

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.

PRESENT:

Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Chair
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Vice-Chair
Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member
Miss Mary E. Dressler, Student Liaison

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

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members present. **17-18: 140**
CALL TO ORDER

On motion by Mr. Burns, and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:33 p.m. to review 2nd quarter discipline reports. **17-18: 141**
CLOSED MEETING AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Mr. Ryder at 7:02 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: 142**
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **17-18: 143**
CALL TO ORDER FOR PUBLIC MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) amended the agenda by removing Item 12.-B – Consider Notice of Completion (Solar Project). **17-18: 144**
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: 145
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**
November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting
- **Claims**
An overview of expenditure summary for December 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 72846-72857, 72858-72869, Bills – 72870-72875, 72876-72939 Direct Deposit – 2295-2298. Food Service Payroll – 11100-11103, 11104-11107 - Bills – 11108-11112 – Direct Deposit –2295-2298.
- **Reports**
Attendance
November 2017 ADM: BCHS 208, MES 123, VES 189.69 for a total of 520.69.
Cafeteria, November 2017
Maintenance, December 2017
Transportation, December 2017

Mrs. Olivia Haney, speaking on behalf of Millboro Ruritan Club, thanked the Board for the use of Millboro Elementary School to host “An Evening with Garth Newel” on Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Haney distributed a flyer and encouraged everyone to attend.

**17-18: 146
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Bryan Secoy as Board Chairman /VSBA Delegate.**

**17-18: 147
SCHOOL BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the **appointment of Rhonda Grimm as Board Vice-Chair/VSBA Alternate Delegate.**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) **adopted VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members and Clerks.**

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

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| Appointment of Clerk | Sue Hirsh |
| Appointment of Deputy Clerk | Sharon Fry |
| Fiscal Agent | Justin Rider |
| Deputy Fiscal Agent | Sue Hirsh |
| School Board Attorney | Chris Singleton |
| Superintendent’s Designee | Allison Hicklin |
| Signatures in Superintendent’s Absence | Allison Hicklin |

BCHS Fine Arts

“Evening with the Arts” was held Thursday, December 14, 2017, at BCHS, BCHS Art Show 5:00 PM.

BCHS Art Show Winners:

- Emma Marshall 1st Place \$50 prize, acrylic painting “Puppets”
- Skylar Shelton 2nd Place \$30 prize, photograph “Let It Snow”
- Hayden Keyser 3rd Place \$20 prize, plaster snake sculpture, title “Sneaky Snake”

After the show, Beth McAllister had one of her photographs purchased.

The Winter Band Concert 7:00 PM. The Winter Band Concert followed the Art Show at 7:00 PM and featured performances by band students in grades 5-12 and Chatelaines.

The BCHS Band represented Bath County Schools at the Millboro Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 10th and the Hot Springs Christmas Parade on Dec. 16th. A small ensemble also performed at St. Luke’s Church for a community Christmas Sing-Along on Dec. 15th. Great job to Travis Braxton, Tye Hooker, Joley McLain, Colby Lowry, Ethan Essex, Allan Kimmel, Utah Hershner, Nevada Kershner, Kate Rexrode and Ashlyn Liptrap on their performance that night.

January 26 & 27 at Alleghany High School for the All Area Band Event. The concert will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday.

BCHS Scholastic Bowl Team

The BCHS Scholastic Bowl team won three out of four matches at the November 27th meet at Covington High School. The Chargers defeated Highland, Parry McCluer, and Craig County. Team veterans Travis Braxton and Utah Kershner led the team in points, with strong support from juniors Emma Marshall and Gabbi Reed. The next meet will be at East Montgomery and wrap up the regular season.

Valley Community in Action (C.I.A.) distributed over \$1,000 in gifts and 17 complete holiday dinners to community families in need during the holiday season.

Miss Mary Dressler, BCHS student representative, provided an update on recent events. She noted the addition of clubs including radio, drama, music, fire and rescue.

**17-18: 148
GOOD NEWS IN
BATH COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**17-18: 149
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

No action was taken.

**17-18: 150
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

Mrs. Hirsh reminded Board Members that CIP projects are due Monday, January 8, 2018. For inclusion in the CIP request, projects must be \$50,000 or more. Board members reviewed costs and assigned priorities to projects.

**17-18: 151
CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2018-2023**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the CIP as revised. Chart below includes revisions.

Proposed Capital Improvement Plan Requests

PRIORITY	PROJECT	FY2018-19	FY2019-20
1	Mertz Elevator	\$73,208 or \$93,208	
2	BCHS Baseball Field	\$175,329	
3	BCHS Baseball & Softball Fields Lighting		\$369,000 – \$559,000
4	Paving MES Loop Road & Parking Lot		\$63,438
5	Generator – MES		\$200,000
6	BCHS Fuel Tanks		\$107,972

**17-18: 151 (Con't.)
CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2018-2023**

The Board reviewed The COVA Local Health Benefits Program proposal which was received in December 2017. Mrs. Hirsh said a decision to participate in the plan is due on January 15, 2018. Board members discussed the current anthem plan and pros and cons of the COVA proposal. Since both county and school employees are impacted, Mrs. Hirsh wants to get a recommendation from Mr. Harrison. In closing, Mrs. Hirsh plans to follow up with Mr. Harrison and Board members to determine whether or not to participate in the COVA program.

**17-18: 152
CONSIDER THE COVA
LOCAL (CL) HEALTH
BENEFITS PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved a request for an additional appropriation of funds for National Board Certification Incentive of \$2,500 (Instructional Category), and the BARC Electric Cooperative refund of \$8345.14 (Maintenance Category).**

**17-18: 153
CONSIDER REQUEST
FOR APPROPRIATION
OF FUNDS**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved American Fidelity (Adam Ashby) as an approved payroll vendor to assist employees and the employers with conforming to Internal Revenue Service Code requirements regarding Section 125 plans, FSA, HSA and LPFSA's as applicable by employee need.**

**17-18: 154
CONSIDER ADDITIONAL
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **adjusted the budget development calendar by moving the January 17 work session to January 24, with January 25 as the alternate date; and the January 24th meeting to be advertised as an action meeting to appoint spring coaches.**

**17-18: 155
APPROVE CHANGE TO
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT
CALENDAR**

Informational items for Board members included a VSBA Hot Topic Conference brochure on March 14, 2018 at Wytheville, VA.

**17-18: 156
ITEMS FOR BOARD
MEMBERS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to be heard.

**17-18: 157
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Burns

- Excited about the automotive program. Invited individuals to visit the automotive classroom.
- Kudos to the band. Amazing the level of professionalism, leadership and responsibility these students have.
- Looking forward to the growth of clubs at BCHS.
- Wished everyone a very prosperous and safe 2018.

**17-18: 158
ITEMS BY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Mrs. Lowry

- Proud of our students for their performances in the Christmas programs, band concert and art show.
- Kids are participating in many community events. Kids are phenomenal and intense in their commitments. Kids from preschoolers to seniors shine due to leadership of staff members.
- Excited about the Garth Newel performance at MES.

Mr. Ryder

- Applauded the auto program saying 99.9 % of students graduating will have a car. At one time, all students had to go through the class to learn skills and check oil and change a flat tire. This is a very important program and touches everyone.
- Wished all staff the best.

Mrs. Grimm

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished them a safe trip home.
- Wished everyone a great 2018.
- Thanked the Band for coming to the MES Christmas parade.
- Proud of all our students.

Miss Dressler

- Thanked everyone for letting her sit on the Board.

Mr. Secoy

- Thanked fellow Board members for appointment to another year as Chairman.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**17-18: 159
ADJOURNMENT**