

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met at Essex School Board Room on June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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| Present: | Larry Bullis | Robert LaFollett |
| | Ray Whitaker | Jill Gilbert |
| | Keren Ellis | Ronnie Fones |
| | Liz Martin | Bonita Smith |
| | Carl Slaughter | Jeffrey Smith |
| | Scott Burckbuchler, Superintendent | Larry Lenz |
| | Kim Hodges, Clerk | Teresa Simpson |
| | Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk | Wilhelmenia McCowan |
| | Angela Gross, Principal EIS | Janis Tyndall |
| | Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES | Darlene Boone |
| | Darnell Carter, Principal EHS | Jacy Atkins |
| | Gail Pope | Jessica Emery |
| | Annette Thompson | Elaine Barthelomew |
| | Mary Coggin | Wanda Reynolds |
| | Jon Barnes | Mary Passagaluppi |
| | Gina Powell | Jennifer Lyons |
| | Dashan Turner | John Clickener |
| | Denise Hammond | Sidney Johnson |

Mr. Bullis thanked Dr. Pope for stepping up as Interim Superintendent and doing an outstanding job. Mr. Bullis also welcomed Dr. Burckbuchler to the division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Clickener commended EHS band on their performance at the Memorial Day celebration on the courthouse lawn. He also thanked Dr. Pope for being a transparent governing body. He presented her with a gift and read a proclamation.

Mr. Sidney Johnson stated that he would be running for a seat on the Board of Supervisors. He challenged the Board to make every penny of the tax payer's dollars count. He mentioned that he witnessed furniture at EHS being destroyed and asked that all monies be maximized to the fullest.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the consent agenda (see attached).

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Mr. Dispirito introduced Jessica Emery as Teacher of the Year at Tappahannock Elementary School.

Mrs. Gross introduced Jacy Atkins as Teacher of the Year at Essex Intermediate School.

Mr. Carter introduced Robert LaFollett as Teacher of the Year at Essex High School.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Dr. Burckbuchler recognized the following retirees and presented them with a plaque:

Bonita Smith
Jill Gilbert
Wilhelmina Herren
Wilhelmenia McCowan
Elaine Barthelomew
Wanda Reynolds
Janis Tyndall
Patricia Taliaferro
Lillian Pollard

ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board authorized the superintendent to approve appointments, resignations, transfers, and recommendations for terminations.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board authorized the superintendent to reassign teachers, principals, and assistant principals according to Section 22.1-297 of the Code of Virginia.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the resolution designating Dr. Lori Watrous to act in the superintendent's absence for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (see attached resolution).

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board appointed Annette Thompson as Agent and Scott Burckbuchler as Deputy Agent to examine and approve all just claims and to authorize the payment thereof for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

AWARD FUEL & LAWN BIDS

Dr. Burckbuchler recommended James River Solutions be awarded the fuel bid (see attached sheet) and Noblet be awarded the propane bid (see attached sheet).

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board awarded James River Solutions the fuel bid and Noblet the propane bid.

Dr. Burckbuchler recommended SC Pitts be awarded the lawn bid (see attached sheet).

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board awarded SC Pitts the lawn bid.

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This was tabled until the July meeting.

GOOGLE APPS

Mr. Barnes informed the Board that the division will be moving from Groupwise email system to Google Mail (see attached memo). He mentioned that staff would receive training.

VSBA POLICY UPDATES

Mrs. Hodges presented the VSBA policy updates for the Board to review (see attached).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Burckbuchler reminded the community and staff to fill out the survey on the division website as well as the one for instructional staff.

Dr. Burckbuchler thanked Dr. Pope for her leadership.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board authorized the superintendent to ask the Board of Supervisors again for a 2% salary increase for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

BOARD'S REPORT

Mrs. Martin reported that she had attended a workshop on superintendent evaluation.

Mr. Whitaker thanked the administration for a successful graduation ceremony. He also thanked the retirees for the service and dedication to Essex County public schools.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board went into closed session for the following:

2.2-3711(A)1 Personnel Matters

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board returned to open session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Essex County School Board had convened a closed meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative record vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (if) only public business matters lawfully exempted from 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: 5

NAY: 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) Of Essex County

There was no action taken in closed session

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk