

## **ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Carl Slaughter  
Larry Bullis  
Keren Ellis  
Mary Gaskins  
Ray Whitaker  
Kim Hodges, Clerk  
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent  
Stephanie Bassett, Assistant Superintendent  
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS  
Michael Daddario, Assistant Principal EHS  
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES  
Annette Thompson  
Sharon Saunders  
Ron Largett  
Matt Ponish  
Deborah Johnson  
Denise Hammond  
Wanda Reynolds

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Gaskins, the Board approved the consent agenda.

### **AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE IN ABSENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Melvin recommended Stephanie Bassett be authorized to sign in the absence of the superintendent.

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation.

### **APPROVE 2011-2012 FEDERAL CONSOLIDATION**

The superintendent asked that this item be moved to the August meeting.

**APPROVE VRS VOLUNTEER GROUP LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Dr. Melvin recommended the Board approved the VRS volunteer group long term care insurance program be offer as an option to employees at no cost to the division.

On a motion by Mrs. Gaskins, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the superintendents recommendation.

**APPROVE VHSL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dr. Melvin recommended the Board approve the VHSL membership application with the addition of girls soccer and debate.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation.

**PARENT PORTAL REPORT**

Mr. Ponish presented at powerpoint presentation on the parent portal used in the school division.

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2011**

Ms. Bassett reported that summer school is held at Tappahannock Elementary and Essex Intermediate Schools. Algebra and geometry are also offered at Essex High School.

**INSTRUCTIONAL CONSULTANT TEAM REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Hammond gave a powerpoint presentation on the benefits of the Instructional Consultant Team.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The superintendent reminded the Board of the Governor's Conference on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD'S REPORT**

The Board had nothing to report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

2.1-344.1	Personnel
2.1-344.2	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7	Legal

**REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board returned to regular 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, (i) 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

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

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mrs. Gaskins, the Board approved Wayne Lewis as Director of Student Services effective August 1, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mrs. Gaskins, the Board approved Fontella Calhoun as Assistant Principal of TES.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved the resignation of Michael Daddario.

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Gaskins, the Board approved the coaches list (see attached).

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

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**