

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

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PRESENT: Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Chair
Dr. Ellen R. Miller, Board Vice-Chair
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member (departed after closed meeting due to an illness)
Mr. William K. Manion, Board Member (departed at 8:48 p.m.)
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member

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 5:33 p.m. with all members present except Dr. Ellen Miller who arrived at 5:38 p.m. **14-15: 094 CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:34 p.m. to discuss proposals for BCHS parking lot study, and consider a resignation request. **14-15: 095 CLOSED MEETING AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Miller at 7:01 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (4-0 vote-roll call, Mrs. Grimm departed the meeting after closed meeting) 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: 096 CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **14-15: 097 CALL TO ORDER FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) amended the agenda with the addition of *Item 10 – B. – Technology Education Presentation and Item 11 - D. - Resolution Concerning the Funding of Public Education in Virginia.* **14-15: 098 APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA**

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

**14-15: 99
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**
November 4, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- **Claims**
An overview of expenditure summary and a reconciled November 2014 revenue summary were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll- 68840-68852, 68859-68871, Direct Deposit - 2123-2126, Bills – 68853-68858, 68872-68924, Food Service Payroll – 10471-10475, 10476-10480, Direct Deposit – 2123-2125, Bills – 10481-10489.
- **Reports**
Attendance
October 2014 ADM: BCHS 258, MES 110.14, VES 207.55, for a total of 575.69.
Cafeteria, October 2014
Maintenance, November 2014
Transportation, November 2014

There were none to be heard.

**14-15: 100
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Allison Hicklin, MES principal, presented a recap of their recent MES 25th Anniversary celebration. Presentations by teachers and students included: where they will be in 25 years, video with a school chant, “then and now” project, use of old yearbooks to work on sequencing to determine who worked at the school twenty five years ago and when they left, how things were 25 years ago, predictions on how things would be in 25 years, and dress up days. Mrs. Hicklin said students and staff were very involved in the celebration preparations.
- Mrs. Hirsh said BCHS was recently informed they were one of four schools in Virginia to have moved along in the Samsung “Solve for Tomorrow” competition as a Virginia State Finalist. Mr. Ed Ozols is to present additional information in Item 10.B. Mrs. Hirsh congratulated Mr. Ozols and students on their technology accomplishments.
- Mrs. Rowe congratulated the BCHS Academic Bowl team as they won three rounds in competition last night and were named tournament champions.
- Mrs. Rowe congratulated BCHS student, Virginia King, on her recent cross country competition efforts. She placed 27th out of 99 participants in state competition.
- Ms. Coffman and Mrs. Hicklin updated the Board on recent activities at the elementary schools. VES held a local Hero Day, Veteran’s Day luncheon, Senator Deeds visited, and a PBIS visit with a good report. Mrs. Hicklin said legislators, Senator Deeds and Mr. Cliff Gilcrest visited MES, a preliminary geography bee was held, upcoming Christmas programs, and both schools had a Family Reading Night.

**14-15: 101
GOOD NEWS IN BATH
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Mr. Tanner Bradley was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions.

**14-15: 102
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

Board members reflected on the recent VSBA annual conference and reported on topics presented. Mr. Ryder said he believes the conference is beneficial to board members as many sessions are offered including budget information and operations of school systems which allow networking with other school divisions. Dr. Miller shared education foundation information and fundraising opportunities. Mrs. Lowry attended sessions on school law, parent involvement, grant writing, bullying, and special education. Mrs. Lowry said it's always neat to talk to people dealing with the same things in their school division. Mrs. Hirsh and Mrs. Grimm attended a session entitled "Empowering Students to Create a School Culture of Connectedness and Compassion". Mrs. Hirsh said middle school students presented the majority of the presentation.

**14-15: 103
VSBA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE REPORT –
MRS. HIRSH AND
BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Ed Ozols, technology teacher explained that Bath County is one of four finalists in the state in a Samsung contest, "Solve for Tomorrow". The state winner will receive \$20,000 in technology equipment for their school. A WDBJ Channel 7 video segment of BCHS technology students provided information on the contest. Mr. Ozols said the kids are designing tools to measure weather in Bath County. Students are attempting to take data and predict weather information. They are designing tools to measure weather and developing programs to make predictions with the data. The technical drawing class is designing equipment using the 3-D printer and the programming class is writing codes that will be used to analyze data. Mrs. Hirsh praised Mr. Ozols saying he has coordinated a fusion of science, technology, engineering and math and it's definitely 21st century problem-solving skills.

**14-15: 104
TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION
PRESENTATION –
MR. ED OZOLS**

On motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Manion, the Board (4-0 vote) **accepted the resignation of April Miller**, as BCHS co-yearbook sponsor, and **appointed Sarah Burns** to fill the position.

**14-15: 105
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

In a 2nd reading, on motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) approved the adoption of the following VSBA Policies: BBFA – Option 1, BDDF, DGC, DGC-R, EFB, FE, FF, FFA, FG, JFG, JHCH, JO, KFB, KH, KKA, LC, and LC-E.

**14-15: 106
VSBA POLICIES –
2nd READING**

Mrs. Hirsh asked Board members to prioritize items on the FY2015-20 Capital Improvement Plan. After discussion and consideration, the Board set the following priorities:

**14-15: 107
FY2015-20 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

| Priority | Project – FY2015/2016 |
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| #1 | School Bus Replacement – 2 buses Continue rotation of 2 buses one year and 1 bus the next year (77 Passenger Bus w/ camera) (changed from 65 passenger) (77 Passenger A/C, storage bins, camera) |
| #2 | Restroom Project: Boy/Girls Locker Rooms, Public Restrooms High School & Elementary – Consider splitting work between two years |
| #3 | Auditorium Project (BCHS) Phase 2 Curtains and Carpet |
| #4 | Vehicle Replacement (Truck) |

**14-15: 107 (Con't.)
FY2015-20 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

With the exception of railing for the football field home bleachers, which was removed, these projects remain on the CIP for discussion: Gym A/C, Football Field Crowning, Team Shelters (Football Field), Concession Stand/Equipment Upgrade, Baseball/Softball Field Lighting. Mrs. Hirsh said actual cost figures will be available in the next two weeks for projects. Once figures are available, the Board plans to continue prioritization and assignment of projects to FY2015/16 - FY2019/2020 at the January 2015 regular Board meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Manion (4-0 vote), the Board approved CIP prioritization as listed above.

On motion by Mr. Manion and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) adopted a Resolution Concerning the Funding of Public Education in Virginia.

**14-15: 108
RESOLUTION –
FUNDING OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION IN
VIRGINIA**

Informational items for Board members included: an upcoming VSBA 3 part webinar on Budget and Finance December 16 to 18, VSBA Hot Topic Conference on January 26, school calendar with upcoming events in December, and a VSBA Academy of Boardmanship 2015 calendar.

**14-15: 109
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mr. Roy Burns, parent, addressed the Board regarding bleachers and football field projects mentioned on the CIP. He also inquired about the random drug testing policy for students at BCHS.

**14-15: 110
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Manion

- Thanked staff and reporters for coming to the meeting.

Dr. Miller

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked Mr. Ozols for a wonderful technology presentation.
- Would like to move forward in creating a foundation. She asked individuals and school staff to spread the word.

**14-15: 111
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Lowry

- Congratulated everyone on all the great things happening in Bath County Schools.
- Attended and enjoyed the SOL banquet at VES.

**14-15: 111 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**14-15: 112
ADJOURNMENT**