

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Valley 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. Allison Hicklin, Superintendent Designee
Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk

Mr. Secoy, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry who arrived at 5:35 p.m. **16-17: 209**
CALL TO ORDER

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. to consider the resignation, retirement, and appointments of specific personnel. **16-17: 210**
CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Mr. Burns at 7:00 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: 211**
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Secoy 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: 212**
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. **16-17: 213**
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA

- Mrs. Jane Hall, Director of Special Education, Pupil Personnel Services, & Preschool, informed the Board of an upcoming community event sponsored by Bath County Public Schools, the Department of Social Services and Rockbridge Area Community Services. 8th graders and 12th graders. Nationally-known student speaker, Jerry Ackerman, will present **16-17: 214**
PUBLIC COMMENTS

“Parenting the Snapchat Generation” to students in grades 4–12. A presentation is scheduled for staff members, parents and community members at BCHS on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. prior to the program.

- Trevor Plecker, BCHS student, addressed the Board regarding the condition of BCHS. He referenced difference in wall colors, holes in walls and deteriorating stair rails. He suggested school improvement and possibly community service hours in an effort to make the school look more appealing.

**16-17: 214 (Con't.)
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, outlined highlights of the proposed budget including:

- General Assembly Budgeted Revenues based on ADM of 515.
- 2% salary increase.
- Health Insurance at projected enrollment and 10% increase.
- VRS and its associated benefits at projected rates.
- Scale development utilizing regionally comparative data as discussed in previous years (\$28,434 w/ benefits).
- Central Office Secretary scale based on a Springsted study completed by the County in 2015 (\$21,575 w/ benefits).
- Reclassification of employees across categories due to attrition.
- Addition of Custodian (\$37,507 w/ benefits).
- One 77 Passenger School Bus - \$94,123.
- Door locks at both elementary schools and exterior doors at VES - \$68,899.
- 20 Year roof coating at Millboro Elementary School -\$46,550.

**16-17: 215
FY2017-2018
BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Mr. Rider presented a balanced budget totaling \$11,474,048, an increase of \$404,485 (3.65%) over the current year budget.

Mr. Secoy called the **Budget Public Hearing to order.**

**16-17: 216
CALL TO ORDER
BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING**

No comments were presented during the Public Hearing.

**16-17: 217
PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
FY2017-2018 BUDGET**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **adjourned the Budget Public Hearing.**

**16-17: 218
ADJOURN BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**16-17: 219
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**

February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting, February 9, 2017 Budget Work Session, February 15, 2017 Budget Work Session, February 21, 2017 Joint Work Session, and February 24, 2017 Student Discipline Hearings.

- **Claims**

An overview of expenditure summary for February 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 71737-71746, 71747-71756, Bills – 71757-71824, Direct Deposit - 2247-2250. Food Service Payroll – 10941-10944, 10945-10948, Bills – 10949-10957, Direct Deposit - 2247-2250.

- **Reports**

Attendance

January 2017 ADM: BCHS 219.25, MES 129.94, VES 176.25 for a total of 525.44.

Cafeteria, January 2017

Maintenance, February 2017

Transportation, February 2017

Recognitions:

**16-17: 220
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Division-Wide Spelling Bee Winners (February 8, 2017)

Vaden Lewis	Grade 7 – MES	1 st Place
Aoife Bradley	Grade 7 – VES	Runner-Up

BCHS Beta State Convention Winners qualified to compete at nationals in Orlando, FL this summer:

Mackenzie Weaver	Onsite Pencil Drawing	1 st Place
	Water Color	1 st Place
Gabrielle Reed	Division 1 Creative Writing	1 st Place
Emma Marshall	Division 1 Science	2 nd Place
	Onsite Acrylic Art	3 rd Place
Mason Keyser	Division 2 Social Studies	3 rd Place

FCCLA members celebrated FCCLA week (February 13-17) with class meetings and a sign-up to attend the State Leadership Conference in April. A guest chef from Johnson and Wales was at BCHS on February 22nd. Students saw the chef during lunches.

Culinary students plan to cater the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 18th.

March - Youth Art Month celebration. Ms. Craig plans to submit student art for the VSBA Valley Regional Meeting Art Show on March 8 in Buena Vista.

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

**16-17: 221
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Digital Learning Day is part of a national campaign designed to celebrate innovative teaching and highlight practices that make learning engaging for students. Principals and students provided a sampling of STEM activities taking place at schools.

**16-17: 222
SCHOOL STEM
ACTIVITIES –
PRINCIPALS**

Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, introduced BCHS students who showed the Board wind turbine components they designed and built under the supervision of Joey Altizer, carpentry teacher. Students provided the Board a close-up view of the turbine/propeller blades, transmission/gears and a computer controlled remote. Students will participate in a competition at DSLCC and the National competition will be held in California.

Mrs. Hicklin, MES principal and Mr. Sizemore, VES principal showed videos of STEM activities at their schools and led the Board through a hands-on demonstration of a breakout-EDU box. Mrs. Sizemore and MES students provided assistance to Board members in their quest to solve multiple puzzles to open a locked box. Mrs. Hicklin said this activity could be adapted for use in all grades. Mr. Sizemore praised VES students in grades preschool through 7 as they created "Steamville" village and met challenges at each level. He complimented students on their excitement and accomplishments noting the design was to teach critical thinking and collaboration skills.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **MES custodian – Arthur Mason Ailstock.**

**16-17: 223
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Kevin Carey as VES Aide.**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Laura Massie as BCHS Special Education Teacher** and authorized the superintendent to **advertise and hire a BCHS Aide.**

On motion Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Mary Ellen Hupman as substitute custodian** and **Hubert Wise as substitute bus driver/vehicle driver.**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) accepted the **resignation of Krista Armstrong, VES Aide.**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) and **retirement request of Linda Cole, BCHS Special Education Teacher.**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm, and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the following overnight field trips as presented:

- **FCCLA State Leadership Conference, April 6-9, 2017, Virginia Beach, VA**
- **FBLA State Conference, April 7-9, 2017, Reston, VA**
- **MES 7th Grade – May 4-5, 2017, Williamsburg/Virginia Beach**
- **VES 7th Grade – May 26-27, 2017, Washington, DC**

**16-17: 224
CONSIDERATION OF
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

The Calendar Committee met on February 16, 2017 and developed a draft calendar which was then shared with school personnel. Having received positive comments from all three schools, the 2017-2018 division calendar draft was presented for Board approval. Mrs. Hicklin highlighted calendar differences from the 2016-2017 year:

- An additional pupil holiday in January extends the Christmas/New Year holiday break one day and provided a workday for teachers.
- Teachers will report at 11:30 AM on the days scheduled for parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher conference days will no longer be counted as 2 work days.

**16-17: 225
CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF 2017-2018 DIVISION
CALENDAR**

New teachers report on August 7 and all teachers report on August 8, 2017. The First Pupil Day is August 16th and Last Pupil Day is scheduled on June 1, 2018.

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the 2017-2018 Division Calendar as presented.

Mr. Rider shared budget information discussed at the Joint Work Session w/ Board of Supervisors on February 21, 2017. The Boards discussed sharing the services of a custodian/maintenance employee between the schools and county. Mrs. Lowry said she did not want the maintenance position in the Parks and Recreation budget. No decision was made at the Joint Work Session and Mr. Rider informed the Board that the position remains in the school FY2017-2018 draft budget. Mr. Rider said the \$75,000 for Small School Division Enrollment was not funded in the SY2018, but was included in the SY2017.

**16-17: 226
FY2017-2018
BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed the following 1st reading of VSBA Policies: BBFA (Option1), CBCA (Optional), EEA, EFB, GA, GAH (New), GBM, GCPF, IJ, JFCC, JHC, JHCF, JHCH, JO, JOA (New), KG, LC-E, and LEB. The Board plans to view policies in a second reading on April 4, 2017.

**16-17: 227
VSBA POLICIES
1ST READING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved a 2017 VSBA Business Honor Roll Resolution for BARC Electric Co-Op and the Omni Homestead Hotel.

**16-17: 228
2017 VSBA
BUSINESS HONOR ROLL**

Informational items for Board members included: VDOE News article - New Features Enhance School Quality Profiles and March/April 2017 School Board calendars.

16-17: 229
ITEMS FOR
BOARD MEMBERS

There were none to be heard.

16-17: 230
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miss Yohe

- Glad schools are so involved with CTE and STEM programs.

16-17: 231
ITEMS BY
BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Burns

- Good luck to all the groups mentioned in Good News.
- Thanked all staff members for their efforts and students involvement.
- Encouraged individuals to attend the Board of Supervisors budget meeting. He asked everyone to be vocal and active in support of our school system.
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded them to call him if they have questions.

Mrs. Lowry

- A pleasure to travel with Band students to Florida and an opportunity to see the kids shine.
- Two sons enjoy staying after schools for coding activities.
- Accomplishments of our kids is everywhere, on a statewide and nationwide level. Great staff and students and all their work shines. Excited to say she is a part of Bath County.

Mrs. Grimm

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
- Enjoyed the breakout-EDU box STEM activity.
- Excited to see student involvement.

Mr. Ryder

- At BCHS today and spoke with CTE students. Said he has a lot of respect for students as they were very polite and well behaved. Congratulated them on their accomplishments and innovative presentation tonight.

Mr. Secoy

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Commended the Destination Imagination team on their recent competition.
- Congratulated students on the creation of the Steamville Village displayed on the cafeteria stage.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

16-17: 232
ADJOURNMENT



BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN



ALLISON HICKLIN, SUPERINTENDENT DESIGNEE