

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

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Bryan J. Secoy, Board Chairman  
 Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chairman  
 Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member  
 Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member  
 Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member

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

Mr. Secoy, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with all members present. **16-17: 162  
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:36 p.m. to consider an employee resignation, appointments of specific personnel, review student discipline reports, review possible faculty/staff vacancies, and an employee discipline matter. **16-17: 163  
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry at 7:05 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. **16-17: 164  
CERTIFICATION OF  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **16-17: 165  
CALL TO ORDER FOR  
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) amended the agenda by *moving Item 7. – Public Comments to Item 5. – A. and the addition of Item 5. – B. – Items By Board Members.* **16-17: 166  
APPROVE OR  
AMEND AGENDA**

- Multiple football players, coaches, parents, and community members spoke in favor of retaining the weight room at BCHS for athletes. The individuals cited increased weight room participation this year, team work, team/coach bonding, personal/team goals, and tutoring time conflicts as reasons to maintain a weight room at BCHS even if it must be relocated within the building. **16-17: 167  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Jami Fussell provided an update on the GRASP and SOAR programs at BCHS and said it was a privilege and honor to work with students.
- Olivia Haney spoke in favor of the BARC solar panel project and encouraged the Board to be environmental stewards.

**16-17: 167  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board members addressed concerns shared in public comments and thanked those in attendance for their input. BCHS athletes were commended for their passion and commitment to athletic teams and the weight room. Discussion included, but was not limited to: two-way communication, liability, safety, supervision in weight room, injuries, certified trainers, BCHS CTE drawing of possible new weight room location, utilization of gym space if weight room is relocated, consider developing a field house plan using in-county resources, inaccurate Board action communicated to staff and students.

**16-17: 168  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

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

**16-17: 169  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**  
January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, January 12, 2017 Continued Meeting / Budget Work Session, and January 25, 2017 Budget Work Session.
- **Claims**  
An addendum to the expenditure summary for January 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. In order to avoid fiscal agent checks, the expenditure summary was amended to include payment to The Foundation Experts, Inc. for repair of the VES gym wall.  
General Fund Payroll - 71636-71646, 71649-71658, Bills – 71647-71648, 71659-71733, 71734-71736, Direct Deposit - 2243-2246. Food Service Payroll – 10924-10927, 10930-10933, Bills – 10928-10929, 10934-10940, 10903 VOID, Direct Deposit – 2243-2246.
- **Reports**  
Attendance  
December 2016 ADM: BCHS 219.40, MES 129, VES 176.20 for a total of 524.60.  
Cafeteria, December 2016  
Maintenance, January 2017  
Transportation, January 2017

Recognitions:

- Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week, January 22-28, 2017 as declared by Governor McAuliffe. Special thanks to Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Hicklin, and Mr. Sizemore.
- Mr. Secoy, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Grimm, and Mrs. Lowry were recognized in celebration of Virginia School Board Appreciation Month, February, 2017.

**16-17: 170  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- Sue Hirsh, Clerk and Sharon Fry, Deputy Clerk were recognized in honor of VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week, February 20-24, 2017.
- Career and Technical Education Month, February 2017.
- National School Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2017, Stephanie Hiner-BCHS, Anne Clarry-BCHS & MES and Katie Mihaly-VES.
- Recognized School Spelling Bee Winners:

Millboro (1/18/17)

MES Winner: **Dallas Vaden Lewis** Runner Up: **Sadie Alphin**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Grade 7	<b>Dallas Vaden Lewis</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Hall</b>
Grade 6	<b>Savanna Lotts</b>	<b>Caitlin Burke</b>
Grade 5	<b>Sadie Alphin</b>	<b>Natalie White</b>

Valley (1/31/17) Winner: **Isabelle Farris** Runner Up: **Erica Ratcliffe**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Grade 7	<b>Gian Conners</b>	<b>Aoife Bradley</b>
Grade 6	<b>Isabelle Farris</b>	<b>VyVyen Bradley</b>
Grade 5	<b>Frankie DeBoe</b>	<b>Hannah Armstrong</b>

BCHS (1/14/17)

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Grade 8	<b>Coulter Fussell</b>	<b>Caleb McAllister</b>	<b>Nathan Phenegar</b>

The Division Spelling Bee to be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at VES.

- NASA Langley Research Center Centennial Art Contest  
VES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader, **Qualin Hiner's** artwork was selected to be on display at the Virginia General Assembly Building in Richmond, VA for the entirety of the current session of the State Legislature.

**16-17: 170 (Con't.)  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Miss Easton Yohe, BCHS student representative, reported on upcoming activities at BCHS.

**16-17: 171  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Ms. Beth Rodgers, speaking on behalf of the Highland Center and the Bath County Farmers' Market, presented scholarship information for BCHS students. The scholarship funds are available through a USDA Agricultural Marketing Services grant in the amount of \$4,000. Scholarships will be awarded to students graduating in the class of 2018 to support their continuing education.

**16-17: 172  
BATH COUNTY  
FARMERS' MARKET  
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Omni Homestead and the Owners Club collected receipts and submitted them to Amerigas for their School Days Program. Mr. Ethan Level and Mr. Mike Cline, Amerigas representatives, presented checks in the amount of \$2,000 to MES and BCHS. An additional check will be forwarded to VES at a later date. Mr. Brett Schoenfield, Omni Homestead Managing Director, was in attendance for the check presentation. Mrs. Hirsh thanked all those involved in the collection and submission of receipts.

**16-17: 173  
AMERIGAS SCHOOL  
DAYS PROGRAM**

The Board heard a presentation by Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, on the Career and Technical Education Annual Performance Report for school year 2015-16. BCHS was graded above standards and Mrs. Rowe praised staff and students for their efforts.

**16-17: 174  
CAREER & TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION ANNUAL  
PERFORMANCE REPORT  
(APR) FOR SY2015-2016**

Mrs. Hirsh reported no additional budget information and reminded Board members of a Budget Work Session on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. at SAB.

**16-17: 175  
2017-2018  
BUDGET UPDATE**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Sandra McGlothlin as MES Cafeteria Worker.**

**16-17: 176  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-1 vote, Lowry opposed) approved the appointment of **Justin Hall as MES Lab Manager, .80 position** and the .20 position contract services.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **spring coaching positions as listed** pending reference checks and application completion: **JV Baseball – Danny Sifford, Varsity Softball Assistant – DeeDee Broce, Softball Volunteer – Kevin Williams, Girls Soccer Volunteer – Kayala Jordan, and Boys Soccer Volunteer, Steve Gardener.**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) acknowledged a letter of **resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kirk Smith as MES custodian.**

Mr. Mike Keyser, BARC CEO, initially presented a solar panel project proposal for the school district in December 2016. Consideration of the project and discussion continued in January 2017. During this meeting, Mr. Keyser fielded Board member questions regarding performance, warranties, loan debt service, life expectancy, cost savings and contract information.

**16-17: 177  
CONSIDER  
APPROVAL OF  
BARC SOLAR PROJECT**

Mrs. Lowry made a motion to approve the BARC Solar Panel Program with information provided. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Burns amended the motion and Mrs. Lowry seconded to approve the BARC Solar Project as long as the contract follows every detail that was submitted to the Board previously.

Mr. Burns withdrew the aforementioned motion.

**On an amended motion by Mr. Burns, and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-1 vote, Lowry opposed) approved the BARC Solar Panel Project upon reading and accepting a written contract.**

Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, said there are no course changes for the SY2017-2018. She noted restructured CTE programs to provide and identify career pathways.

**16-17: 178  
2017-2018 BCHS  
PROGRAM OF STUDIES-  
SARAH ROWE**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved the 2017-2018 BCHS Program of Studies as presented.**

Mrs. Hirsh referenced a letter from the Department of Education confirming a National Board Certification Incentive Award notification of \$5,000. On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved a request for **Mrs. Hirsh to request an additional appropriation of \$5,000 in funds from the Board of Supervisors.**

**16-17: 179  
REQUEST FOR  
APPROPRIATION  
OF FUNDS**

Informational items for Board members included: Board meeting schedule for February and March 2017, VSBA 2017 Fiscal Year Calendar, VSBA webinars, VSBA Hot Topic Conference – April 20, 2017, letter from Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., Virginia Board of Education regarding Investigation and Reporting Requirements, Including Requirements Relating to the Revocation or Suspension of a License, and VSBA January 2017 “The Policy Page”.

**16-17: 180  
ITEMS FOR  
BOARD MEMBERS**

Parents, staff, students and community members addressed the Board regarding BCHS weight room & student participation, communication, field house, parking lot & baseball field safety, impact of social media and a resolution to the weight room at the Wellness Center.

**16-17: 181  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Miss Yohe**

- Thanked everyone for attending and speaking during the meeting.

**16-17: 182  
ITEMS BY  
BOARD MEMBERS**

**Mr. Burns**

- Thanked those in attendance at the meeting and said concerns and comments are always welcome.
- Ran for public office to help schools, not to take away programs.
- Want students to be prepared for tomorrow; team building and education are important.
- Desire to have more gym space by moving weight room.
- Asked individuals to call him directly and share ideas.
- Asked for prayers for our community as folks are going through a tragedy.

**Mrs. Lowry**

- If you have questions, ask someone for clarification. Feel free to contact School Board members.
- Referencing BARC, said she is finished talking about it and doesn't want to talk it to death. The project will save money in the long run.
- Excited about Farmers' market and Amerigas funds which benefit our kids.
- Have good staff, parents, students and community.
- Prefers phone conversations versus Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.
- Apologized for previous Board member perceptions.

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Awesome to have 25 students in attendance at the meeting tonight. If you have a question, ask and get the correct information. Don't want to take anything away from students.
- Thanked school principals for gifts in honor of School Board appreciation month.
- Thanked Board members, principals, clerks, staff and students for all their contributions.

**Mr. Ryder**

- When you listen to the community, you get a lot of different ideas. You try to get the facts and ask yourself if it is good for kids.
- Serving on the Board, you have to make a lot of decisions to give students athletic and academic opportunities.
- Not a weight room expert, nor a coach and opinion is not one of a professional.
- If you have questions, call me to personally discuss issues, rather than address it during a Board meeting. Communication is important.
- A recent incident occurred in the community and has been on my mind. Prayers to the family members.

**Mr. Secoy**

- Appreciate everyone coming to the meeting as feedback is invaluable.
- The Board made a decision, struck a nerve, and you've rallied.
- Want you to know the Board wants to be on your team.

**16-17: 182 (Con't.)  
ITEMS BY  
BOARD MEMBERS**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

**16-17: 183  
ADJOURNMENT**



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**BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN**



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**CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK**