

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

**PRESENT:**

- Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Chair**
- Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chair**
- Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member**
- 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 5:39 p.m. with all members present. **17-18: 031  
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Burns, and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:39 p.m. to review school crisis management plans, consider the appointment and resignation of personnel, consider the approval of non-resident status for a current student, and conduct the superintendent's evaluation. **17-18: 032  
CLOSED MEETING  
AND CERTIFICATION  
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder at 7:08 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (5-0 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: 033  
CERTIFICATION OF  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **17-18: 034  
CALL TO ORDER FOR  
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. **17-18: 035  
APPROVE OR  
AMEND AGENDA**

There were none to be heard. **17-18: 036  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hirsh congratulated Millboro Elementary School as they received the 2016-2017 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award based upon data from school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

**17-18: 037  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:**

**17-18: 038  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**  
August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting and August 7, 2017 Called Meeting
- **Claims**  
Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, presented an overview of expenditure summary for August 2017 and a reconciled revenue report. General Fund Payroll - 72433-72441, 72445-72453, Bills – 72442-72444, 72454-72549, Direct Deposit – 2279-2282. Food Service – Bills –11044-11049 – Direct Deposit – 2279-2281.
- **Reports**
  - Attendance

Day 1	8/16/2017	512
Day 5	8/22/2017	519
Day 10	8/29/2017	521
  - Cafeteria, July 2017
  - Maintenance, August 2017
  - Transportation, August 2017

Miss Mary Dressler, BCHS student representative, thanked School Board members for the opportunity to serve.

**17-18: 039  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Allison Hicklin, MES principal, reported an enrollment of 145 students including 18 preschoolers. She said a new cafeteria line was installed and a playground area for older students. Mrs. Hicklin said continued focus on elementary reading and math programs continue. Mrs. Hicklin invited everyone to the Bath County Fair on September 16 at MES from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**17-18: 040  
STUDENTS  
ENROLLMENT/  
SCHOOL REPORTS –  
PRINCIPALS**

Mr. Steve Sizemore, VES principal, reported an enrollment of 204 including 17 preschoolers. He said there is a huge push in reading and literacy this year. He welcomed new staff members. Installation of one half of the roof at VES with solar panels have been completed and he noted students and parents have been intrigued by the project.

Dr. Mike Perry, BCHS principal, welcomed 211 students and said 12 students are enrolled in dual enrollment classes at DSLCC, 4 students travel to Governor's School at DSLCC and 13 students participate in Virtual Virginia courses. Dr. Perry said he plans to work on the graduation rate, absences, and reestablishing the auto mechanics program this year.

Mrs. Hirsh provided updates on the following projects: Solar Project, BCHS Chiller, Bus Garage Fuel Tank, AED Installation (Hands-on CPR/First Aid), and Mandatory Water Testing.

**17-18: 041  
CONSTRUCTION AND  
MAINTENANCE  
PROJECT UPDATES**

The schools contracted with Springsted, Inc. to provide a classification and compensation study of BCPS staff. Mrs. Hirsh anticipates the study to conclude by the end of the first semester. She said results of the study would be available during the budget development process for 2018-2019.

**17-18: 042  
CLASSIFICATION AND  
COMPENSATION STUDY  
– STEVE MINER,  
SPRINGSTED, INC.**

Mr. Steve Miner, Vice-President of Springstead, Inc. presented an overview of the study and outlined data collection processes. Mr. Miner plans to work closely with Mr. Rider and Mrs. Hirsh as data for the division is collected. He said questionnaires would be utilized for input from employees.

**On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of supplemental stipends as presented.**

**17-18: 043  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mentor Teachers	Auto Teacher (Whittington)	Joey Altizer
	Counselor (Brooks)	Jane Hall
Head Teachers	MES	Jan Lee
	VES	Marjorie Hevener
CTE Coordinator	BCHS	Jane McMullen
BCHS Department Heads	English/Foreign Language	Jeanie Rooklin
	Math	Michelle Eldredge (.5)
	Math	Lisa Hamilton (.5)
	History	Danny Sifford
	Science	Heather Hough
	P.E./Fine Arts	Melinda Hooker
	Special Education	April Miller
Yearbook Sponsor	BCHS	Emily Beard
SCA Sponsors	BCHS	Adam Frye
	MES	Joey Crawford
	VES	Kristy Humphreys
Title I Coordinator		Tammy Lindsay
After-School Computing/Steam	MES	Joey Crawford
	VES	Suzanna Paxton
School Test Coordinator	BCHS	Rhonda Ervin
Winter Coaches	Academic Bowl Sponsor	Caleb Scott
	Basketball - Boys Varsity	Terry Bradley
	Basketball Boys - Assistant Varsity/JV	Zach Woodzell
	Basketball - Girls Varsity	Danny Sifford
	Basketball - Girls Assistant Varsity/JV	Adam Frye

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (4-0-1 vote, Grimm abstained) **accepted the resignation of Billy Grimm, Route Bus Driver, effective 9/29/2017, with substitute bus driver status only in emergencies or advanced notice.**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) authorized a **non-resident student to remain at BCHS for the remainder of the school year.**

Mrs. Hirsh said a minor fuel tank leak at VES/Bus Garage required replacement of a tank. Mr. Rider said the BCHS and VES tanks were both showing their age as they were installed in 1976. Mr. Rider updated the Board on his recent involvement with EPA and DEQ in resolving the leak, tank removal and new installation at VES. He said the VES tank was replaced with a larger dual capacity tank which does not sit as low as the previous tank and is tied to the fuel master program. Mr. Rider recommended the tank at BCHS be replaced due to rusting, peeling paint, vapor locking/explosion hazard, depth of tank, unsafe site conditions, no electrical disconnect, and leak potential. Mr. Rider and Mrs. Hirsh noted the importance of the tank at BCHS which is deemed a designated emergency shelter, has unrestricted access and a backup generator for dispensing fuel.

**On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) authorized the Superintendent to request a supplemental appropriation to the transportation category to fund BCHS fuel tank replacements in the amount of \$107,972.07.**

**17-18: 044  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION  
REQUEST FOR BCHS  
FUEL TANKS**

The annual surplus equipment auction date is confirmed on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bus Garage. **On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the surplus auction list, as presented.**

**17-18: 045  
DISPOSAL OF  
SURPLUS ITEMS**

At the August 1, 2017 Board meeting, the Board heard a proposal by Affordable Energy Concepts Roof Penetration and BARC regarding the penetration of eleven holes in the VES roof in order to bring wiring into the attic, into collectors, and ultimately to inverters and onto the grid. The Board approved the roof penetrations, if the solar panel contract was amended to provide for leak repair for the life of the project.

**On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved an amendment to the First Amendment EPC Agreement by and between Bath County Public Schools and Reliable Energy, LLC as recommended by the school attorney.**

**17-18: 046  
AFFORDABLE ENERGY  
CONCEPTS SOLAR  
PANEL CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT**

Informational items for Board members included: approved 2017-2018 School Board Meeting Calendar, Board Development Update, VSBA Annual Convention brochure, and consideration of tentative dates for a Joint Work Session with the Board of Supervisors.

**17-18: 047  
ITEMS FOR BOARD  
MEMBERS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no comments to be heard.

**17-18: 048  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Ryder**

- Welcomed new folks to the division.

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Very proud of our schools as students and staff are doing great things.
- Addressing staff, the work you do is recognized and appreciated.
- Welcomed Mary Dressler to the Board.

**Mr. Burns**

- Delighted to meet some of the new teachers in the atrium prior to the meeting.
- Excited about this school year. Cannot wait to see completion of the solar panel project. A great savings to our schools and an educational benefit to students.
- Thanked everyone who worked so hard to get things up and running for school.
- Welcomed student representative, Mary Dressler, to the Board and thanked her for her willingness to serve and represent the student body.

**Mrs. Lowry**

- Welcomed Mary Dressler to her new role as student representative.
- Excited about changes in the school system including: new staff, students, auto program viability and new changes to help climate and community.
- Excited about dual enrollment and Governor’s School course offerings.
- Welcomed everyone saying the work you do does not go unnoticed.
- Commended staff on their dedication.
- Invited golfers to attend an upcoming band tournament fundraiser.

**Miss Dressler**

- Thanked the Board for welcoming her. Hopes to represent students well this year.

**Mr. Secoy**

- Congratulated MES on their recent distinguished achievement award.
- Bath County Fair is a blast and encouraged everyone to attend.
- More and more recently, the use of social media in Bath County has exploded.

**On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 8:30 p.m. to conduct the superintendent’s evaluation.**

**17-18: 050  
CLOSED MEETING  
AND CERTIFICATION  
OF CLOSED MEETING**

**On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder at 9:57 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (5-0 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: 051  
CERTIFICATION OF  
CLOSED MEETING**

No action was taken after the Closed Meeting.

**17-18: 052  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

**17-18: 049  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

17-18: 053  
ADJOURNMENT



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BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN



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CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK