

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Valley Elementary School.

PRESENT:

Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Chairman
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Member

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

Mr. Burns, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Grimm and Mrs. Lowry. Mrs. Lowry arrived at 5:35 p.m.

**16-17: 097
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Secoy 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 and employee discipline.

**16-17: 098
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry at 6:57 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.

**16-17: 099
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**16-17: 100
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**16-17: 101
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

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

16-17: 102
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA

- **Minutes**
November 1, 2016 Regular Meeting
- **Claims**
An overview of expenditure summary for November 2016 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 71446-71455, 71460-71469, Bills – 71456-71474, 71475-71533, Direct Deposit – 2235-2238. Food Service Payroll – 10889-10892, 10893-10896, Bills – 10897-10906, Direct Deposit – 2235-2238.
- **Reports**
Attendance
October 2016 ADM: BCHS 223.05, MES 126.40, VES 180.00 for a total of 529.45.
Cafeteria, October 2016
Maintenance, November 2016
Transportation, November 2016

- Jami Fussell, BCHS GRASP/SOAR Advisor, updated the Board on a recent GRASP reception that took place on Nov. 1st. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the BCHS guidance counseling department and students. Mrs. Hirsh noted the enclosure of an email from BCHS School Counselor in *Items for Board Members*. Ms. Stephanie Hiner praised the work of Mrs. Fussell and said she continues to be a tremendous asset for BCHS students.

16-17: 103
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Band performance at the 2016 Virginia Music Educators Association Professional Development conference at The Homestead. Those in attendance viewed a video clip featured by Virginia Music Educators Association.
- VSBA Take Your Legislator to School Month – Senator Creigh Deeds visited all three schools. Mr. Eddie Hicklin, Board of Supervisors member met with MES elementary students.
- *All Area Band auditions were held November 15th at Maury River Middle School and the following students were accepted:*
MES: **Kaitlyn Hall** - Flute, **Sarah Eaton** - Clarinet, **Kayla Elledge** - Clarinet, **Kimberly Graham** - Clarinet, **Hannah Heffler** - Trumpet
VES: **Kyle Reed** - Snare, **Matthew Keyser** - Trumpet
BCHS: **Kaitlin Arnold** - Flute, **Persephane Woods** - Clarinet, **Kayden Gwin** - Clarinet, **Chaya Offer** - Clarinet, **Tye Hooker** - Horn, **Colby Lowry** - Trumpet, **Emily Douglas** - Trumpet, **Erin Hamilton** - Mallet, **Eli Phillips** - Mallet/Snare, **Wyatt Harmon** - Snare, **Emma Marshall** - Flute, **Katie Rexrode** - Flute, **Mackenzie Weaver** - Clarinet, **Gabbi Reed** - Clarinet, **Mary Dressler** - Clarinet, **Ella DeBoe** - Trumpet, **John Heffler** - Trumpet, **Jordan Marshall** - Trumpet, **Allan Kimmel** - Tenor Sax, **Ethan Essex** - Baritone, **Travis Hall** - Trombone, **Caleb Reist** - Tuba,

16-17: 104
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kendall Keyser - Percussion, **Jillian Brown** – Percussion.

The All-Area event was held at Covington High School on January 27 & 28, concert at 4:00 PM on January 28th.

- *All district auditions were held December 3 at Turner Ashby High School. The following students were accepted:*

BCHS: Mary Dressler - Clarinet, **Gabbi Reed** - Clarinet, **Mackenzie Weaver** - Clarinet, **John Heffler** - Trumpet, **Jordan Marshall** - Trumpet, **Ethan Essex** - Baritone, **Ella DeBoe** – 2nd Alternate

Middle School: Colby Lowry – Trumpet, **Tye Hooker** – French Horn, **Kayden Gwin** – Clarinet, **Persephane Woods** – Clarinet, **Wyatt Harmon** – Snare, **Chaya Offer** – 2nd Alternate.

The All District Event was held at Robert E Lee High School on February 3 & 4.

- On behalf of BARC Electric Cooperative and CoBank, Mr. Mike Keyser, presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to Valley and Millboro Elementary School principals. The donation will fund the creation of a “MakerSpace” where students have the opportunity to work together to support science, technology, engineering and math education at elementary schools. Mrs. Hirsh thanked BARC and said these donations are a vital stimulus to help implement this important concept for our students. She said “MakerSpace” fosters problem solving, creativity and innovation, all attributes our students need to succeed in today’s world.
- Mrs. Lowry spoke with SCA president, Trevor Plecker, about his plan to spruce up the high school. She said the SCA is giving back to the school by completing painting projects. Mr. Plecker will coordinate efforts with Mrs. Rowe.
- VES SCA coordinated a project to collect non-perishable items for the Bath County Christmas Mother. According to Mr. Steve Sizemore, VES principal, 917 items were collected by students. Mrs. Hirsh said this is the most ever donated to the Christmas Mother.
- Mrs. Lowry said great things are happening in our schools and mentioned the recent SOL celebrations.

**16-17: 104 (Con’t.)
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Miss Easton Yohe, BCHS student representative, was advised to stay home due to weather.

**16-17: 105
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

The annual VSBA conference was held November 16-18 in Williamsburg. Current Board members (Mr. Burns, Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. Lowry, and Mr. Secoy), the superintendent/clerk (Mrs. Hirsh), and the deputy clerk (Mrs. Fry) attended. Attendees shared convention highlights which included “Most Likely to Succeed” film, hands-on, coding, videos, technology, emphasis on job readiness, interaction, budgeting, student equity, and stranger danger.

**16-17: 106
VSBA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE REPORT**

In closing, Mr. Burns thanked the school system for allowing them to attend. He said it's enlightening, it's educational and it's important. Mrs. Hirsh encouraged Board members to visit the VSBA website as convention presentations have been posted.

**16-17: 106 (Con't.)
VSBA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Mr. Mike Keyser, BARC CEO, and Mr. David Wall, Affordable Energy Concepts, Inc. outlined a proposal to install rooftop solar arrays across all three schools with a total installed capacity of nearly a megawatt. The solar arrays would provide half of the schools' annual energy needs, would not penetrate any roof, and are movable/removable as needed. Mr. Keyser said the project would save the school district as much as \$142,000 a year in energy costs. In addition to the financial benefits, the project provides a tremendous educational opportunity at all three schools for STEM curricula centered around the on-site solar energy production. The project will be accompanied by monitoring software for use in classrooms.

**16-17: 107
BARC – SOLAR
PROJECT PROPOSAL
MR. MIKE KEYSER**

The project structure is completely turnkey. REL will act as the EPC/general contractor, the lender, and provide all O&M services for the life of the project. The combined annual debt service and O&M payment will be fixed for 20 years, and is equivalent to the division's energy costs today. In other words, the division will not pay any additional premium, and will fix half of its annual energy costs for the next 20 years.

Mr. Ryder expressed concern over previous problems involving roofs. He inquired into traffic on the roofs which might cause leaks. Mr. Wall addressed roofing concerns assuring the Board that panels could be moved if repairs are necessary. Mrs. Hirsh was not in favor of construction during the school year and asked Mr. Keyser about a project planning timeline. Mr. Keyser recommended addressing the proposal at the January 9, 2017 Board meeting. He said the longer you wait to make a decision, the higher chance of panel prices going up.

Mrs. Allison Hicklin, Administrative Services/Reporting Director, provided an overview of progress to date on Performance-Based Assessments (PBA'S). Bath County Schools have completed goals for the SY2014-2015, SY2015-2016 and SY2016-2017. During SY2017-2018, divisions are required to share PBA's across divisions and SY2018-2019 divisions are required to grade PBA's across divisions.

**16-17: 108
PERFORMANCE-BASED
ASSESSMENTS (PBA's)**

Mrs. Hirsh provided an update on the divisions' actions and activities to meet Comprehensive Plan goals. She said the Standards of Quality (SOQ) require a progress report in odd numbered years, but a progress report will be provided annually.

**16-17: 109
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT**

Mrs. Hirsh said funds from USDA Rural Virginia are not available for the BCHS Parking Lot project. She suggested the Board revisit the \$217,000 appropriation of funds in FY2015-16.

**16-17: 110
CONTINUE DISCUSSION
OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2017-2022**

The Board reviewed a DRAFT copy of Proposed CIP requests for FY2017-2018 through FY 2021-2022.

Projects

- BCHS Parking Lot Project
- BCHS HVAC (Gym AC/Chiller)
- MES/VES Classroom Door Locks
- Paving – Multiple Areas
- VES Gym A/C
- Baseball Field
- VES Gym – Refinish Floor
- MES Roof

No priorities or fiscal year designations were assigned. This agenda item is included in the January 9, 2017 meeting for discussion and approval. Project cost estimates are due to Mrs. Hirsh by December 16.

On motion by Mrs. Secoy and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (3-1 vote Lowry opposed) approved communication to Employee "A" conditions and requirements for continued employment.

**16-17: 111
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the 2017 School Board Meeting schedule as presented.

Note: All meeting dates are first Tuesdays except January 2017. Due to the Christmas/New Year holidays, Monday, January 9, 2017 rather than Tuesday, January 3 was approved.

**16-17: 112
APPROVAL OF 2017
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING SCHEDULE**

Informational items for Board members included: communication from Ms. Hiner regarding GRASP and support of Mrs. Fussell, 2017 VSBA Meeting & Conference calendar, and a VSBA Capital Conference agenda.

**16-17: 113
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to be heard.

**16-17: 114
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Lowry

- Speaking as a proud Band mom, it was amazing to see JMU and VA Teach embrace our students.
- Great things are happening in our schools - all area and all district band, fruit delivery day, and SOL banquets.
- Love the things that are posted on the walls and art bulletin boards. Great things happen because we have great staff.
- Excited to hear from our BCHS SCA president.

Mr. Ryder

- Didn't attend the convention this year.
- Visited MES today and didn't make it to BCHS.
- Noticed the high school gym lights are out after hours which means we are saving taxpayer money.

Mr. Burns

- Thanked everyone for forward thinking, excited about PBA's.
- Board to reconvene in closed meeting.

**16-17: 115
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board 4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 9:13 p.m. to consider the appointment of personnel and employee discipline.

**16-17: 116
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry at 10:12' 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.

**16-17: 117
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

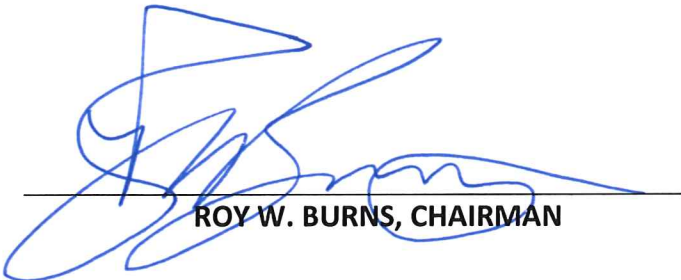
On motion by Mr. Secoy and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) authorized the superintendent to appoint substitute teachers and a MES computer lab manager.

**16-17: 118
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Secoy and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board approved the appointment of Janice Webb as an aide at VES.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

**16-17: 119
ADJOURNMENT**



ROY W. BURNS, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK