

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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
Mr. William K. Manion, Board Member
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member
Mr. Tanner Bradley, 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 5:40 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Grimm.

**14-15: 028
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:41 p.m. to discuss the resignation, appointment of specific employees, superintendent’s goals, MES property inspection, and student update.

**14-15: 029
CLOSED MEETING
AND CERTIFICATION
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Miller at 7:03 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (4-0 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.

**14-15: 030
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**14-15: 031
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented.

**14-15: 032
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

Amber Yohe, BCHS teacher and parent, thanked all individuals responsible for installation of new lockers at BCHS.

**14-15: 033
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:

**14-15: 034
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**
July 14, 2014 Work Session, and August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- **Claims**
Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, presented an overview of expenditure summary and a reconciled August 2014 revenue summary. General Fund Payroll - 68506-68516, 68521-68531, Direct Deposit - 2112-2114, Bills – 68517-68520, 68532-68624, Food Service Payroll – 10416-10417, 10418-10419, Direct Deposit – 2112-2113, Bills – 10420-10427.
- **Reports**
Maintenance, August 2014
Transportation, August 2014

Mr. Tanner Bradley, BCHS student liaison, provided a brief report on the opening of schools.

**14-15: 035
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Membership Distribution Reports for Bath County Public Schools. The 1st day report reflected: BCHS-253, MES-105, and VES-196, a total of 554 students. The 5th day report reflected: BCHS-254, MES-107, and VES-205, a total of 566 students. Mrs. Hirsh provided the 10th day report which reflected BCHS-254, MES-107, and VES 207, a total of 568 students in grades K through 12. (Preschool numbers are not included in attendance report totals.)

**14-15: 036
A. STUDENT
ENROLLMENT**

Principals, Mrs. Hicklin, Ms. Coffman, and Mrs. Rowe, outlined resources to promote academic improvements, positive behaviors, community participation and improvement plans at each of their schools.

**B. SCHOOL
REPORTS**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) accepted the **resignation of Charmain “Sam” Black, MES Aide, and authorized the superintendent to hire a replacement.**

**14-15: 037 (Con’t.)
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved personnel appointments as follow:**

Teacher Mentors

- Denise Eaton (Jessica Hornsby)
- Terry Bradley (Jordan Shelton)
- Erin Simmons (Bryan Tuning)
- Diane Davis (Selina Weaver Abbott)

Academic Supplements

- Jeanne Rooklin – BCHS English/Foreign Language Dept. Head
- Michelle Eldredge – BCHS Math Dept. Head
- Terry Bradley – BCHS History/Social Sciences Dept. Head
- Amber Yohe – BCHS Science Dept. Head
- April Miller – BCHS Special Education
- Melinda Hooker – BCHS Physical Education/Fine Arts Dept. Head
- Jane McMullen – BCHS Career & Technical Education Coordinator
- Stephanie Hiner – BCHS School Testing Coordinator
- Kim Lancaster – MES Head Teacher
- Marjorie Hevener – VES Head Teacher
- Tammy Lindsay – Title I Coordinator

Substitute Teachers

- Jamie Fussell, Patricia Nicely, Francesca Di Benedetto, Allison Hollins

Cafeteria Substitute

- Mary Ellen Hupman

**14-15: 037 (Con't.)
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the FY2014-15 Grant Funds Technology Bond Resolution as presented.

**14-15: 038
TECHNOLOGY BOND
RESOLUTION – MR.
LANCASTER**

Mr. Harrison contacted Mrs. Hirsh on August 13, 2014 following the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 12. He advised Mrs. Hirsh that money had been identified to fund BCHS parking lot improvements based upon the receipt of an engineering study and project design. Mrs. Hirsh confirmed with Mr. Harrison that the cost of the study/design is to be paid from county funds. Mrs. Hirsh said three engineering firms have expressed interest. Mrs. Hirsh asked the Board for authorization to advertise for bid proposals.

**14-15: 039
BCHS PARKING LOT
ENGINEERING STUDY**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (4-0 vote) authorized the superintendent to advertise and acquire proposals to include BCHS parking lot project description and scope of services (engineering/geotechnical investigation, conceptual design, and cost estimate).

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (3-1 vote, Miller opposed) approved the use of SACS/AdvancED surveys during Fall 2014.

**14-15: 040
CLIENT SURVEY**

Informational items for Board members included a letter to the Bath County Treasurer regarding tuition fees for non-resident students. Mrs. Hirsh said she received a letter with the 14-15 annual agreement for the school nutrition program today. She also updated the Board on upcoming VSBA conference registrations.

**14-15: 041
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS**

A public hearing is scheduled on November 11, 2014 by the Board of Supervisors to discuss staggered terms. The School Board discussed staggered terms and the position taken by previous School Boards. Mrs. Hirsh plans to furnish background information and contact VSBA regarding other school divisions who have staggered terms prior to the October meeting.

**14-15: 041 (Con't.)
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Sarah Rowe, BCHS principal, thanked Mr. Tanner Bradley for his willingness to serve as student liaison. Mrs. Rowe said he will be an excellent role model for students.

**14-15: 042
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ryder

- Recommended placement of conduit underneath parking lot pavement to enable electricity/power at the gas tanks in case of emergencies.
- Visited VES today and said the staff did an excellent job over the summer and the building is very clean. Enjoyed lunch today at VES. Visited Mertz building and noted a lot going on in the building.
- Said everyone needs to give credit to the citizens of Bath County as they funded the new lockers at BCHS. He is hopeful that the lockers last a long time.

**14-15: 043
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mr. Manion

- Glad to get the parking lot paved and said installation of conduit makes sense.

Dr. Miller

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Positive thing to move forward with parking lot renovations.
- Would like to move forward with an Education foundation as individuals have approached her about donations.
- Extended sympathies to the families of Ali Wolfe and Alex Dressler.

Mrs. Lowry

- Excited about the parking lot project.
- Complimented Mrs. Hooker on her work with Band students.
- Two young people have left legacies and made our lives better by being here. She said it is important to begin to look forward.
- Pleased that Dr. Miller is continuing the pursuit of an educational foundation.
- Regarding backpacks at BCHS, she encouraged parents to contact the school principal when they have questions.
- Referenced a MSN article regarding Texas school staff who carry guns in their schools. Grateful to have a school resource officer in our schools.
- Addressing staff, she said they do great things in the classroom and out of the classroom. As a Board member, she wanted staff to know they are appreciated.

Mr. Tanner Bradley

- Thinks paving the BCHS parking lot is a good use of funds.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**14-15: 044
ADJOURNMENT**