

**The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Bath County High School.**

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

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

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry who arrived at 5:34 p.m. and Miss Dressler who was unable to attend. **17-18: 120**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

**On motion by Mr. Ryder, and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:32 p.m. to consider appointment and assignment of personnel.** **17-18: 121**  
**CLOSED MEETING**  
**AND CERTIFICATION**  
**OF CLOSED MEETING**

**On motion by Mr. Ryder at 7:00 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.** **17-18: 122**  
**CERTIFICATION OF**  
**CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **17-18: 123**  
**CALL TO ORDER FOR**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented.** **17-18: 124**  
**APPROVE OR**  
**AMEND AGENDA**

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

**17-18: 125  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**

November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

- **Claims**

An overview of expenditure summary for November 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 72762-72773, 72774-72785, Bills – 72786-72845, Direct Deposit – 2291-2294. Food Service Payroll – 11082-11085, 11086-11089 - Bills – 11090-11099 – Direct Deposit –2291-2294.

- **Reports**

Attendance

October 2017 ADM: BCHS 207.57, MES 123.24, VES 188.33 for a total of 519.14.

Cafeteria, October 2017

Maintenance, November 2017

Transportation, November 2017

There were no comments to be heard.

**17-18: 126  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- BSHS students received an “honorable mention” in the VSBA School Boards Association High School Student Video Contest. Mrs. Hirsh thanked Art teacher, Emily Beard, and recognized Karleigh McMullen, Meaghan Ryder, and Skyler Shelton for their participation.
- VSBA Take Your Legislator to School Month – Mrs. Hirsh recognized Delegate Ben Cline, Senator Deeds and Mr. Eddie Hicklin, Board of Supervisors member for visiting schools in Bath County.
- BCHS Band All Area Band auditions were held November 8<sup>th</sup> at Maury River Middle School, the following students were accepted:

**17-18: 127  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

MES	Natalie White – Flute	Mikayla Burke – Trumpet
	Sadie Alphin – Alto Saxophone	Katherine Smiley – Mallet (2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate)
	Hannah Heffler - Trumpet	
BCHS	Mary Dressler – Clarinet	Travis Braxton – French Horn
	Gabbi Reed – Clarinet	Tye Hooker – French Horn
	Kayden Gwin – Clarinet	Utah Kershner – Trombone
	Harley Cary – Clarinet	Ethan Essex – Baritone
	Chaya Offer – Clarinet	Nevada Kershner – Baritone
	Steve Gardener Jr – Clarinet	Wyatt Harmon – Percussion
	Sarah Eaton – Clarinet	Jillian Brown – Percussion
	Kimmy Graham – Clarinet	Kendall Keyser - Percussion
	Colby Lowry – Trumpet	Eli Phillips – Percussion
	Lettie Alphin – Trumpet	Kyle Reed – Percussion
	Joley McLain – Trumpet	Kalyn Harmon – Tenor Sax (1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate)

All area and all district band students will be invited to the January 3, 2018 School Board meeting.

- A grant proposal submitted to the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) to provide funding of \$900 for March 1, 2018 performances of the Virginia Opera’s production of “Deep River: The Marion Anderson Story” has been awarded to Bath County Schools. The necessary matching funds of \$900 have been pledged by the Bath County Arts Association.
- A team of VES students participated in this year’s VSTE Conference “Kid Talks” on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Hotel Roanoke. Valley’s poster entry in this year’s VSBA “Signs of Success” was displayed to highlight S.T.E.A.M. activities.

**17-18: 127 (Con’t.)  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Miss Mary Dressler, BCHS student representative, was unable to attend due to illness.

**17-18: 128  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE’S  
REPORT**

Board members shared thoughts on their recent Virginia School Boards Association convention in Williamsburg, VA.

**17-18: 129  
VSBA ANNUAL  
CONVENTION REPORT**

School Board members received updates on the project by representatives from BARC Electric, Reliable Energy Concepts and subcontractor, Affordable Energy Concepts. Mr. Jamie Lowry, BARC Manager of Construction Services, said Mrs. Hirsh would receive a Notice of Completion prior to the January meeting. Mr. Lowry explained the importance of the approval of the Notice of Completion as Bath County Schools move toward ownership and maintenance of the Solar Project.

**17-18: 130  
BARC – SOLAR  
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT**

Mr. David Walls, Reliable Energy Concepts, said that Bath County Schools received a 1,055-kilowatt system instead of the originally planned 935-kilowatt system. He noted an extra production of about 95,000 kilowatt hours at no extra cost. Mr. Walls said the close-out material binders included complete documents, production estimates, installation, panels/ roof penetrations, data sheets, warranties, manuals, operation, maintenance materials, power guards and were provided to school principals and superintendent. Mr. Alex Haney, AFC, said it was really cool to work on a school he previously attended (Bath County High). He said work at MES and BCHS are complete. The roof arrays at VES are complete, but work continues on ground arrays at VES. Mrs. Hirsh said the work is not finished, but very close. Mr. Ryder inquired about voltage in case of an emergency. Mr. Wall assured Mr. Ryder that a rapid shut down monitoring system is in place. He said he has never had a panel catch fire as nothing is flammable. Mr. Wall said staff members have one month to view “binders” prior to their January meeting. He suggested Bath County Schools contact their insurance company to provide coverage for the solar panels attached to the roof.

On behalf of BARC and CoBank who matched funds, Mr. Lowry presented a scholarship check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Bath County School system. Mrs. Hirsh accepted the check and said each school had submitted a proposal for the use of possible grant funds.

**17-18: 130 (Con't.)  
BARC – SOLAR  
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT**

The Board reviewed the revised 2015-2021 Comprehensive Plan Progress Report.

**17-18: 131  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
PROGRESS REPORT**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Pamela May Hensley as VES secretary.**

**17-18: 132  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) authorized the Superintendent **to fill two vacant bus driver routes, Bus #15 and Bus #19.**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Mary Hupman as custodian.**

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Nicole Ingram as substitute teacher.**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **appointment of substitute cafeteria workers as listed: Susan Ailstock, Elizabeth Avis, Nora Gibson, Elizabeth Harrison, Christine Landrum, Missy Lockridge, Elizabeth Rexrode, Ruth Tolson, Teresa Jones, Deana Earhart, and Cassie Ailstock.**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved a request by Allegheny Mountain Radio to construct an addition to the current radio station building.**

**17-18: 133  
CONSIDERATION OF  
ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN  
RADIO REQUEST**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved an overnight field trip for BETA members to attend the BETA State Convention in Hampton, Virginia on February 14-16, 2018.**

**17-18: 134  
CONSIDERATION OF  
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP**

A summary of previous CIP requests (2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018) that have not been completed with the addition of (new) items were included in the draft CIP for review. New items included a Mertz elevator and removal and replacement of BCHS fuel tanks.

**17-18: 135  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2018-2023**

Other Items included on the CIP: BCHS Football field crowning, BCHS baseball field upgrades, BCHS & VES gym AC, multiple area paving, MES/VES generators, outdoor athletic facilities projects, BCHS Baseball & Softball Fields Lighting and Football Field Team Shelters.

**17-18: 135 (Con't.)  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2018-2023**

Mrs. Hirsh said the division’s CIP request is due to the county on January 8, 2018. Board members were asked to come prepared to assign priorities and a timeline for inclusion of items in the CIP at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> School Board meeting.

Informational items for Board members included: BCHS Upcoming Events, VSBA 2018 Meetings & Conferences, VSBA Capital Conference brochure, VSBA Policy Page-November 2017, BCHS Parking Lot Final Design/Permitting/Bidding Construction Schedule, and Approved Activity Fundraisers – Dec. 2017 to March 2018.

**17-18: 136  
ITEMS FOR BOARD  
MEMBERS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to be heard.

**17-18: 137  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Burns**

- Addressing CIP projects, encouraged administrators and members of the public to contact him or other members of the school board with ideas.
- Impressed with the video and board members went on stage at the VSBA Conference to accept the “honorable mention” award.
- Thrilled over the solar project and complimented BARC, Reliable Energy Concepts and Affordable Energy Concepts for their assistance of the solar panel project.
- Thanked Mr. Ed Ozols, teachers, parents and students for VSTE Conference “Kid Talks” participation. When students can attach learning to an emotion, it sticks big time.
- Thankful we have a school board in Bath County that takes the initiative and is very involved.
- Thanked staff members for all they do.

**17-18: 138  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

**Mr. Ryder**

- Kudos to our art director as she has brought a new concept to the children. Proud she came to us.

**Mrs. Lowry**

- Congratulated VES kids on their participation in the VSTE Conference thanking Miss Hevener, Ms. Pasco and Mr. Ozols.
- Proud of the VSBA video “honorable mention” saying it was simple, creative and thoughtful.
- Thanked the Bath County Arts Association for matching a VCA grant in the amount of \$900.
- Thanked BARC for implementation of the solar panel project saying the project allowed “itty bitty” Bath County to be showcased and shows how budget conscious Bath County Schools are.
- Proud of our staff and is always happy to turn her kids over to teachers.

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and applauded staff for all their efforts.
- Very proud of all our students in Bath County Schools and can't wait to see what they do next.
- Excited about the VSBA video competition and encouraged students to continue trying. Reminded them we were competing against larger school divisions.

**Mr. Secoy**

- Echoed board members sentiments.
- Looking forward to working with everyone on the board for the next two years.

**17-18: 138 (Con't.)  
ITEMS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**17-18: 139  
ADJOURNMENT**

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**BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN**

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**CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK**