

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Bath County High 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

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

Mr. Burns, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry who arrived at 5:40 p.m. **16-17: 053**
CALL TO ORDER

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:33 p.m. to discuss student discipline matter(s) and to consider the appointment of personnel. 16-17: 054
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. 16-17: 055
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **16-17: 056**
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. 16-17: 057
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA

Trevor Plecker, BCHS Senior, thanked Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Hirsh, and Board members for the opportunity to attend a week long National Youth Leadership forum in Washington, D.C. While in attendance, Mr. Plecker completed two essays, participated in a crisis simulation and earned a college credit in national security. **16-17: 058**
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- BCHS Band
 - The Band participated in “Blast in the Draft” at Stuarts Draft High School on September 24. In class triple A, the Band took first place in every category – Drum Major, Percussion, Color Guard, Music, Marching and General Effect. Drum Major, **Mackenzie Weaver**, ranked second place drum major in the entire competition.
 - The Band also performed for the DDAY Memorial Tournament on September 26, at the Cascades Golf Course, and the kids met Frank Beamer! Coach Beamer told them he used to play the trombone!
 - Mrs. Hirsh congratulated Mrs. Hooker, Band Director and Band members on their recent accomplishments.

- Golf
 - Mrs. Hirsh congratulated **Caleb Fry** on Regional Golf competition as he was one of six to earn the privilege to go to state finals.

- VSBA Academy Awards

Certificate of Recognition	Mr. Bryan Secoy
Award of Achievement	Mr. Roy Burns
Award of Honor	Mrs. Rhonda Grimm
Award of Distinction	Mrs. Sue Hirsh, Mrs. Cathy Lowry, Mr. Ryder

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

16-17: 060
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA

- **Minutes**
September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting and September 13, 2016 Joint Work Session
- **Claims**
Mr. Justin Rider, Business Manager, presented an overview of expenditure summary for September 2016 and a reconciled revenue report. General Fund Payroll - 71257-71268, 71271-71282, Bills – 71269-71270, 71283-71340, Direct Deposit – 2227-2230. Food Service Payroll – 10855-10858, 10859-10862, Bills – 10863-10871, Direct Deposit – 2227-2230.
- **Reports**
 - Attendance
August 2016 ADM: BCHS 218.82, MES 127.82, VES 179.73 for a total of 526.37.
 - Cafeteria, August 2016
 - Maintenance, September 2016
 - Transportation, September 2016

Miss Easton Yohe, BCHS student representative, shared the following:

- Students have expressed many complaints about the high school parking lot. She said after the storm and many years of use, the parking lot is bad. She said she can barely get across the parking lot in her personal vehicle. She said she was told that \$300,000 was set aside for the parking lot, but wondered where the money is.
- Students are also concerned as the high school gym is ridiculously hot and has no ventilation.
- New gym lights are amazing and much brighter.
- An update on upcoming events at BCHS.

**16-17: 061
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Hirsh said the Board approved a resolution earlier in the meeting recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention month. At the request of Mrs. Hirsh, the Board heard reports from all three principals outlining events to prevent bullying in schools.

**16-17: 062
BULLYING PREVENTION
MONTH - PRINCIPALS**

Mrs. Jane Hall, Director, Special Education, provided background information on the Youth Risk Survey. On December 1, 2015, the School Board authorized the administration of the communities That Care Youth Survey in grades 8, 10 and 12 at BCHS during the 2015-2016 academic year as a means of gaining knowledge about our students' perceptions and use of drugs and alcohol. A powerpoint presentation by Mrs. Hall highlighted youth survey results for 2011 and 2016. The graphs and tables represented areas typically of most interest for school systems – demographics, prevalence of 30-day use, perception of risk, students' perception of parental disapproval of use, age of first use, risk and protective factors. The drugs included in this summary are cigarette use, alcohol use, marijuana use and prescription drug use during the past year. Marijuana is typically used as a measure of illegal drug use as it is by far the most commonly used of the illegal drugs. Mrs. Hall suggested the schools target another survey in 2018 for comparison to 2016. Mrs. Hirsh said survey results showed a positive impact for students that had participated in the tobacco prevention program that was taught by Mary Adderton.

**16-17: 063
YOUTH RISK SURVEY
MRS. HALL**

The annual surplus auction was held on September 10, 2016 at the Bus Garage. Mrs. Hirsh said the auction resulted in a net profit of \$647.50.

**16-17: 064
SURPLUS AUCTION
RECEIPTS**

Mr. Ed Ozols, Technology Supervisor, said all students in grades 7-12 have a school issued computer to complete their school work at school and home. Students in lower grades have access to school issued tablets. Mr. Ozols said it is exciting to give students skills they will use in the workforce. Mr. Ozols said teachers can push files out to the students while they are in school so that students who have no or limited access to the internet at home still have access to the digital materials they need to be successful in their classes. He said this might be helpful on winter days when we are unable to go to school.

**16-17: 065
ONE-TO-ONE
TECHNOLOGY
INITIATIVE –
MR. OZOLS**

Mrs. Hirsh provided an update on the 2016 Virginia On-Time Graduation Rates released on September 28th.

**16-17: 066
ON-TIME
GRADUATION RATE**

- Of the 48 students who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2012, 93.8% completed an approved diploma within four years, compared to last year's completion rate of 89%.
- The state average On-Time Graduation Rate is 91.3% for this cohort group.
- An advanced studies diploma was earned by 47.9% of BCHS students, below the state average of 51.7%.
- Bath's dropout rate was 2.1% - about the same as last year's cohort group, 2.2%, while the state average was 5.3% this year, and 5.2% last year.

In summary, Mrs. Hirsh said the approved diploma rate within four years increased a bit, the advanced diploma dropped slightly and the drop-out rate was better than last year and lower than the state average.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **readmitted Student "A" to Bath County High School.**

**16-17: 067
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

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

- **appointment of substitute teachers – Katrina Bradberry and Justin Hall**
- **appointment of substitute bus driver – Darrell Chestnut**
- **authorized the superintendent to hire two substitute teachers pending interviews and reference checks**

Mrs. Hirsh provided background information and confirmation that Bath County Public Schools received a third School Security Equipment Grant. This year's grant totals \$11,377 for the purchase and installation of equipment for Bath County High School, Millboro Elementary and Valley Elementary.

**16-17: 068
SECURITY EQUIPMENT
GRANT AWARD**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board authorized the superintendent to request an appropriation in the amount of the grant award, \$11,377, from the Board of Supervisors.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the Dual Enrollment contract with DSLCC for the 2016-17 academic year as presented.

**16-17: 069
DUAL ENROLLMENT
CONTRACT WITH DSLCC**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (5-0 vote) adopted a proclamation in support of VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, October 2016.

**16-17: 070
PROCLAMATION –
BULLYING PREVENTION
MONTH**

Board members volunteered to serve on the following committees:

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| Special Education | Roy Burns |
| Career & Technical Education | Rhonda Grimm |
| Technology | Brian Secoy |
| School Health | Cathy Lowry |

**16:17: 071
APPOINTMENT OF
SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS TO SCHOOL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Informational items for Board members included: VDOE article – Eight-One Percent of Schools Fully Accredited, and 2016 VSBA “Signs of Success” poster designed by MES teacher, Joey Crawford. Mrs. Hirsh said Art teacher, Kimberly Craig, submitted a video centering on the Culinary Arts program.

**16-17: 072
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Sheriff Robert Plecker, addressed the Board regarding photo student identification cards, active shooter training in all three schools, thanked everyone for giving his son, Trevor, the opportunity to attend National Youth Leadership Forum, and offered to provide resources to school staff during National Bullying Prevention month and to secure guest speakers for students at BCHS.

**16-17: 073
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ryder

- Thanked Mr. Hicklin, Board of Supervisors member, for attending the meeting tonight.
- Visited MES today and said the staff is doing one fantastic job. Enjoyed art work in the hallways.

**16-17: 074
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mr. Secoy

- Takes a village to support our youth as evidenced in the October calendar presented to Board members.
- Thanked the whole community for taking an interest in our students.

Mrs. Grimm

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked staff members for the information provided at the meeting tonight.
- Proud of all our students who participate in academics, Band, and athletic events.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mrs. Lowry

- As a Band mom, said she was a nervous wreck during the recent competition. Knowing their struggles with the field and lack of practice, she congratulated the Band for winning every category in their division during the Blast in the Draft competition. She said their show is amazing and encouraged everyone to go watch all 87 kids shine. Always amazed at the integrity and professionalism of the Band students. The level of integrity in the public has everything to do with the people who raise and guide them.
- Wished Caleb Fry well in the upcoming golf competition.
- While at VES today, observed Mr. Ozols and students making a shark on the 3D printer.
- Bullying is not done just in schools only, it exists everywhere. The best prevention is a person that may or may not be involved stepping up and being an advocate for someone. You may change someone's life.
- Excited about Trevor Plecker's recent attendance at the National Youth Leadership Forum in D.C.
- BARC opened a Solar Learning Center at Highland Belle Alternative School in Kerrs Creek and she is hopeful that students will visit. Additional information to be forwarded later.
- Missed the parking lot discussion at the joint work session. If you feel the parking lot is a huge liability, please consult your Board of Supervisors member. She acknowledged that money is tight and suggested we work together to find a way to fund it for the safety of all who use the parking lot.

Mr. Burns

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.
- Liked the idea of a substance abuse/prevention club at schools to support students.
- Congratulated Trevor Plecker on a job well done.
- Thanked the Band for rising to the occasion regardless of practices. Keeping a good attitude and working together with the school system.
- Laptops are a fantastic addition to our schools.
- Thanks to DSLCC, all three of his boys have gone or are going. Thanks to DSLCC for partnering with us.
- Thanked everyone who works in the school system. Staff members are compassionate and portray passion. Students need to feel loved.
- Thanked staff for the invitations to join schools for lunch and for all things going on in the schools. Said he really wants to attend,
- There is an air of unity within the entire system, schools, building administrators, SAB Administration down to the student body.
- A great pep rally by BCHS students and staff.

**16-17: 074 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**16-17: 075
ADJOURNMENT**