

The Amherst County School Board met for a regular School Board meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015, in the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia, at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Alan J. Wood, Chairman
Patricia C. Massie, Vice Chairman
Alan H. Bumgarner
Elizabeth S. Gamble
W. Michael Henderson
Priscilla M. Liggon
Randy V. Summers
Elizabeth Terry, Student Representative

ABSENT: None

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order, asked that a moment of silence be observed, and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Mrs. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Henderson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the January 22, 2015, regular School Board meeting agenda.

Dr. Nichols recognized, in absentia, Mr. Richard Morrison, Director of Automated Conveyor Systems. Dr. Nichols stated Mr. Morrison donated \$5,000 to the Monelison Middle School Band Program and \$7,500 to the Monelison Middle School Archery Program. Dr. Nichols stated Mr. Morrison would be recognized at a future School Board meeting.

Mr. Wood asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.

Mrs. Massie stated her Power School [intended to say BoardDocs] connection was slow at her home and asked if anyone else was having trouble accessing Power School [intended to say BoardDocs]. No one stated they were having problems.

Dr. Nichols stated it might be the internet service Mrs. Massie was using.

Mrs. Massie shared information with the Board on the Lynchburg Regional Governor's STEM Academy open house scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Gamble stated she enjoyed the School Board Retreat on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Ms. Terry shared information with Board members on student accomplishments as well as an upcoming fundraiser at Subway in Madison Heights for Elon Elementary School.

Mrs. Liggon stated she believed the School Board accomplished a great deal at the School Board Retreat that was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Mr. Wood stated that at the School Board Retreat on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, Mrs. Liggon asked if there was a need to have a budget work session on January 27, 2015.

Mr. Wood asked Board members if they thought the School Board budget work session scheduled for January 27, 2015, should be cancelled.

Mr. Summers asked if the Amherst County Board of Supervisors does not make a decision on the Ameresco proposal, how the Amherst County School Board proceeds with the budget discussions.

After discussions by the Board, Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to cancel the January 27, 2015, School Board budget work session and reschedule the budget work session for Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Liggon asked when the Amherst County Board of Supervisors meets again.

Mr. Wood stated the Amherst County Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

Upon motion by Mrs. Massie, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: minutes of the December 16, 2014, joint meeting between the Amherst County School Board and Amherst County Board of Supervisors, the January 8, 2015, regular School Board meeting, the January 13, 2015, special School Board meeting/Budget work session, confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period January 6, 2015, through January 16, 2015, and a field trip request for Monelison Middle School seventh grade students to travel to Washington, D.C., on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Dr. Nichols stated the list of students suspended for December 2014 was at their place.

Dr. Nichols stated there was no new information to report on accountability measures.

Mrs. Crouch stated the budget monitoring forms, revenue receipts, object code report and enrollment information was at their place. Mrs. Crouch stated the ADM through December 2014, was 4072.

Mr. Wood noted the enrollment was one below the average daily membership.

Mrs. Crouch stated that was correct and Mrs. Mawyer had provided information on the report, which shows the number of students enrolling and leaving the Amherst County Public Schools for December 2014.

Dr. Nichols stated there was no new information to report on facilities.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members the radio equipment had been received to improve radio reception on 60 West of Amherst County; however, the FCC had not provided its final approval.

Mr. Wood asked if there was anything else from Board members.

Mrs. Liggon asked if the Amherst County Board of Supervisors does not fund Option 3 of the Ameresco proposal were they planning to fund one of the other options.

Mr. Wood stated the attorneys reviewing the contract and they were working on making the necessary changes.

Mrs. Liggon asked if Ameresco does not work out, how the Amherst County Public Schools would take care of the equipment.

Dr. Nichols stated if the Ameresco proposal does not work out it would become a difficult situation for the schools.

Mrs. Liggon stated Board members needs to continue to convey to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors the importance of improving the facilities.

Dr. Nichols stated he had conveyed the timelines to the County Administrator.

Mr. Wood asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

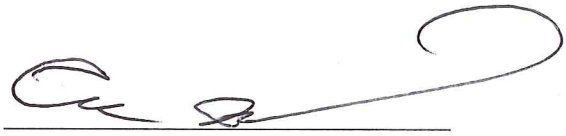
Mrs. Patricia Baker, a teacher at Temperance Elementary School, asked if the Ameresco proposal is approved, would the Southern Air contract be reduced.

Dr. Nichols stated if the Ameresco proposal is approved, once all of the equipment is installed, then the contract with Southern Air would be reduced.

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Summers and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



Alan J. Wood, Chairman
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