

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- A. Election of Officers
 - Chairman _____
 - Vice-Chairman _____
 - Appointment of Clerk Sue Hirsh
 - Appointment of Deputy Clerk Sharon Fry

- B. VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members (see attached page)

- C. Approval of Fiscal Agent and Approval of Deputy Fiscal Agent
 - Justin Rider
 - Sue Hirsh

- D. Designate School Board Attorney
 - Chris Singleton

- E. Adopt 2016 Meeting Dates, Times & Locations (see attached page)

- F. Approval of Superintendent's Designee
 - Paul Lancaster

- G. Approval of Signatures in Superintendent's Absence
 - Paul Lancaster

- H. Appointment of VSBA Delegate and Alternate Delegate Selection (Representation of Board for VSBA Delegate Assembly at the 2016 Annual Convention in November)
 - Delegate _____
 - Alternate Delegate _____

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Bath County School Board will hold an organizational meeting annually.

At that meeting the Board will

- establish its regular meeting schedule for the following year,
- elect one of its members as chairman,
- approve a designee of the superintendent to attend meetings of the School Board in case of the superintendent's absence or inability to attend, and
- appoint, on the recommendation of the superintendent, a clerk of the School Board.

Upon election, the chairman will immediately assume office and preside over the remainder of the meeting.

In addition, the Board

- may elect one of its members as vice-chairman and
- may appoint a deputy clerk.

The vice-chairman and deputy clerk, if any, will be empowered to act in all matters in case of the absence or inability to act of the chairman or clerk, respectively, or as otherwise provided by the Board.

The terms of the chairman, clerk, vice-chairman and deputy clerk will be one year.

The Board's annual organizational meeting will be held in January.

Adopted: June 28, 2002

Revised: May 7, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-72, 22.1-76.

Cross Ref.: BCB School Board Officials



December 17, 2015

TO: School Board Members
Division Superintendents
School Board Clerks

FROM: Gina G. Patterson, Executive Director
Elizabeth E. Ewing, Director of Legal & Policy Services

RE: Organizational Meetings

This is a reminder that school boards are required to hold an organizational meeting annually. Boards which serve a city or town constituting a school division, regardless of whether their members are appointed, elected, or any combination thereof, may hold their organizational meeting in either January or July. School boards which serve a county constituting a school division and which consist, in whole or in part, of elected members may hold their organizational meeting in either January or July. Boards which serve a county constituting a school division and which consist entirely of appointed members must hold their organizational meetings in July. Boards which are members of VSBA Policy Services should consult their Policy BCA School Board Organizational Meeting to see when their organizational meeting is held.

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Please call (1-800-446-VSBA) if you have any questions regarding this information.

cc: Newly Appointed/Elected School Board Members

VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members

As a member of my local school board, I will strive to be an advocate for students and to improve public education and to that end:

1. I will have integrity in all matters and support the full development of all children and the welfare of the community, Commonwealth and Nation.
2. I will attend scheduled board meetings.
3. I will come to board meetings informed concerning the issues under consideration.
4. I will make policy decisions based on the available facts and appropriate public input.
5. I will delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent, and establish a process for accountability of administrators.
6. I will encourage individual board member expression of opinion and establish an open, two-way communication process with all segments of the community.
7. I will communicate, in accordance with board policies, public reaction and opinion regarding board policies and school programs to the full board and superintendent.
8. I will bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all laws, state regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools.
9. I will refrain from using the board position for personal or partisan gain and avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety.
10. I will respect the confidentiality of privileged information and make no individual decisions or commitments that might compromise the board or administration.
11. I will be informed about current educational issues through individual study and participation in appropriate programs, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards associations.
12. I will always remember that the foremost concern of the board is to improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience for all students in the public schools of Virginia.

Therefore, I will always strive to demonstrate appropriate behavior/conduct as a public school board member.
(Each member of this school board voting to adopt this Code should sign.)

Name: Roy W. Burns	Signature _____
Name: Rhonda R. Grimm	Signature _____
Name: Catherine D. Lowry	Signature _____
Name: Eddie H. Ryder	Signature _____
Name: Bryan J. Secoy	Signature _____

BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Approved by School Board: _____

<i>1st Tuesday of the Month 5:30 PM-Executive Session 7:00 PM-Regular Meeting</i>		
Tuesday	January 5, 2016	MES
Tuesday	February 2, 2016	VES
Tuesday	March 1, 2016	BCHS
Tuesday	April 5, 2016	MES
Tuesday	May 3, 2016	VES
Tuesday	June 7, 2016	BCHS
Monday	June 27, 2016 (Close Out) 10:00 AM	SAB
July 2016 – No Scheduled Meeting		
Tuesday	August 2, 2016	MES
Tuesday	September 6, 2016 (Labor Day - Monday, September 5, 2016)	VES
Tuesday	October 4, 2016	BCHS
Tuesday	November 1, 2016	MES
Tuesday	December 6, 2016	VES

SAB = School Administration Building
 MES = Millboro Elementary School (Library)
 VES = Valley Elementary School (Music Room)
 BCHS = Bath County High School (Library)