

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A regular meeting of the School Board of Pittsylvania County was held in the School Administration Building, Chatham, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Members were present as follows: Mr. Calvin D. "Bunky" Doss, Chairman, Mr. W. Neal Oakes, Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Samuel Burton, Mr. George V. Henderson, Mr. Don C. Moon, Mr. R. Todd Sanders, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Samuel D. Nicholson (Chatham High School), Mr. Frank C. Blevins (Dan River High School), and Ms. Sarah E. Goard (Tunstall High School), Dr. Mark R. Jones, Division Superintendent, and Mrs. Janet F. Hancock, Clerk of the Board. ABSENT: Ms. Erin L. Mayhew, Gretna High School Student Representative, and Mrs. Tracey R. Worley, Director of Finance/Deputy Clerk. Dr. Charles H. Miller, Jr. joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mrs. L. Ann Cassada, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Dr. Jeffrey B. Early, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Dr. Lillian D. Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, and Ms. B. Teresa Petty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and Mr. Moon gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present convened a closed meeting session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the following purpose:

1. to discuss personnel matters under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia; in particular: staff appointments, resignations, leaves, and assignments;
2. to discuss student matters under Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia; in particular: student admission/discipline; and
3. briefing by staff/counsel pertaining to legal matters under Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

On motion by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present recessed the closed session, returned to open session and adopted the following certification:

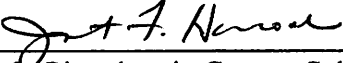
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Pittsylvania County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsylvania County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Burton, Mr. Doss, Mr. Henderson, Dr. Miller, Mr. Moon
Mr. Oakes and Mr. Sanders
Nays: None



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On motion by Mr. Moon, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the PERSONNEL CHANGES for October 11, 2016, as discussed. (Copy filed in School Board Office).

On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Moon, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the agenda as presented. The following items had been added after the agenda was released on BoardDocs: Under New Business: Item 10.4, Revision of School Board Policy – GBE-PC, Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment; Item 10.5, Revision of School Board Policy – GCPB, Resignation of Staff Members; and Item 10.6, Revision of School Board Policy – GBO-PC, Retirement System. The following item was deleted: Item 6.1 – Recognition of FFA Winner.

Under the consent agenda and on motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the following items:

1. The Board approved the minutes of September 13, 2016, (Regular Meeting) as provided to members.
2. The financial report for the Regular School Budget for October 11, 2016, was accepted and authorization was given for payment of bills as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Regular Fund	142313 – 142607	\$ 2,601,058.55
Payroll (Regular & Cafeteria)	141505 – 141514 (checks) 239384 – 241159 (vouchers)	\$ 5,986,012.29
Cafeteria Fund	14792– 14844	\$ 544,614.43

Reimbursement Checks	01 – 115 1000 - 1023	\$ 19,569.17 \$ 1,149.40
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3. The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	Cross Country - Regional	Giles County, VA	November 1-2, 2016
Chatham High	Cross Country - State	Great Meadows, The Plains, VA	November 11- 12, 2016
Dan River High	Golf - Regional	Draper Valley Golf Club, Draper, VA	October 2-3, 2016
Dan River High	Cross Country - Regional	Giles County, VA	November 1-2, 2016
Dan River High	Cross Country - State	Great Meadows, The Plains, VA	November 11-12, 2016
Dan River High	Football - Division, Semifinals and Championship	TBD	VHSL Schedule
Gretna High	Cross Country - State	Great Meadows, The Plains, VA	November 11-12, 2016
Gretna Middle	Beta - Jr. State	Williamsburg, VA	February 7-9, 2017
Gretna Middle	Beta - National	Orlando, FL	June 25-28, 2017
Tunstall High	Golf - Regional	Abingdon, VA	October 2-3, 2016
Tunstall High	Cross Country - Regional	Lexington, VA	October 31 &
Tunstall High	Cross Country - State	Great Meadows, The Plains, VA	November 1, 2016

4. The Board approved the Budget Calendar for the preparation of the 2017-2018 budget as presented.

5. The Board approved the 2017 graduation site selection at the Averett University's Grant Center, Danville, Virginia, as follows:

- Gretna High School - Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Chatham High School – Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Dan River High School – Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tunstall High School – Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

6. The Board approved the following individuals to serve on the 2016-2017 Special Education Advisory Committee:

Parent Representatives:

Brosville Elementary – Scott Richardson
Chatham Elementary – Ralene Gray
Gretna Elementary – TBA
Hurt Elementary – Vacant
Kentuck Elementary – LaToya McCain
Mt. Airy Elementary – Stephanie Lloyd
Southside Elementary – Kathryn Watlington
Stony Mill Elementary – Jason DeHart
Twin Springs Elementary – Jodi Stone
Union Hall Elementary – Cynthia Hughes

Chatham Middle – Barbara Sloan
Dan River Middle – Melissa Carwile
Gretna Middle – Kim Walker
Tunstall Middle – Tera Walker
Chatham High – Olivia Grekos
Dan River High – Shalonda Stone
Gretna High – Phyllis Petty
Tunstall High – Shelia Elliott
Regional Alternative – Vacant

Consultants

Ann Cassada, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
Dr. William Sandidge, Supervisor of Special Education

7. The Board adopted the VSBA Policy Services Agreement as presented (copy attached to original minutes).

The Board recognized Tunstall High School as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. A recognition ceremony will be held in Washington, DC on November 7-8, 2016. It was noted that Mrs. Barbara Brown, retired Principal of Tunstall High School, should also be acknowledged along with the current staff for receiving this recognition.

Mr. Cory Stephens, Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator, introduced the 2016-2017 Youth Commissioners. Ms. Mallorie Patrick, a 9th grader at Tunstall High School, and Ms. Tacoreia Webb, a 9th grader at Dan River High School, were present. The Youth Commission serves as a liaison to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and the voice of their schools and communities. The Commission will be conducting surveys throughout the high schools, assisting with Trunk or Treat and many other activities throughout the school year.

Ms. Lisa Caviness, representing HAVEN of the Dan River Region, Inc., addressed the Board to seek permission to allow the football players to wear purple socks and ribbons during the October games in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Superintendent presented Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) awards to the Board members as follows:

- Certificate of Recognition – Mr. Burton, Mr. Doss, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Moon, Mr. Sanders and Mrs. Hancock
- Award of Excellence and silver pin – Dr. Miller
- Award of Honor and gold pin - Mr. Oakes

The Chairman also presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) to Mrs. Janet Hancock, Clerk.

Dr. Lillian D. Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, introduced the following new employees:

- Ms. Evangelina Balmori, Spanish Teacher at Gretna High School

- Mr. Mike Miraglia, Custodian at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center

Mr. Samuel Nicholson, Student Representative from Chatham High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for October which was "Honesty."

Mr. Henry Walker, President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA) and Teacher at Chatham High School, addressed the Board. He reiterated the three (3) areas of discussion from the PEA, which include health care, funding and diversity training.

Dr. Jeff Early, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided an update of the safety initiatives that have been put into place over the last several years. Using grant funding and other sources, the following safety equipment has been installed: intercom electronic door locks, key swipe locks, digital video cameras, bus cameras, visitor tracking procedures, School Resource Officers (SRO). Also, safety audits, routine drills and lockdown drills are conducted in the schools. The schools will implement a procedure for Level I volunteers using the Indent-A-Kid system. An earthquake drill will be conducted. Positive relationships are also being developed with students to ensure that if they see something, they will say something. Dr. Early also announced that October 16-22, 2016, is American Safe Schools Week.

The Chairman noted that the on-time graduation rate for Pittsylvania County Schools is 93.0% which is above the State average of 91.3% and higher than any of the surrounding school divisions.

The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- Students recently participated in the SOVA Career ChoICE Youth Expo at the Olde Dominion Agricultural Center. This event provided students an opportunity to talk with area employers relative to the education and skills required to work in different companies.
- Gretna Elementary School and Twin Springs Elementary School recently celebrated their 20th anniversary.
- Drug testing for student-athletes will be presented as a budget initiative for the 2017-2018 budget consideration.
- Mr. Jason Ince, 2017 Region VI Teacher of the Year, will be recognized on Monday, October 17, 2016, at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia. He will be competing against 7 other regional winners for the State Teacher of the Year award.
- The Blue Ribbon Schools recognition dinner for Tunstall High School will be held on November 7-8, 2016, in Arlington, Virginia.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conferences:

- Hot Topic Conference: Leading the Digital Transformation in Schools, Chesterfield Career & Technical Center, October 18, 2016
- VSBA Annual Convention, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia, November 16-18, 2016

On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Burton, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present adopted the proclamation declaring October, 2016, as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Moon, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present accepted the low bid meeting specifications for petroleum products as presented (Copy filed in Bid Book at School Board Office).

On motion by Mr. Moon, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members presented approved the first reading of the following School Board policies:

- GBJ-PC, Employee Insurance
- GCE-PC, Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
- GCPB, Resignation of Staff Members

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present tabled the first reading of School Board Policy GBO-PC, Retirement System, until the November 8, 2016, Board meeting. A request was also made to provide information relative to the cost associated with the proposed changes in the policy.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present authorized the application for the Autism grant as presented.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members presented approved the administration of the 2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) as presented.

On motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the following videos for the Family Life Program:

- The Highs and Lows and In-Betweens of Puberty – 8th grade
- You are in charge of Your Body Version B – 5th grade
- Stranger Danger Awareness – the 5 traps – 5th grade
- You're Not a Little Kid Any More – Personal Hygiene – 4th grade
- Straight Talk the Truth About Teen Pregnancy – 8th grade

Dr. Miller asked the press to include the website address of hrmvideo.com in the article to inform people that they may review the family life videos.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members presented approved to allow the football teams to wear purple socks and ribbons in

recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month (October) with the stipulation that the principal and athletic director must be in agreement.

The Board returned to closed session.

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Nays: None

John A. Henderson
Clerk, Pittsylvania County School Board

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On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Moon, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the requests for release from compulsory attendance for three (3) students.

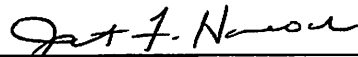
On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the reorganization of the Pupil Transportation Department as discussed.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Oakes, to direct the Superintendent to seek legal counsel for an opinion relative to a student at Chatham High School and respond to the parent in a timely manner. The motion carried on a 6-1 vote with Mr. Doss, Mr. Henderson, Dr. Miller, Mr. Moon, Mr. Oakes and Mr. Sanders voting for the motion, and Mr. Burton voting against the motion.

There being no further business, and on motion by Mr. Moon seconded Mr. Burton, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.



CHAIRMAN



CLERK