

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, November 8, 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, Dr. Charles H. Miller, Jr., Mr. George V. Henderson, Mr. R. Todd Sanders, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Samuel D. Nicholson (Chatham High School), Mr. Frank C. Blevins (Dan River High School), Ms. Erin L. Mayhew (Gretna 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: Mr. Don C. Moon, and Mrs. Tracey R. Worley, Director of Finance/Deputy Clerk.

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

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

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Oakes, 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 Mr. Burton, 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. Oakes and Mr. Sanders
Nays: None



Clerk, Pittsylvania County School Board

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On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Burton, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the PERSONNEL CHANGES for November 8, 2016, as presented. (Copy filed in School Board Office).

On motion by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Burton, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present expelled a student from Dan River Middle School with offer of placement at the Regional Alternative School for continuing educational services.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present expelled a student from Dan River High School with continuing educational services to be determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Committee.

On motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the agenda as presented. The following item had been added after the initial release of the agenda on BoardDocs: Under New Business: Item 10.6, Easement for Right of Way on Chatham High School property.

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

1. The Board approved the minutes of October 11, 2016, (Regular Meeting) as provided to members.
2. The financial report for the Regular School Budget for November 8, 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	142608 – 142927	\$ 2,426,220.46

Payroll (Regular & Cafeteria)	141515 – 141524 (checks) 241160 – 243070 (vouchers)	\$ 6,059,448.87
Cafeteria Fund	14845– 14877	\$ 542,941.43
Reimbursement Checks	116 – 191 1024 - 1034	\$ 14,934.61 \$ 254.71

3. The Board approved the following overnight field trips:

SCHOOL(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Chatham High	Wrestling – Regional	Grundy, VA	February 9-11, 2017
Chatham Middle	BETA – Jr. State Convention	Williamsburg, VA	February 7-9, 2017
Dan River High	BETA – State Convention	Williamsburg, VA	February 9-11, 2017
Gretna High	Cross Country – State Competition	The Plains, Manassas, VA	November 11-12, 2016
Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center	SkillsUSA State Competition	Fredericksburg, VA	April 28-30, 2017
Tunstall High	Cross Country – State Competition	Manassas, VA	November 10-11, 2016

4. The Board approved the donation of \$3,717.05 from Kentuck Baptist Church to purchase volleyball equipment (poles, nets, antenna, pads) for Dan River High School (copy filed in Donations Book at School Board Office).

The Board recognized Logan Mills, a student at Chatham High School, for placing 4th in the Eastern Regional FFA Creed Public Speaking Event and placing 1st in the Eastern Regional FFA Safe Tractor Operator’s Career Development Event.

An opportunity for public input for the 2017-2018 school budget proposal was provided. There were no speakers. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Budget Committee, indicated that it is anticipated to be another tedious budget season.

Mr. Frank Blevins, Student Representative from Dan River High School, presented the Character Word of the Month for November which was “Respect.”

On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present adopted a Proclamation recognizing the week of November 14-18, 2016, as American Education Week (copy of Proclamation attached).

Mr. Henry Walker, President of the Pittsylvania Education Association (PEA) and Teacher at Chatham High School, addressed the Board. He expressed appreciation for allowing him to attend the recent Legislative Breakfast and asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution in support of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Mr. Walker also discussed current legislative concerns for State health insurance, Statewide virtual schools and school vouchers.

The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- Congratulations were expressed to the schools and students for recent increases in SAT scores.
- Ms. Amaia Jones, a senior at Dan River High School and Culinary Arts student at the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center, has been selected as the SkillsUSA District III Vice-President for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Appreciation was expressed to the staff of the Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center for their work on the recent dedication ceremony for its Industrial Maintenance Program.
- The following teachers were recognized as W!SE (Working in Support of Education) Gold Star Teachers: Ms. Heather McDowell, Dan River High School; Mr. Matthew Beard, Tunstall High School; and Ms. Michelle Carter, Tunstall High School.
- The school system has partnered with The ARC to offer internships to students to provide valuable work experience that may lead to valuable employment opportunities.
- The gifted staff and Central Office administrators held a STEAM (Science, Technology, English, Arts and Math) event on Saturday, November 5, 2016. There were 65 gifted students attending from the ten (10) elementary schools and four (4) middle schools.
- Lapel pins were presented to the Board members in recognition of Tunstall High School as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School award recipient. Members were invited to attend a faculty meeting at Tunstall High School on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, to celebrate.
- The Board members were reminded of the following upcoming VSBA conference:
 - VSBA Annual Convention, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia, November 16-18, 2016

On motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the second and final 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. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present tabled the first reading of School Board Policy GBO-PC, Retirement System, until the December 13, 2016, Board meeting. A request was also made to determine if there

would be a possibility of a waiver from the 26-week break in service requirement under the Affordable Care Act.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the recommendation for the following individuals to serve as hearing officers as required by School Board Policy GBM, Professional Staff Grievances, and GBMA, Support Staff Grievances:

- Mr. James McDaniel, Retired Division Superintendent
- Mrs. Clarissa Knight, Retired Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
- Mrs. Wanda Vaughan, Retired Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

On motion by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Mr. Burton, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the Easement Agreement for drainage vault at the Waste Water Treatment Facility at Dan River High School as presented and authorized the Superintendent to sign and execute as necessary.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the use of school facilities as requested by the Boys' and Girls' Club.

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the request for special project to construct an outside classroom at Gretna High School contingent upon availability of fundraising monies.

On motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present adopted the Resolution for the National Anthem as presented (copy attached).

On motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the Board by unanimous vote of all members present approved the Easement for Right of Way to allow Dominion Virginia Power to plant a pole by the road on the corner of the Chatham High School property and run an underground line onto an adjacent property.

The Board returned to closed session.

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

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