

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Chair  
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member  
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member  
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member  
Miss Mary E. Dressler, Student Liaison

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

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members present.

**17-18: 140  
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Burns, and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:33 p.m. to review 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter discipline reports.

**17-18: 141  
CLOSED MEETING  
AND CERTIFICATION  
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder at 7:02 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: 142  
CERTIFICATION OF  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**17-18: 143  
CALL TO ORDER FOR  
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) amended the agenda by removing Item 12.-B – Consider Notice of Completion (Solar Project).

**17-18: 144  
APPROVE OR  
AMEND AGENDA**

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

**17-18: 145  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**  
November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting
- **Claims**  
An overview of expenditure summary for December 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 72846-72857, 72858-72869, Bills – 72870-72875, 72876-72939 Direct Deposit – 2295-2298. Food Service Payroll – 11100-11103, 11104-11107 - Bills – 11108-11112 – Direct Deposit –2295-2298.
- **Reports**
  - Attendance  
November 2017 ADM: BCHS 208, MES 123, VES 189.69 for a total of 520.69.
  - Cafeteria, November 2017
  - Maintenance, December 2017
  - Transportation, December 2017

Mrs. Olivia Haney, speaking on behalf of Millboro Ruritan Club, thanked the Board for the use of Millboro Elementary School to host “An Evening with Garth Newel” on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Haney distributed a flyer and encouraged everyone to attend.

**17-18: 146  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Bryan Secoy as Board Chairman /VSBA Delegate.**

**17-18: 147  
SCHOOL BOARD  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **appointment of Rhonda Grimm as Board Vice-Chair/VSBA Alternate Delegate.**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) **adopted VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members and Clerks.**

**On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the following appointments as listed:**

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| Appointment of Clerk                   | <b>Sue Hirsh</b>       |
| Appointment of Deputy Clerk            | <b>Sharon Fry</b>      |
| Fiscal Agent                           | <b>Justin Rider</b>    |
| Deputy Fiscal Agent                    | <b>Sue Hirsh</b>       |
| School Board Attorney                  | <b>Chris Singleton</b> |
| Superintendent’s Designee              | <b>Allison Hicklin</b> |
| Signatures in Superintendent’s Absence | <b>Allison Hicklin</b> |

**BCHS Fine Arts**

"Evening with the Arts" was held Thursday, December 14, 2017, at BCHS, BCHS Art Show 5:00 PM.

**BCHS Art Show Winners:**

- Emma Marshall 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 prize, acrylic painting "Puppets"
- Skylar Shelton 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$30 prize, photograph "Let It Snow"
- Hayden Keyser 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$20 prize, plaster snake sculpture, title "Sneaky Snake"

After the show, Beth McAllister had one of her photographs purchased.

The Winter Band Concert 7:00 PM. The Winter Band Concert followed the Art Show at 7:00 PM and featured performances by band students in grades 5-12 and Chatelaines.

The BCHS Band represented Bath County Schools at the Millboro Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and the Hot Springs Christmas Parade on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. A small ensemble also performed at St. Luke's Church for a community Christmas Sing-Along on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Great job to Travis Braxton, Tye Hooker, Joley McLain, Colby Lowry, Ethan Essex, Allan Kimmel, Utah Hershner, Nevada Kershner, Kate Rexrode and Ashlyn Liptrap on their performance that night.

January 26 & 27 at Alleghany High School for the All Area Band Event. The concert will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday.

**BCHS Scholastic Bowl Team**

The BCHS Scholastic Bowl team won three out of four matches at the November 27<sup>th</sup> meet at Covington High School. The Chargers defeated Highland, Parry McCluer, and Craig County. Team verterans Travis Braxton and Utah Kershner led the team in points, with strong support from juniors Emma Marshall and Gabbi Reed. The next meet will be at East Montgomery and wrap up the regular season.

**Valley Community in Action (C.I.A.)** distributed over \$1,000 in gifts and 17 complete holiday dinners to community families in need during the holiday season.

Miss Mary Dressler, BCHS student representative, provided an update on recent events. She noted the addition of clubs including radio, drama, music, fire and rescue.

**17-18: 149  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

**No action was taken.**

**17-18: 150  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Hirsh reminded Board Members that CIP projects are due Monday, January 8, 2018. For inclusion in the CIP request, projects must be \$50,000 or more. Board members reviewed costs and assigned priorities to projects.

**17-18: 151  
CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2018-2023**

**On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the CIP as revised. Chart below includes revisions.**

**Proposed Capital Improvement Plan Requests**

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>FY2018-19</b>	<b>FY2019-20</b>
1	Mertz Elevator	\$73,208 or \$93,208	
2	BCHS Baseball Field	\$175,329	
3	BCHS Baseball & Softball Fields Lighting		\$369,000 – \$559,000
4	Paving MES Loop Road & Parking Lot		\$63, 438
5	Generator – MES		\$200,000
6	BCHS Fuel Tanks		\$107,972

**17-18: 151 (Con't.)  
CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2018-2023**

The Board reviewed The COVA Local Health Benefits Program proposal which was received in December 2017. Mrs. Hirsh said a decision to participate in the plan is due on January 15, 2018. Board members discussed the current anthem plan and pros and cons of the COVA proposal. Since both county and school employees are impacted, Mrs. Hirsh wants to get a recommendation from Mr. Harrison. In closing, Mrs. Hirsh plans to follow up with Mr. Harrison and Board members to determine whether or not to participate in the COVA program.

**17-18: 152  
CONSIDER THE COVA  
LOCAL (CL) HEALTH  
BENEFITS PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved a request for an additional appropriation of funds for National Board Certification Incentive of \$2,500 (Instructional Category), and the BARC Electric Cooperative refund of \$8345.14 (Maintenance Category).

**17-18: 153  
CONSIDER REQUEST  
FOR APPROPRIATION  
OF FUNDS**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved American Fidelity (Adam Ashby) as an approved payroll vendor to assist employees and the employers with conforming to Internal Revenue Service Code requirements regarding Section 125 plans, FSA, HSA and LPFSA's as applicable by employee need.

**17-18: 154  
CONSIDER ADDITIONAL  
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) adjusted the budget development calendar by moving the January 17 work session to January 24, with January 25 as the alternate date; and the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to be advertised as an action meeting to appoint spring coaches.

**17-18: 155  
APPROVE CHANGE TO  
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
CALENDAR**

Informational items for Board members included a VSBA Hot Topic Conference brochure on March 14, 2018 at Wytheville, VA.

**17-18: 156  
ITEMS FOR BOARD  
MEMBERS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to be heard.

17-18: 157  
PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Mr. Burns**

- Excited about the automotive program. Invited individuals to visit the automotive classroom.
- Kudos to the band. Amazing the level of professionalism, leadership and responsibility these students have.
- Looking forward to the growth of clubs at BCHS.
- Wished everyone a very prosperous and safe 2018.

17-18: 158  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS

**Mrs. Lowry**

- Proud of our students for their performances in the Christmas programs, band concert and art show.
- Kids are participating in many community events. Kids are phenomenal and intense in their commitments. Kids from preschoolers to seniors shine due to leadership of staff members.
- Excited about the Garth Newel performance at MES.

**Mr. Ryder**

- Applauded the auto program saying 99.9 % of students graduating will have a car. At one time, all students had to go through the class to learn skills and check oil and change a flat tire. This is a very important program and touches everyone.
- Wished all staff the best.

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished them a safe trip home.
- Wished everyone a great 2018.
- Thanked the Band for coming to the MES Christmas parade.
- Proud of all our students.

**Miss Dressler**

- Thanked everyone for letting her sit on the Board.

**Mr. Secoy**

- Thanked fellow Board members for appointment to another year as Chairman.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

17-18: 159  
ADJOURNMENT



BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK