

The Bath County School Board met in a Joint Budget Work Session with the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, March 31, 2106 at 5:30 P.M. at Bath County High School – Mertz Career & Technical Center.

**PRESENT:**

**Mr. Roy Burns, Board Chair  
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member  
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member  
Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Member**

**Mrs. Claire Collins, Board of Supervisors Chair  
Mr. Richard Byrd, Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair  
Mr. Stuart Hall, Board of Supervisors Member  
Mr. Eddie Hicklin, Board of Supervisors Member  
Mr. Matthew Ratcliffe, Board of Supervisors Member  
Mr. Ashton Harrison, County Administrator**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. with all School Board members present except Mrs. Grimm who arrived at 4:46 p.m. Mrs. Lowry was unable to attend due to a medical conflict. **15-16: 257  
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Stuart Hall, the Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. (4-0 vote, Mrs. Collins arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Adaline Hodge’s Culinary Art Program. Mr. Burns thanked Mrs. Hodge and students for the delicious refreshments.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (3-0 vote) approved the Agenda as presented. **15-16: 258  
APPROVE OR  
AMEND AGENDA**

There were no comments to be heard. **15-16: 259  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hirsh invited individuals to visit the newly designed Bath County Schools facebook page. She shared information on the following successes in all three schools: **15-16: 260  
BCPS SUCCESSES**

1. VES Destination Imagination (DI) team moving on to further challenges
2. BCHS KidWind program moving to national competition in New Orleans
3. MES participated in the Children’s Engineering Project at Hotel Roanoke

Mr. Ed Ozols (Technology), Mr. Larry Grubbs (Electricity), Mr. Joey Altizer (Carpentry), and Mrs. Jane McMullen (Business) provided a tour and KidWind presentation to both Boards.

**15-16: 261  
KIDWIND PROGRAM  
PRESENTATIONS**

CIP Projects (\$166,000)

Mrs. Hirsh provided an update on funds provided by the Board of Supervisors to complete capital projects items.

**15-16: 262  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
UPDATE**

- Band uniform payment to be made in the near future
- BCHS parking lot recently surveyed
- New carpet installed in the BCHS auditorium
- Stage curtains to be installed later this month (school budget paid for stage inspection and new rigging)
- VES restroom partitions are being installed
- Joint fuel station hardware ordered

Mr. Burns opened the budget discussion and asked the Board of Supervisors if they had any questions regarding the school budget. The following two questions were asked by Board of Supervisors members.

**15-16: 263  
BUDGET 2016-17  
DISCUSSION**

1. Mr. Ratcliffe noted the budget included a HVAC technician and he asked how repairs and maintenance were taken care of now.

Mrs. Hirsh and Board members responded saying the schools have a maintenance contract with Valley Boiler. Dependent upon the problem, different people are contacted. Mr. Burns said a technician would provide continuity and become familiar with facilities. According to Mrs. Hirsh, having a technician would allow our Maintenance Director to take care of other items that need attention/repair more quickly. Mr. Ryder suggested the county use the technician as well.

2. Mr. Hicklin asked the School Board if they could prioritize their needs.

Mr. Burns responded saying he felt positively about all the requests in the budget, but the Board could prioritize.

Once funds are appropriated, Mrs. Collins said it is up to the School Board to determine where funds will be spent.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to:

- Health insurance premium costs
- Benefits of hiring a HVAC electrical
- Full time CTE Director position
- 2016-17 school budget based on 530 students
- Revenue
- Composite index

Mr. Harrison said expenses for the county are about \$1 million more than the county will receive in revenue. He said it is not looking good on the revenue side.

**15-16: 263 (Con't.)  
BUDGET 2016-17  
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Burns said he wanted to be sure the Board of Supervisors understood the thought process behind requests in the school budget. Mr. Byrd said the Board of Supervisors had not met with the County Administrator regarding the school budget and he was not going to ask his Board to speak yet.

Non-resident Students

2016-17 budget is based on 530 students (45 are non-resident). School Board has pledged that non-resident fees be waived for SY2016-17.

**15-16: 264  
OTHER**

Milestone Communications (cell tower revenue)

Not close to making a decision at this time.

EMT Program

A committee meeting date of April 20<sup>th</sup> had been suggested, but Mrs. Hirsh said a conflict would require an alternate meeting date. DSLCC would like to be included in the meeting.

Revenue Received

Approximately \$88,000 has been received in unanticipated Forest Reserve funds.

BCHS Football/Soccer Field

Mrs. Hirsh said the School Board plans to ask the supervisors for a supplemental appropriation since that money can only be spent on schools.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (4-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**15-16: 265  
ADJOURNMENT**

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Chairman  
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Vice-Chair  
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member  
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member  
Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Member  
Miss Jessica Ryder, Student Liaison

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

Mr. Roy Burns, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry who arrived at 5:32 p.m. **15-16: 266  
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. to consider employee resignation, retirement, and appointment of specific personnel, quarterly discipline report, sick leave bank report, and possible faculty/staff vacancies. **15-16: 267  
CLOSED MEETING  
AND CERTIFICATION  
OF CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry 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. **15-16: 268  
CERTIFICATION OF  
CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **15-16: 269  
CALL TO ORDER FOR  
PUBLIC MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (5-0 vote) amended the Agenda with an *addition to item 11.C.-BCHS Volleyball Camp overnight field trip request.* **15-16: 270  
APPROVE OR  
AMEND AGENDA**

- Trey Shaver, BCHS 9<sup>th</sup> grader, provided support to the football coach on his recent announcement to remove his name from consideration as BCHS football coach for SY16-17. **15-16: 271  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**15-16: 271 (Con't.)  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trey Shaver also addressed the Board regarding it's difficulty in securing a full time auto mechanics class teacher. He said the situation has been unfair to students for the past two years.

Trey Shaver said VES had a principal resign and one principal now is assigned to two schools. He said this is not fair to students, principal or parents.

- Julia Bryant, MES parent, said a recent newspaper article sounded like the coach was singled out by Board members with a personal agenda.
- Lisa Hamilton, BCHS teacher, spoke in support of the football coach. She said she was saddened that a fellow coach resigned as head football coach. Said she was proud of students for coming to the meeting and speaking.
- Shannan Waldeck, parent, teacher, and alumna of BCHS asked the Board to look for teachers who have coaching experience. She said athletics play an important role on the field and the classroom. She urged the Board to hire coaches who work in the school so they can mentor and build relationships with students. She also asked the Board to address the condition of the football (athletic) fields.
- Matt Fussell, parent and recreation league coach addressed the Board regarding the search for a coach. Asked them to seek leadership qualities in a coach so students would turn into good citizens.
- Steve Shaver, parent and football coach, spoke in support of the current football coach. Said he felt the coach was forced to resign. He asked the Board to seek a coach with character and integrity. Said he can't remember his algebra teacher, but remembers his coaches.  
Asked the Board to speed up the process to secure an auto mechanics teacher.
- Bedford Sharp, parent, asked the Board to address the auto class teacher as quickly as possible. Concerned that students have lost two years of instruction.

- VES Destination Imagination Team – Sponsors: Angie Keyser, Mandy Brumfiel. The Team competed in the scientific challenge at the middle school level at Jefferson Region Tournament in Crozet, VA on 2/27/16.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Members, **Eliza Brumfiel, Fred Brumfiel, Tye Hooker, Colby Lowry, Coult Fussell, Kalyn Harmon, Jackson Blankenship.** The team will compete April 9 in Richmond, VA at the state level.
- **Katherine Dupoise**, BCHS student, captured 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Regional Spelling Bee held on 3/12/16.
- KidWind Contest, March 12, 2016 at Old Dominion University – Sponsors: Ed Ozols, Joey Crawford, Larry Grubbs, Jane McMullen  
Taking 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Team “Old School” – **Charles Offer, Tyler Thompson, Zach Rose, Tommy Hise**  
In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place–Team “New School” – **Josh Chestnut, Derek Oliver, Dennis Wilfong, Logan Locklear.**  
Also received trophies for Best Blade Design and Judges Choice for Exemplary Entry.
- BCHS FBLA Virginia Western Community College Regional Competition  
Sponsor: Jane McMullen
 

<b>Sophia Bulgarelli &amp; Kendall Keyser</b>	Social Media Campaign	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Qualified for State		
<b>Aly Durrett, Grace Hewitt, Molly Watkins</b>	Management Decision Making	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>Cole Nelson</b>	Intro. to Business Communications	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

Other Participants

<b>Jensen Ford, Dillon Skovira, Katie Via</b>	Marketing
<b>Ivy Barker</b>	Health Care Administration

**15-16: 272  
GOOD NEWS IN BATH  
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:**

**15-16: 273  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

• **Minutes**

February 3, 2016 Work Session, February 17, 2016 Joint Work Session, February 17, 2016 Work Session, February 23, 2016 Work Session, March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting, and March 15, 2016 Called Meeting/Work Session.

• **Claims**

An overview of expenditure summary and a reconciled March 2016 revenue summary were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll-70513-70523, 70530-70540, Direct Deposit – 2195-2198, Bills – 70524-70529, 70541-70634, Food Service Payroll – 10762-10765, 10766-10769, Direct Deposit – 2195-2198, Bills – 10770-10777.

• **Reports**

Attendance

February 2016 ADM: BCHS 243, MES 118.06, VES 186.70, for a total of 547.76.

Cafeteria, February 2016

Maintenance, February/March 2016

Transportation, February/March 2016

Miss Jessica Ryder gave a brief report on recent and upcoming activities at BCHS.

**15-16: 274  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Sarah Rowe, BCHS Principal, provided performance report results for SY2014-15. She said BCHS met 12 of 13 state benchmarks and only missed the other by .5 percent. Mrs. Rowe addressed the nontraditional career preparation completion standard which was not met.

**15-16: 275  
CAREER & TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION ANNUAL  
PERFORMANCE REPORT  
FOR SY2014-2015 –  
MRS. SARAH ROWE**

**On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) acknowledged Will Fields' withdrawal from consideration as Head Football coach.**

**15-16: 276  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **resignation for retirement request of Stevie Hodge, Bus Driver**, as of June 3, 2016 (last pupil day).

On motion by Mr. Secoy and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved Kaitlyn Miller as substitute teacher.**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved the following VSBA policy revisions as presented for 2nd reading: BBFA (Option 1), CLA, GCBE, IIAA, IKF, IKH, JBA, JGD/JGE (Option 1), JGD/JGE-R, and JHCH.**

**15-16: 277  
VSBA POLICIES  
2nd READING**

On motion by Mr. Secoy and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the following field trips:

- **2016 National KidWind Competition – May 21-25, 2016 – New Orleans, LA**
- **National BETA Convention – June 27-30, 2016, New Orleans, LA**
- **Volleyball Camp – June 26-29, 2016 – Hollins University – Roanoke, VA**

**15-16: 278  
CONSIDERATION OF  
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, updated the Board on the 2016-2017 Carl Perkins Plan for Career & Technical Education. The Plan must be submitted, in “substantially approvable form” no later than April 29, 2016 to obligate federal funds on July 1, 2016.

**15-16: 279  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT  
2016-2017 PERKINS  
PLAN FOR CTE**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved the submission of the 2016-2017 Perkins Local Plan & Budget for Career and Technical Education as presented.**

Informational items for Board members included: April 26, 2016 VSBA Hot Topic Conference brochure and a VASS February 2016 article on “Tinker and Student Threats Made on Social Media”.

**15-16: 280  
ITEMS FOR BOARD  
MEMBERS**

- Ed Ozols, BCHS teacher, said he couldn’t do what they’re doing at Mertz, solar power, wind turbine, and competitions without the support of Mrs. Hamilton, Math teacher and other support and administrative staff.
- Sheriff Robert Plecker, parent, asked if the high school still makes photo student I.D.’s. Sheriff Plecker offered to make the I.D.’s citing their importance as emergency/identification purposes. Sheriff Plecker announced a mock disaster program prior to Prom on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at BCHS.
- Bedford Sharp, parent, said the kids are doing phenomenal things in their classes and he is so proud.

**15-16: 281  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Crissy Smith, parent, suggested an alternative code be used when two hour delays are implemented due to cold temperatures. She expressed concern as her child walks a quarter of a mile on two hour delays when buses run snow routes. She asked that some other designation be used on “extremely cold” mornings so buses would run their regular routes.

**15-16: 282  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

**Mr. Secoy**

- Thanked everyone who was involved with the Joint Work Session and tour of Mertz on March 31, 2016. He said the culinary students prepared delicious bite sized foods. He said the tour of 3D printers and the level students are operating is unimaginable for a high school.
- School district received panels from JMU. Said she was impressed that students designed and mounted panels in auto cad class.
- Feedback from public is always appreciated.

**Mrs. Lowry**

- Excited about the DI club and their successes.
- Congratulated Katherine Depoise as she won the Bath County Spelling Bee and placed fifth of seventeen in regional competition.
- Congratulated the KidWind team, FCCA, BETA and all other groups.
- Unable to attend the Joint Work Session due to family surgery.
- When kids travel, they share with the rest of the world how great they are. Students are doing remarkable things and are an awesome reflection of Bath County Schools.
- When the Board makes decisions, they have the best interest of all 542 students. Takes a community to raise a child.
- We've heard a lot of comments tonight. By code, some specifics pertaining to personnel cannot be discussed.

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Appreciate everyone coming out to the meeting.
- Thanked Trey Shaver for expressing his feelings and encouraged young people to do the same.
- Know that the Board has heard everyone who spoke tonight.
- Our kids deserve the best and the Board acts in the best interests of the children.
- Proud of kids in all their endeavors (academic, sports, band).
- Excited that the Board can approve field trips for our students.
- Thanked everything for the information compiled for the meeting.
- Approached by a few people to consider adding softball and baseball field lighting to next years' budget. She asked the Board to consider a solution.

**Mr. Ryder**

- Thanked everyone for voicing their concerns. Said the Board has worked hard to get positions filled. We are doing the best we can for the kids.

**Mr. Burns**

- Welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for sharing their concerns.
- Extremely thrilled about things going on in the vocational program.
- Very concerned about what is not going on in the auto mechanics class. We continue to seek the right personnel. At the end of the day, someone has to take the test and pass the skill.
- As a Board, state and federal government restrictions alter things we want to do.
- Looking proactively at open positions in the division. Positions are advertised on the website. Really need to work together. May have our differences, but the greatest asset in the community are our students.
- Thrilled with everything that being done in each school.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and those who shared their concerns.



On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**15-16: 283  
ADJOURNMENT**

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**ROY W. BURNS, CHAIRMAN**

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**CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK**