

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

PRESENT: Dr. Ellen R. Miller, Board Chair
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chair
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
Mr. William K. Manion, Board Member

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

Dr. Ellen Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry and Mr. Manion who arrived at 5:33 p.m. **15-16: 060
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (3-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:31 p.m. to discuss appointment, resignation, compensation and benefits of specific employees, student discipline matter(s), and non-resident student status. **15-16: 061
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder at 7:15 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (4-0 vote-roll call, Manion had not returned) 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. **15-16: 062
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **15-16: 063
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. **15-16: 064
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

There were none to be heard. **15-16: 065
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Congratulated the BCHS band as they received a superior rating and second place overall at the Blast in the Draft marching completion on September 26. The percussion placed second as well; the band heads to Lynchburg on October 10 to compete in the Lynchburg Classic; the band also performed at The Cascades golf course at the Homestead on September 21st for the D-DAY Memorial golf tournament; BCHS Jazz band was invited to perform on WCHG during the Jazz show on September 30 to support their annual fundraiser.
- Recognized the Bath County Arts Association as they continue to provide education opportunities for students. During the week of September 21, an artists-in-residence program, *Science Songs Rock*, was held at each elementary school for the second year. On October 1, BCHS students traveled to the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream".
- BCHS BETA induction was held on September 30 and the membership is now 40, with 13 new inductees.
- The electrical and technology departments, Mr. Ozols, Mr. Grubbs, and Mr. Altizer teamed up again and are currently working on the Wind for Schools Pre-Host School Research Project through JMU. They received a \$400 grant for the robotics program. Upon completion of this project, JMU Center for Wind Energy will help us find and apply for grants to put up a wind tower at BCHS. The wind tunnel and turbine were at the BARC Energy Fair on September 19, in Millboro, and on September 26 at the Bath County Fair at MES.
- Virginia Society for Technology and Education invited students and teachers to make a presentation at their December Kidtalk conference this year. Mr. Ozols and the business department worked with students and designed a poster exhibit, "Signs of Success" for display at the VSBA annual conference in November. For the first time ever, a thirty second video was designed by BCHS students and entered in the VSBA High School Student Video Contest. The video was viewed by those in attendance.
- BCHS continues to raise money for new band uniforms and have received \$15,000 to date.
- VES had a good turnout for their PTO meeting and started planning events.
- BCHS powder puff football game scheduled.
- Youth sports night on Friday at BCHS.

**15-16: 066
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

- **Minutes**
September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting
- **Claims**
Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, presented an overview of expenditure summary and a reconciled September 2015 revenue summary. General Fund Payroll - 69913-69924, 69929-69940, Bills – 69925-69928, 69941-70029, Direct Deposit - 2171-2174, Food Service Payroll 10652-10656, 10657-10661 Direct Deposit – 2171-2173, Bills – 10662-10671.

**15-16: 067
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Reports**

- Attendance

- August 2015 ADM: BCHS 248, MES 110.67, VES 185.22 for a total of 543.89.

- Cafeteria - Due to software issues, the Cafeteria Report was not available.

- Maintenance, September 2015

- Transportation, September 2015

**15-16: 068 (Con't.)
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

Miss Jessica Ryder was unable to attend due to an athletic conflict. In her absence, Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, provided a brief update on recent and upcoming BCHS events. Mrs. Rowe relayed Miss Ryder's support of the BCHS fence proposal to be addressed later in the meeting.

**15-16: 069
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

At BCHS, of the 46 students who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2011, 89% completed a Board of Education approved diploma within four years compared to last year's 87% rate. Mr. Lancaster, Director, Technology, Testing & Administrative Services, said the state average On-Time Graduation Rate is 90.5% for this year's cohort group, while the regional average is just under 89%. He said Bath's small numbers fluctuate more than the state average, but our rate typically is about 90%. An advanced studies diploma was obtained by 52% of BCHS students, just above the state rate. Bath's dropout rate fell to 2.2% with last year's cohort group, while the state average was higher at 5.2%. In summary, Mr. Lancaster reported good news as we've increased the percentage of students who have completed a diploma within four years, increased the percentage of advanced studies diplomas, and the drop-out rate was lowered to 2.2%.

**15-16: 070
ON-TIME 2015
GRADUATION RATE –
MR. LANCASTER**

Mr. Lancaster provided a brief report on Interactive Achievement's OnTrac Testing and Reporting System in Bath County Public Schools. Mr. Lancaster explained that Interactive Achievement (IA) is an online resource that Bath County schools have used for the last four years. He said the scope of how we use IT has grown in the past couple of years. It is used in a number of different ways to measure student performance in multiple subject areas at the beginning of school, prior to SOL testing, and at the end of the school year.

**15-16: 071
INTERACTIVE
ACHIEVEMENT –
MR. LANCASTER**

The Board recognized October as Bullying Prevention Month as designated by VSBA. Mrs. Hall, Director, Special Education, Pupil Personnel Services, & Preschool, presented various activities at all schools to promote bullying prevention month. The Student Government Association of BCHS plans to present a program on bullying prevention. VES school counselors and teachers will host three anti-bullying assemblies for students. Faculty will conduct anti-bullying activities based on the presentations. At MES, the school counselor plans to lead discussion in large group counseling sessions on bullying-related topics.

**15-16: 072
BULLYING PREVENTION
MONTH – MRS. HALL**

The “Don’t Be A Bully Show”, an interactive/musical presentation, is to be presented at each elementary school by a certified Olweus Trainer. Wednesday, October 21, 2015 is National Bullying Prevention Day and PBIS groups will encourage students to wear the color orange in support of bullying prevention at all three schools and have various activities to support anti-bullying during the day. Mrs. Hirsh said the “Don’t Be A Bully Show” will be presented at the elementary schools on October 19 and at BCHS on October 30.

**15-16: 073
BULLYING PREVENTION
MONTH – MRS. HALL**

The annual surplus equipment auction is scheduled on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bus Garage. Mrs. Hirsh said the surplus auction list includes surplus items from the county and the schools. Bratton Auction Company is scheduled to conduct the sale.

**15-16: 074
SURPLUS AUCTION**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved academic supplements & athletic supplements as listed; and appointed a vehicle driver as presented.

**15-16: 075
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

Academic

BCHS Academic Bowl Sponsor

Amber Yohe

Athletic - BCHS 2015-16 Winter Coaching

Boys Basketball – Varsity Head Coach

Terry Bradley

Boys Basketball – Varsity Volunteer Coach

Mike Skeens

Boys Basketball – JV Coach

Zach Woodzell

Girls Basketball – Varsity Head Coach

Danny Sifford

Girls Basketball – Varsity Assistant Coach/JV Coach

Lisa McComb

Chatelaines Sponsor

Haley Woodzell

Vehicle Driver

David Carroll

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **resignation of Sandra Smith, BCHS Aide**, effective immediately.

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved an **employee request to join the Sick Leave Bank**.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **non-resident status of students presently enrolled at Millboro Elementary School**.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-1, Ryder opposed) approved a **long term suspension for student A for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year**, with conditions for reinstatement.

According to Mrs. Hirsh, the CIP submission is due on June 6, 2016, which is much later than in previous years. On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **FY2016-2017 Budget/CIP development calendar** as presented.

**15-16: 076
APPROVE BUDGET/CIP
DEVELOPMENT
CALENDAR**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved **VSBA policies: BDD, DI, DJF, GBE, GBL, IKFA, IL, JHH, and KLB (Option 2)** as presented.

**15-16: 077
VSBA POLICY UPDATES-
FIRST READING**

Mrs. Hirsh outlined a proposal from Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, to install a chain link fence on the football field which would replace the rope cordon currently used. The proposal included gates at each end to allow vehicles to pass through. Proposal Rationale: In the interest of safety, the enclosed area would limit crowd contact with the game participants including cheerleaders, players, and coaches. This would also encourage fans to sit in the bleachers instead of leaning on the fence near the participants.

**15-16: 078
BCHS FENCE
ENCLOSURE PROPOSAL**

Because funds are not currently budgeted for this project, Mrs. Hirsh suggested to Mrs. Rowe that she use school activity funds for the materials. The high school would be reimbursed at the end of the year providing funds are available. With Board permission, Mrs. Rowe said the project could be completed in a week.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0-1, Ryder abstained) approved the BCHS fence enclosure as proposed.

Informational items for Board members included: a letter to Center for Wind Energy at James Madison University in support of Bath County School's 3-year Solar Panel Loan application.

**15-16: 079
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

A Work Session to review a draft of the comprehensive plan has been scheduled on Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at SAB.

Zach Woodzell addressed the Board thanking them for the opportunity to coach JV basketball.

**15-16: 080
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Lowry

- Spoke with Mr. Altizer, Mr. Ozols and two students regarding technology projects at BCHS. The students willingly and confidently explained their projects.
- Congratulated Band students on their recent achievements.
- Attended the Science Rocks assembly saying it was an awesome experience as 3rd grade students were allowed to write a new song.
- Congratulated BETA members on their new inductees and earning a yellow cord.
- Traveled to Highland for a volleyball game and proud of the athletes/students as they represent Bath County Schools very well. Have been volunteering in the concession stand and is hopeful she can watch a home football game and band half-time performance this season.

**15-16: 081
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

- Excited the sophomore class is selling BCHS athletic gear.
- Thanked the Board for their blessing to continue researching a multi-purpose field.
- Praised great staff and students.
- Impressed with all the great things staff members at all three schools do for our students. As a board member, parent and community member, all are appreciated.

**15-16: 081 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Grimm

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Talked to Kindergarten and 1st grade classes about fire safety.
- Excited about everything in the school system and praised Mr. Ozols for interactive student involvement including the VSBA thirty second video.

Mr. Manion

- Thanked everyone for attending.
- Thanked all of our staff for encouraging students to become the best they can.

Mr. Ryder

- Ditto to all previous comments.

Dr. Miller

- Ditto
- Praised staff and students for achievements and look forward to many more.

Mrs. Hirsh reminded the Board that October 12 – 16 is National School Lunch week. She invited the Board to have lunch at one of the schools.

Mrs. Rowe congratulated Noah Burns as he qualified for Golf state finals.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 8:11 p.m. to discuss appointment, resignation, compensation and benefits of specific employees, student discipline matter(s), and non-resident student status.

**15-16: 082
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder at 9:13 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.

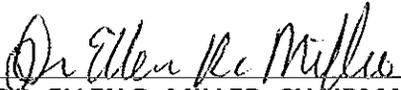
**15-16: 083
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (3-2 vote, Miller, Ryder opposed) approved extra teaching period stipends for BCHS teachers, Lisa Hamilton and Michelle Eldredge.

**15-16: 084
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

15-16: 085
ADJOURNMENT



DR. ELLEN R. MILLER, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK