children and their safety is the most important factor. Mr. Liptrap said to change the procedure by using cold weather only codes or parent notification messages may cause confusion for all parents.

**17-18: 071 (Con't.)
INCLEMENT
WEATHER ROUTES**

Mrs. Lowry said she hoped the decision to close or delay school could be made by 6:00 AM. Mr. Secoy suggested using the lowest school temperature when determining delays or closings due to weather.

As schools were delayed due to cold weather one to three times over the past few years, Mrs. Hirsh referenced the draft letter included in the agenda and said this would be sent to parents.

Mrs. Hirsh said Bath County Schools have applied for School Security Grant funds to include the following:

**17-18: 072
SCHOOL SECURITY
EQUIPMENT GRANT**

- BCHS – additional security radios, uninterrupted power supply, dual-image sensor for building entrance
- MES – additional security radio, uninterrupted power supply, dual-image sensor for building entrance, and Phase 1 classroom door locks (completed)
- VES – additional security radio, uninterrupted power supply, dual-image sensor for building entrance, and Phase 1 classroom door locks (completed)

Mrs. Hirsh said we are waiting on an official grant award and a local match is required for this grant.

Mrs. Hirsh updated the Board on a request to provide dinner for athletes traveling long distances to away games. Mrs. Lowry, a member of the School Health Advisory Committee said this was discussed last spring. She explained the length of time an athlete might go from lunch until the game without access to a meal. Mrs. Hirsh said the Board should be aware of this discussion prior to the 2018-2019 budget process.

**17-18: 073
ATHLETE MEALS –
AWAY GAMES**

Mrs. Hirsh updated the Board on the 2017 Virginia On-Time Graduation Rates released on September 27th. Of the 56 BCHS students who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2013, 91.1% completed an approved diploma program within four years compared to last year's completion rate of 93.3%. Mrs. Hirsh said the state average on-time graduation rate for this cohort group was 91.1% compared to last year's 91.3%.

**17-18: 074
ON-TIME
GRADUATION RATE**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) authorized the superintendent to fill Bus #8 Route.

**17-18: 075
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the appointment of cafeteria substitutes Dinah Johnson and Lynne Tanguay-Lambert and Vehicle Driver, James Nelson and Substitute Bus Driver/Vehicle Driver, Lettie Patterson.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the annual DSLCC Dual Enrollment contract for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**17-18: 076
DUAL ENROLLMENT
CONTRACT WITH DSLCC**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) adopted the VSBA proclamation declaring October 2017 Bullying Prevention Month.

**17-18: 077
PROCLAMATION –
BULLYING PREVENTION
MONTH**

Board members volunteered to serve on the following committees:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Special Education | Roy Burns |
| Career & Technical Education | Eddie Ryder |
| Technology | Brian Secoy |
| School Health/Concussion | Cathy Lowry |
| Calendar | Rhonda Grimm |
| Jackson River Governor's School | Cathy Lowry |

**17-18: 078
APPOINTMENT OF
SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS TO SCHOOL
ADVISORY
COMMITTEES**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved appointment of School Board members to the committees listed above.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) adopted the proclamation declaring the week of October 9-13, 2017, National School Lunch Week.

**17-18: 079
PROCLAMATION –
NATIONAL SCHOOL
LUNCH WEEK
OCTOBER 9-13, 2017**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) adopted the Bath County School Board Governance Norms & Protocols as presented.

**17-18: 080
BOARD GOVERNANCE
NORMS & PROTOCOLS
APPROVAL**

Informational items for Board members included: 2016-17 School Year GRASP In-School Advising and Scholarship information, and School Counselors planned activities during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-27, promoting Bullying Prevention month. Mrs. Hirsh provided an update on the possible replacement of BCHS fuel tanks, funding of the parking lot, BCHS chiller and October 25th Solar Panel Celebration at VES which Governor McAuliffe plans to attend.

**17-18: 081
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Stacy Schumacher, MES Cafeteria Manager, invited everyone to attend National School Lunch Week.

**17-18: 082
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ryder

- Visited schools today and enjoyed an excellent lunch at BCHS.
- Visited three schools today and noted the interaction between students and teachers saying this pays off in the long run.
- Student work displayed in hallways indicates how they are progressing.

**17-18: 083
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Grimm

- Congratulated Band students on their awesome performance.
- Proud of all talented students in academics and athletic competitions.
- Asked for community, school and parent support and patience as School Board members face hard decisions. The safety of our children is our priority.
- Students should not have to struggle with the issue of bullying.
- Asked parents to be a positive role model and teach kids to be a part of the solution.

Mrs. Lowry

- Congratulated the Band on their recent competition saying it was an awesome experience. Honored to have drum major, Mary Dressler, on the Board.
- Congratulated Eli Phillips and Zach Whitmore as they were selected to perform with the members of the New "Old School" Virginia Opry Junior Pros.
- A proud Band mom as they represent our school and community. When you take 84 kids, it could be a logistical nightmare, however, we have respectful and great kids. Great students because we have great staff who are impacting our children every day; from the time they get on the bus until they get off the bus.

Miss Dressler

- Referencing the chiller, said it is extremely hot in the upper atrium and band room.

Mr. Secoy

- Thanked everyone who attended the Millboro Fair all those who assisted.
- Encouraged individuals to attend the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting to share input about the high school parking lot.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (4-0 vote) adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**17-18: 084
ADJOURNMENT**



BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK