

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Stephanie Bassett, Assistant Superintendent
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS
Angela Gross, Assistant Principal EHS
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Carrol Balderson
John Clickener
Jon Barnes
Gina Powell
Teresa Simpson
Denise Hammond
Jennifer Gilbert
Jennifer Lyons
Vanessa Burns
Ronnie Fones
Edith Moore
Peggy Rennolds
John Rennolds
Erin Kelley
Valerie Taylor
Tyler Lowery
Jacob Plummer

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Martin seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.153	Personnel
2.1-344.154	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1	Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Martin and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board returned to regular session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Essex County School Board had convened a closed meeting of this 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

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

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the list of licensed Personnel (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the list of classified personnel (see attached).

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the resignation of Shane Yeskey effective at the end of the school year.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martion the Board approved the retirements of Debora Frazier and Princess Dockery effective at the end of the school year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tyler Lowery voiced his concern about student records not being placed in one file. He asked the Board to look at the process of gathering information on students and placing that information in one file and one location.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the consent agenda except for use of facilities requests on pages 35 & 44.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the use of facilities requests on pages 35 & 44 with the stipulation on appropriate accessibility due to construction work at EHS.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following additions were added to the agenda:

- Communication System for School Buses
- Roof Replacement EHS Vocational Building

SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the Special Ed. Local Plan.

CTE/PERKINS APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the CTE/Perkins Application.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Dr. Melvin asked permission to request additional appropriation of \$195,972.22 (Federal Tax Credit Debt Service Refund); \$209,621.84 (Voc. Equipment, Title VIB & Federal School Lunch); and \$149,717.55 (Title I).

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the superintendent's request.

VSBA INSURANCE RENEWAL

Dr. Melvin presented the VSBA insurance renewal for the Board's approval (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the VSBA insurance renewal.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that 33 units will be installed with GPS which will cover the whole county. Mr. Fones stated that there will be two control units which will be located at the bus garage and the central office. There will be collaboration with local emergency services and local sheriff's department. The cost will be \$55,000.00.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the communication systems for school buses.

ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR EHS VOCATIONAL BUILDING

Dr. Melvin recommended Roof Systems be awarded the bid (see attached).

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

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Balderson reported on the progress of the committee (see attached). She stated that there were three subcommittees formed (CPR, Staff Wellness and AED). Mrs. Balderson informed the Board that there are Epi Pens at all schools. She also stated that free TDAP shots are scheduled at EIS on May 21, 2012.

INTERNET PRIVACY REGULATION

Mr. Barnes stated that an internet privacy regulation is needed in order to continue to be eligible for e-rate. The policy must be publicly posted on the website. He also asked that the acceptable use policy be amended (see attached).

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the internet privacy regulation and the acceptable use policy.

NEW ECPS WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Barnes demonstrated the updated website which is interactive.

POLICY JHCA

Dr. Melvin presented policy JHCA for the Board to review (see attached). He asked that a committee be formed.

POLICY EBAA-R

Mrs. Hodges presented policy EBAA-R on safety issues and reporting of hazards for the Board to review.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. Hodges reminded the Board of the Governor's Conference on Education on July 31, 2012.

SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE

Dr. Melvin presented the summer work schedule (see attached).

MARCH 31st ADM REPORT

Dr. Melvin reported that the March 31st ADM was 1577.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Melvin presented proposed adjustments to the maintenance department (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the adjustments of the maintenance department.

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Mrs. Ellis thanked the principal and assistant principal of EHS for the program given to students before the prom showing the dangers of drinking and driving.

Mrs. Gross informed the Board that EHS had been contacted by Channel 6 to enter students in the "Battle of the Brains" academic competition.

Mr. Carter informed the Board that Christopher Lee came in first place in the algebra competition at RCC. He also informed the Board that Jo Ellen Andrews was nominated Teacher -of-the-Year at EHS.

Mrs. Martin mentioned that a few nurses went to the school to make students aware of a career in nursing.

Mr. Slaughter mentioned that plans are underway for parking at graduation.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk