

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

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

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

Mrs. Cathy Lowry, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with all members present except Mr. Manion who arrived at 6:30 p.m.

**13-14: 285
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:35 p.m. to consider a non-resident student application, a student matter, the appointment of a student liaison to the School Board, appointment of school board employee(s), and a request for maternity leave.

**13-14: 286
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Gwin 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.

**13-14: 287
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

**13-14: 288
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) amended the agenda with the addition of *Item 10.C. – Fundraising Committee to Superintendent’s Report – Presentations/Information.*

**13-14: 289
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

There were none to be heard.

**13-14: 290
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**13-14: 291
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- Mrs. Hirsh recognized school cafeteria staff during School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week – May 5– 9, 2014 as declared by VDOE.
- Mrs. Hirsh recognized school nurses, **Glenda Myers and Lisa Jessee**, on School Nurse Day, May 7, 2014.
- VSBA 2014 Spring Regional Forum Art Contest, April 23, 2014
Elementary Entry:
Luke Hooker VES, Grade 2 Title: Colors
Middle School Entry:
Jillian Brown VES, Grade 7 Title: Moonlight Falls
High School Entry:
Mikayla Miller BCHS, Grade 12 Title: Looking Up
- P. Buckley Moss Art Center 2014 Contest Participants:
Heather Burse, Emily Lowry, Jackson Retzlaff, Thomas Shrader, Briana Craven, Emilie Colon, Rachael Gibson, Dustin Albanese
- Congressional Art Competition Participant – **Mikayla Miller** (results are not known at this time.)
- Numerous students throughout all 3 schools entered the Poster design contest with the theme “Virginia is for Givers”. (Results are not known at this time.)
- Mrs. Hirsh recognized **Ms. Courtney Horner**, Art teacher, for her hard work and the opportunities presented to students.
- Mrs. Rowe encouraged everyone to visit the Bath County High School website to see culinary photos. FCCLA State Conference at Virginia Beach, April 3-6 – Adaline Hodge/Teacher.
Cassie Hoover & Tori Moran Culinary Arts Cooking Team Bronze Medal
Kiwi Plecker Cake Decorating 2nd Place – Gold Medal
(Awarded \$6,000 in scholarship money from Culinary Institute of Virginia & Sullivan University)
Amber Sensabaugh Breads Category 2nd Place – Silver Medal
(Awarded \$6,000 in scholarship money.)
Gwen Miller Pastry & Confections Event Gold Medal & Trophy
(Awarded \$8,500 in scholarship money)
- Mrs. Rowe provided background information on FBLA Regional and State Competitions. FBLA Virginia Western Community College Regional Competition Winners – State Leadership Conference, April 4-5, 2014 in Reston, VA – Teacher – Jane McMullen.
Allison Swarengin 1st Place Advanced Accounting
Daniel Hevener, Jackson Retzlaff, Ryan Woodzell 1st Place Management Decision Making (Team)
Meghan Brown, Jordan Ford, Kara Kincaid 1st Place Entrepreneurship (Team)
Katie Via 2nd Place Health Care Administration
Mason Keyser 2nd Place Public Speaking I
Mikayla McMullen 3rd Place Accounting
Britney Chestnut, Nikki McDaniel 3rd Place Desktop Publishing
Jenny Quantz 4th Place Business Calculations
Kaytie Carter 4th Place Business Math
Alex Cambata 4th Place Economics
Ivy Barker 4th Place Intro. To Business Communications
Misty Lowry, Justin Webb, 4th Place Marketing (Team)
Myranda Matheny
Becca Dressler 4th Place Word Processing
Ali Wolfe 5th Place Business Communications
Emily Black 5th Place Business Procedures
Luke Lyons 5th Place Public Speaking II
- Fifteen students from BCHS FBLA attended the State FBLA Leadership Conference April 4-5 in Reston, VA. The club was recognized for the following:
Project Ask Contributor, Project Ask Hero, and “Hang Ten” Chapter

- The following FBLA students competed on the state level:

Allison Swearingin	Accounting
Daniel Hevener, Jackson Retzlaff,	Management Decision Making
Ryan Woodzell	
Jordan Ford, Kara Kincaid	Marketing
Katie Via	Health Care Administration
- Mrs. Hirsh recognized BCHS teacher – **Justin Broughman**, MES teacher – **Jan Lee**, and VES teacher – **Tammy Lindsay** on their nominations for Educator of the Year. The Chamber of Commerce presented the Educator of the Year award to **Mrs. Lindsay**.
- Mrs. Hirsh expressed appreciation to teachers During National Teacher Appreciation Week. She read a tribute to teachers she had written earlier in the day. When closing the tribute, she encouraged parents and the community to pause and say “thank you” to teachers.

**13-14: 291 (Con't.)
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:

**13-14: 292
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**
April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, and April 10, 2014 Joint Budget Work Session.
- **Claims**
Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, presented an overview of expenditure summary and a reconciled April 2014 revenue summary. General Fund Payroll - 68011-68022, 68030-68042, Direct Deposit - 2089-2092, Bills – 68023-68029, 68043-68138, and Food Service Payroll - 10339-10343, 10344-10348, Bills - 10349-10355, Direct Deposit - 2089-2091. Mr. Rider provided an update on revenues and categorical expenditures relating to end of the year balances.
- **Reports**
Attendance
March 2014 ADM: BCHS 245.78, MES 109.17, VES 227.56, for a total of 582.51.
Cafeteria, March 2014
Maintenance, March/April 2014
Transportation, April 2014

Mr. Pasco provided an update on MES, BCHS, and VES academic and athletic events.

**13-14: 293
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

Mrs. Hirsh shared a survey that was sent to all instructional personnel last week. She said results may be used both to design the staff development opportunities that are both needed to boost student achievement forward, meet personal needs, and serve as part of the needs assessment on Title II-A application. Mrs. Hirsh plans to share survey results with Board members at a later date.

**13-14: 294
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

Mrs. Hirsh shared May and June, 2014 calendars with Board members. The calendars highlight events that School Board members might wish to attend.

**13-14: 295
END-OF-YEAR
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Due to previous discussions regarding limited county funds for Capital Improvement Plan projects, Dr. Miller suggested the Board consider fundraising opportunities to finance the BCHS auditorium renovations including dehumidification, stage curtains, carpeting and stage floor. Since the auditorium is used primarily for community projects, Dr. Miller said county wide fundraising would give the community a vested interest in the schools. The cost of the auditorium renovation is approximately \$100,000. Dr. Miller mentioned consideration of parking lot paving once the auditorium renovation is completed. Dr. Miller said she is willing to contact others who have fundraising experience for guidance. In closing, she asked the Board to consider her recommendation and said she is willing to investigate a massive fundraising campaign.

**13-14: 296
FUNDRAISING
COMMITTEE**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) **granted permission for a non-resident student to complete the school year, although the family has moved out of the county.**

**13-14: 297
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **appointment of Tanner Bradley as student liaison** for the upcoming year (SY2014-2015).

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **transfer of Brett Moyers from the BCHS cafeteria (.5 FTE) to VES cafeteria (.75 FTE)** and authorized Mrs. Hirsh to fill the half-time **BCHS vacated position by appointing Monique Ingram.**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved a maternity leave request** for a VES teacher in the Fall (2014).

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) accepted, with regret, the **resignation of Justin Broughman, BCHS teacher,** effective at the end of the school year.

During Action Following Closed Meeting, the Board appointed **Tanner Bradley,** BCHS student, as Student Liaison to the School Board for the SY2014-2015.

**13-14: 298
STUDENT LIAISON TO
THE SCHOOL BOARD
(POLICY BBBB)**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) authorized staff to submit applications for the following annual Federal Grants: Title I-A – Improving Basic Programs, Title II-A – Teacher Quality, and Title III-A – Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students.

**13-14: 299
AUTHORIZATION TO
APPLY FOR FEDERAL
GRANTS**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved adoption of two VSBA policies presented for a 2nd reading:

1. GAA – Staff Time Schedules
 - Work Schedules – first sentence – *thirty* changed to **fifteen**, and
 - Workweek Defined – last sentence – *Saturday* changed to **Sunday** and *Friday* changed to **Saturday**.
2. JL – Fundraising and Solicitation (no changes)

**13-14: 300
VSBA POLICIES –
2ND READING**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the adoption of the following VSBA policies presented in a 1st reading: BBA, BCEA, BDD, BDDC, BDDF, BDDH, BG, EBAA, EBAB, ECA, ECAB, EDC, EEA, EF, EGAA, EI, ET, IGE, IIA, IIAA, IIAB, IJ, IKA, IKB, IKFA, and INDC as presented.

**13-14: 301
VSBA POLICIES
UPDATES, FEBRUARY
2014 (CONTINUED)
1ST READING**

On motion by Mrs. Gwin and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board (5-0 vote) certified that the division meets an allowable provision for a Pre-Labor Day opening of the 2014-15 school year.

Mrs. Gwin inquired about the possibility of adding ten minutes to the school day for the upcoming year as previously suggested by a parent. She said her calculations indicate six less school days if the days were lengthened by ten minutes. Mrs. Hirsh plans to address the idea at the June Board meeting after discussion with administrators.

**13-14: 302
REQUEST FOR PRE-
LABOR DAY OPENING
OF SCHOOL**

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the execution of a ten year lease agreement expiring on April 30, 2024 with Pocahontas Communications Cooperative Corporation (Alleghany Mountain Radio).

**13-14: 303
ALLEGHANY
MOUNTAIN RADIO
STATION LEASE
AGREEMENT**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) adopted the following English/Reading textbooks:

- Grades 3-5 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – Journeys
- Grade 6 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – Journeys, or Pearson/Prentice Hall
- Grades 7-12 Pearson/Prentice Hall

**13-14: 304
2014-15
ENGLISH/READING
TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Informational items for Board members included: VSBA July 22, 2014 Conference on Education brochure, letters of appreciation from Tommy Barber, I.D.C. Chairman, and Ronald Mabry, District Governor, to Bath County Schools for their support of the recent Interact District Rotary Conference co-hosted by Bath County High School staff.

**13-14: 305
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mindy Hooker, BCHS Band Director, praised Band members on their amazing trip to Washington, D.C. She said the band played at the Lincoln Memorial in front of thousands of people. The students received compliments by other organizations as they were well behaved, mannerly, and polite. Mrs. Hooker said the students and parents did a great job representing Bath County Schools.
- Cliff Gilchrest, Board of Supervisors member, hoped the report about the Rotary Student Interact Program and the Band trip are reported on the local radio and newspaper.

**13-14: 306
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Pasco

- Thanked everyone for attending and thanked MES for the gift.
- Congratulated all students who participated in Art, FBLA, FCCLA and all students who participated in extra-curricular activities.
- Wished everyone a safe drive home.

**13-14: 307
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Grimm

- Congratulated all students on their great accomplishments. Proud of our students who represent Bath County Schools.
- Sad to see the resignation of Mr. Broughman and wished him well.
- Expressed appreciation to teachers and staff members during Teacher Appreciation Week. Asked students and parents to take a moment to say thank you to teachers, drivers, and all staff.
- Attended the VSBA Valley Regional Art Show and said it was awesome.
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Gwin

- Congratulated all students on their accomplishments.
- Welcomed Mr. Manion back to the Board.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Manion

- Thanked everyone for their cards and well wishes.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Praised our awesome students, teachers, and staff.
- Need to maintain our good standing in our school system.
- Cautioned those in attendance to drive safely.

Dr. Miller

- Welcomed Mr. Manion back to the Board.
- Congratulated students on their accomplishments.
- Thanked teachers for their hard work.
- Thanked school nurses and cafeteria staff.

Mrs. Lowry

- Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Rowe elaborated on signs posted throughout the community sponsored by Bath County High School in conjunction with RACS. The signs display the following message: *"Parents Who Host Lose the Most."* *"Don't Be a Party to Teenage Drinking"*. *"It is against the law."* The signs were provided by the Rockbridge Area Prevention Coalition (RACS), a group whose mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth in Rockbridge and Bath.
- According to Mrs. Hirsh, Ms. Rebecca Textor, a RACS representative, met with the Bath County School Administrative Team to explore prevention services on the recommendation of Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Gilchrest.

- Mrs. Hirsh said the school division provides a bus and bus driver to transport students from BCHS to the after prom celebration at YMCA in Low Moor, VA. Mrs. Hirsh said participation in the after prom celebration at the YMCA is encouraged rather than a party at home where alcohol may be served.
- Welcomed Mr. Manion back to the Board.

**13-14: 307 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBER**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**13-14: 308
ADJOURNMENT**