

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex Intermediate School Cafetorium on April 9, 2012 at 5:30 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
Brad King, Board Attorney
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS
Andrea Roane, Principal EIS
Fontella Calhoun, Assistant Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Sharon Saunders
Valerie Taylor
Vanessa Burns
Erin Kelley
Peggy Rennolds
Denise Hammond
Patricia Roth
Jennifer Gilbert
Jennifer Lyons
Lori Lenz

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1-344.147	Personnel
2.1-344.148	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1	Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter 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 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

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

There was no action taken in closed session.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following was added to the agenda:

Essex High School Contract (Action Item)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the Essex High School contract subject to final approval as to form by the school board attorney. Mrs. Martin voted nay.

VSBA POLICIES

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the VSBA policies.

2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

MAY 25th HOLIDAY

Dr. Melvin recommended May 25th be a holiday for students and staff because an extra day was built into the school calendar for inclement weather and was not used. Originally, that day was scheduled as a half day.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN & REPORT

Ms. Gilbert presented the Special Ed. Local Plan and Report for the Board to approve (see attached).

SOL SPRING TESTING CALENDAR

Dr. Melvin presented the SOL spring testing calendar (see attached).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Melvin reported on the General Assembly's decision (without the Governor's signature). He stated that the deadline is April 15th and a special called meeting of the Board will be held.

BOARD'S REPORT

The Board had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1-344.149	Personnel
2.1-344.150	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1	Legal

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

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk