

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { } ACTION { X } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Valley Elementary School.

PRESENT: Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Chair
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Vice-Chair
Mrs. Amy R. Gwin, Board Member
Mr. William K. Manion, Board Member
Dr. Ellen R. Miller, Board Member
Miss Laura Haney, Student Liaison

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

Mrs. Rhonda Grimm, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members present. **12-13: 305 CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **convened in a closed meeting at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a student liaison to the School Board, student participation in graduation exercises and personnel matters.** **12-13: 306 CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Miller at 7:03 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. **12-13: 307 CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence. **12-13: 308 CALL TO ORDER FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) **amended the agenda to include Items 13. – I. – Letter to Sheriff in Support of a School Resource Officer and 13. – J. – Dress Code at Athletic Practices.** **12-13: 309 APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA**

- Monica Chen, a foreign exchange student from China, addressed the Board thanking them for her acceptance as a student in Bath County schools. **12-13: 310 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- BCHS Band Concert and Art Show were held on Sunday, May 5th. Mrs. Hirsh commended Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Horner, and students for their outstanding efforts and an excellent show.
- Mrs. Hirsh read a proclamation signed by the School Board in recognition of National Teacher Day on May 7, 2013 observed during National Teacher Week.
- Mrs. Hirsh recognized Mrs. Shifflett, Director of School Nutrition and Wellness Nutrition, during School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2013 as declared by VDOE.
- Mrs. Shifflett recognized school cafeteria staff during School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week – May 6 – 10, 2013.
- VSBA 2013 Spring Regional Forum Art Contest, April 18, 2013
 Elementary Entry:
 Lindsay Oliver MES, Grade 1 Title: Sierra
 Middle School Entry:
 Jillian Brown VES, Grade 6 Title: Jungle Queen
 High School Entry:
 Austin Tuning BCHS, Grade 12 Title: Sal’s
- P. Buckley Moss Art Center Contest Participants
 Gustavo Paredes-Nieves, Tanner Lacks, Rachael Gibson
 Mikayla Miller, Emily Lowry, Brandon Pritt, Allyson Cutlip
- FCCLA State Conference at Virginia Beach, April 12-14 – Adaline Hodge/Teacher
 Kiwi Plecker 2nd Place – Gold Medal Cake Decorating
 Awarded \$2,000 Culinary Institute of Virginia Scholarship
 Christal Colon Bronze Medal Team Cook-Off
 & Katie Hostetter
 Monica Chen 2nd Place Silver Medal Knife Skills & Chicken Fabrication
- FCCLA Young Chef Challenge with DSLCC and the Homestead winners:
 Kiwi Plecker, Christal Colon, 1st Place – Cooking Team
 Katie Hostetter, Amber Sensabaugh
 Halley Knott, Skye Dujardin 2nd Place – Taste of Virginia
 Cassie Hoover, Kelsey Lindsay, 3rd Place – Knowledge Bowl
 Dillon Skovira
- BCHS Grade 8 Band recently performed for the TOTS Preschool Program and BCHS Band students will perform at the elementary schools in June.
- Ms. Ramona Garcia provided background information on Operation Smile, an organization that repairs cleft palates, cleft lips and other facial deformities. Ms. Garcia introduced Rebekah Blake, BCHS senior, who recently returned from an Operation Smile mission trip to Cambodia. During a power point presentation, Miss Blake provided detailed information about the program and mission trip fulfilling an Operation Smile requirement.

**12-13: 311
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board (5-0 vote) approved minutes for a regular meeting held on April 3, and a quarterly joint meeting on April 4, 2013 as presented.

**12-13: 312
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager presented an overview of expenditure summary and reconciled April, 2013 revenue summary. **On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the revenue summary and April 2013 claims as presented:** General Fund Payroll 66637-66650, 66660-66673, Bills- 65904-VOID, 66651-66659, 66674-66773, Direct Deposit 2047, VA Tax 2048 – Food Service General Fund Payroll – 10116-10121, 10123-10128, 10122, Bills – 10129-10138, Direct Deposit 2047, VA Tax 2048.

**12-13: 313
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

The March 2013 ADM is as follows: BCHS 269.87, MES 108.13 and VES 227.93 for a total of 605.93.

**12-13: 314
ATTENDANCE
REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports of the School Food Service Program for March 2013.

**12-13: 315
CAFETERIA REPORT**

The Board reviewed Maintenance and Transportation reports of activities for the month of March 2013.

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) accepted the reports as presented.

**12-13: 316
MAINTENANCE &
TRANSPORTATION
REPORTS**

Laura Haney provided a detailed update on MES, BCHS, and VES upcoming school events. Miss Haney congratulated Valedictorian Elijah DeBoe and Savannah McLaurin, Salutatorian for the BCHS class of 2013.

**12-13: 317
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

Mrs. Hirsh said instructional staff members were invited to respond to a survey indicating staff development needs, interests, and outcomes. Responses will be used to plan in-service opportunities for 2013-2014. Mr. Lancaster, Director of Technology, Testing, and Administrative Services distributed Spring 2013 Professional Development Survey information and provided an overview of the items listed.

**12-13: 318
STAFF
DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

Mrs. Hirsh provided May and June, 2013 calendars highlighting events that School Board members may wish to attend.

**12-13: 319
END-OF-YEAR
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the participation of student A in BCHS graduation exercises upon completion of requirements.

**12-13: 320
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Rider said the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP) was created for employees who will be covered under the VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2014. Mr. Rider said local disability is a component of the hybrid plan. Participation is automatic unless the governing body elects to opt out and provide a comparable employer-paid disability program effective January 1, 2014. The decision to participate or opt out is irrevocable. Mr. Rider recommended participation in the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP).

**12-13: 321
CONSIDER VRS
VIRGINIA LOCAL
DISABILITY PROGRAM
(VLDP)**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved participation in the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP) as recommended.

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board (5-0 vote) appointed **William Saul Pasco as Student Liaison to the School Board for SY2013-14.**

**12-13: 322
STUDENT LIAISON TO
THE SCHOOL BOARD**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved an overnight field trip request for VES 7th graders to travel to Washington, DC on June 4-5, 2013.**

**12-13: 323
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **authorized submission of grant applications for Title I-A, Title II-A, and Title III-A.**

**12-13: 324
AUTHORIZATION TO
APPLY FOR FEDERAL
GRANTS**

At the request of Dr. Miller, Mrs. Hirsh plans to contact VSBA attorney, Elizabeth Ewing to obtain clarification on policy JFCA – Teacher Removal of Students from Class.

**12-13: 325
VSBA POLICIES -
2ND READING**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved the following VSBA policies presented for 2nd readings: Content Revisions – AA, BB, BBAA, BCA, BCB, BCE, BDC, BDCA, BDDA, CBD, CF, EEAB, EEAC, IA, IE, IF, IFE (Deleted), IKG, IKH, IIBD, IICB/IICC, IGBC, IKF, JECA, JFB, , JFCB, JFCI, JGD/JGE-R (Option 1), JHCB, JHCF, JN, and KH.**

Policy JFCA was not approved and will be presented at the June meeting for approval.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board (5-0 vote) certified **that the division met an allowable provision for a Pre-Labor Day opening of the 2013-2014 school year.**

**12-13: 326
REQUEST FOR PRE-
LABOR DAY OPENING
OF SCHOOL**

Mrs. Hirsh updated the Board on a recently received VACORP 2013-14 Self Insurance Proposal for Property, Liability and Automobiles for Bath County Public Schools. Bath County Schools are currently insured with Virginia School Board Association policy. Mrs. Hirsh said the coverage/replacement values are comparable and might allow increased replacement values. Mrs. Hirsh recommended accepting the proposal with VACORP as it would result in a \$34,000 savings. The proposal does not include worker's compensation.

**12-13: 327
PROPERTY AND
CASUALTY INSURANCE
RENEWAL**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) recommended Bath County Schools secure VACORP insurance for the SY2013-2014.

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) **authorized Mrs. Hirsh to provide a written statement in support of the Sheriff's office hiring an additional deputy who may be used as a school resource officer.**

**12-13: 328
LETTER TO SHERIFF IN
SUPPORT OF A SCHOOL
RESOURCE OFFICER**

Dr. Miller asked for clarification on dress code during spring athletic practices. She said there were complaints that some soccer players removed their shirts during practice/scrimmage. Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Gwin recommended athletic players wear practice jerseys and that everyone, regardless of the sport, wear shirts. No action was taken.

**12-13: 329
ATHLETIC PRACTICE
DRESS CODE**

Information for the Board members included: a letter from William G. O'Brien, Interim County Administrator confirming a Public Hearing on May 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input regarding County and Schools budgets for FY2013-14, a VSBA 2013 Schedule of Meetings and Conferences, and a VSBA webinar on May 15, 2013.

**12-13: 330
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to be heard.

**12-13: 331
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Miss Haney

- Thanked all teachers and nutritional staff.
- Congratulated art and culinary students for their awards.
- Thanked VES for hosting the meeting tonight.

**12-13: 332
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Gwin

- Congratulated all students and clubs on their awards.
- Thanked the art students for their entries to VSBA and P. Buckley Moss Art Center.
- Art show and Band Concert were wonderful.
- Congratulated Eli DeBoe, Valedictorian, and Savannah McLaurin, Salutatorian.
- Thanked everyone for attending.

**12-13: 332 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Dr. Miller

- Congratulated all students on their efforts.
- Thanked teachers and nutritional staff.
- Thanked Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Hooker, and Mrs. Lindsay for their efforts in art and music.
- Thanked everyone for coming this evening.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mr. Manion

- Thanked everyone for attending.
- Art program and band concert were great.
- Mrs. Shifflett has done a good job for years.
- Thanked everyone for a job well done.

Mrs. Lowry

- Congratulated all staff members.
- Phenomenal students in art, music, culinary, academics, athletics, everyday activities; they are changing the world for the better.

Mrs. Grimm

- Appreciation to all of our staff, especially the teachers.
- Thanked Mrs. Shifflett for her hard work and the work of the nutritional staff.
- Attended a wonderful talent show at MES.
- Beautiful art work at the VSBA Valley Regional Conference.
- Art show and Band concert were amazing.
- Offered advice for BCHS prom goers; be careful and have fun.
- Sent Happy Mother's Day wishes to moms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**12-13 333
ADJOURNMENT**