

employees who were retiring and their immediate supervisor. The building principal and/or supervisor provided an overview of each person retiring from their location. Dr. Rogers expressed appreciation to each of the individuals for their service and dedication to Amherst County Public Schools. Mr. Henderson and Dr. Nichols presented each retiree with a coupon for a rocking chair that can be picked up from Lowes in Madison Heights.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would take a break to honor the 2017 retirees. Mr. Henderson expressed his appreciation to each of the retirees for their service.

Mr. Henderson called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was public comment. Mr. Henderson asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the FY18 School Operational Budget. Dr. Nichols stated a summary of the FY18 School Operational Budget was provided to each Board member.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board approved the FY18 School Operational Budget.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the Health Insurance Contract renewals for the 2017-18 School Year.

Dr. Rogers stated that Mr. Fitz Rogers, Health Insurance Consultant with RCM & D, provided Amherst County Public Schools a renewal from Anthem for the Health Insurance Contract with an increase of 7.8 % for the 2017-18 school year and a flat renewal for Anthem Dental. Dr. Rogers stated the budget was developed with an increase of six percent. The 1.8% over what was budgeted will be covered from next year's attrition.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cumby, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Anthem renewal for Health Insurance for the 2017-18 school year with an increase in premiums of 7.8%.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was proposed revisions to the Amherst County Public School Policy Manual.

Upon motion by Mr. Terwilliger, seconded by Mr. Summers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the Amherst County Public Schools Policy Manual

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda. Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: minutes of the April 27, 2017, regular School Board meeting,

confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period of April 24, 2017 through May 5, 2017, a field trip request for Amherst County High School AP European History students and AP English 10 students to travel to Washington, D.C., on Friday, May 26, 2017, to visit the Folger Shakespeare Library and the National Gallery of Art, the Special Education Annual Plan Assurances for the 2017-18 school year, and the meal, milk and ice cream prices for the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was distribute and discuss information regarding the current bus fleet.

Dr. Nichols stated that Mr. Cocke would provide an overview of the information.

Mr. Cocke shared the following information with the Board:

- Bus Replacement Schedule
- Bus Information Key
- Bus Title
- Bus Pupil Transportation Code of Virginia
- Bus Inspections
- Bus 13 Maintenance Record
- Bus 99 Maintenance Record

The Board reviewed and discussed the information provided. Board members asked Mr. Cocke to provide documentation on maintenance records for all buses. Also, Board members asked that fall ridership information be provided to Board members.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was an update on accountability measures.

Dr. Nichols stated Dr. Norman would provide an update on accountability measures.

Dr. Norman provided the following update on accountability measures:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Virginia Board of Education and the Amherst County Public Schools the following is an update regarding on-going accountability measures.

1. *The agreement between the Office of School Improvement and the Academic Development Institute that currently operates Indistar (electronic portfolio for school comprehensive plans) will deactivate accounts by the close of business on July 1, 2017. Amherst County Public Schools has chosen not to enter into an agreement with ADI to continue the services due the cost. ACPS has, in compliance with VDOE, decided to utilize the technical assistance offerings from the Office of School Improvement as soon as it is made available in 2017-2018 school year.*

- 2. All Administrators in Amherst will attend training on June 7, 2017, in Virginia's new school improvement process. Members from the instructional office who attended training in 2016 will review all the new processes within the Continuous School Improvement Planning Model and incorporate school-based development of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CAN) which will take the place of Indistar Implementation at the school level will be with training of all teachers during the week of August 7-11, 2017 (Teacher Work Week for 2017-2018 school year).*

Board members reviewed and discussed information provided. No action was taken regarding the matter.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was an update from the Human Resources Department.

Dr. Rogers expressed appreciation to the Board members for their participation in delivering lunches to the staff. Dr. Rogers informed Board members to date nineteen applications have been received for the Assistant Principal position at Central Elementary School. Dr. Rogers stated that interviews have been scheduled.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was the budget monitoring reports.

Dr. Nichols stated Mrs. Crouch would provide information regarding the budget monitoring reports.

Mrs. Crouch stated the Board members had at their place the budget monitoring reports, revenue and receipts for the month of April 2017. Mrs. Crouch stated the ADM for April 2017 was 3950. Mrs. Crouch informed the Board that she confirmed with the Virginia Department of Education that Amherst County Public Schools will receive approximately \$207,400 in enrollment loss funds for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board discussed whether or not to purchase school buses with the funds.

After much discussion by the Board, Mr. Terwilliger made a motion to purchase two school buses with the enrollment loss funds for the 2016-17 school year; however, he would also like to explore the option of purchasing used school buses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo.

AYES: Henderson, Cumby, Mayo, Thompson, Terwilliger

NAYS: Summers

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was an update on school facilities.

Dr. Nichols stated Mr. Cocke did not have an update on the facilities.

Mr. Henderson and other Board members expressed concern about the sign at Amherst Middle School, the auditorium at Amherst County High School, the steps leading up to the stage area in the auditorium, the wall tile in the hallways of Amherst County High School, the furniture and equipment at Pleasant View Elementary School, and an area in the parking lot between the Elon Baptist Church and Elon Elementary School that needs to be paved.

Mr. Cocke stated he would provide Board members with quotes for replacement of the sign at Amherst Middle School; however, in the past the signage for the schools had been purchased by the PTOs and/or PTAs.

Dr. Nichols informed the Board if the equipment and furniture at Pleasant View Elementary could be used in other schools then it would be moved to the schools in need of the furniture and equipment. Dr. Nichols stated some of the items would be left at Pleasant View Elementary School. Board members asked about the kitchen equipment. Dr. Nichols stated the majority of the kitchen equipment would be moved to other locations. Board members asked if the equipment was replacing older equipment could the old equipment be moved back to Pleasant View Elementary School for community use. Dr. Nichols stated he would have to check with Mrs. Klein, Supervisor of Child Nutrition.

The consensus of the Board was they will review the Amherst County Public Schools' Capital Improvement Plan in the fall to prioritize upcoming projects.

Dr. Nichols shared the following information with Board members:

- May 16, 2017 – Awards Ceremony by the Amherst County School Board at Amherst County High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- May 20, 2017 - Graduation at Liberty University at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Nichols stated based on School Board Policy and information provided by the School Board attorney, there is a need for an organizational meeting by the Board in July. Dr. Nichols suggested the organizational meeting be held on July 5, 2017. The consensus of the Board was to have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Board members will review the policy concerning this matter in the fall.

Dr. Nichols stated at the April 27, 2017, regular School Board meeting he provided each Board member with the VSBA Activity list. Dr. Nichols asked Board members to consider allowing him to proceed with establishing a Fall School Board Retreat date and also to work with Mr. Rodgers, County Administrator, to establish a date for a meeting with the members of the Amherst County School Board and the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors. The consensus of the Board was for Dr. Nichols to proceed with establishing and providing the dates for the two meetings.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was public comment.

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

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was information from Board members.

Mr. Gowdy expressed appreciation to Board members for the support he received as the Student Representative on the School Board.

Mrs. Thompson expressed appreciation to staff for the information on first time offenders.

Mrs. Thompson stated she enjoyed delivering lunches to staff. Mrs. Thompson thanked Dr. Rogers for organizing the event.

Mr. Mayo stated he wanted to congratulate all of the retirees. Mr. Mayo stated he enjoyed the presentations by the students.

Mrs. Cumby stated she enjoyed the *Golden A* Ceremony as well as the Senior Awards Ceremony. Mrs. Cumby thanked Mr. Gowdy for serving as Student Representative on the School Board.

Mrs. Cumby stated all other volunteers and people in the school were fingerprinted and asked if Board members should be as well. No action was taken by the Board regarding this matter.

Mrs. Cumby asked that a Math Specialist be placed on the list of needs for the 2018-2019 Budget development process.

Mr. Summers thanked Mr. Gowdy for his service as the Student Representative on the Amherst County School Board.

Mr. Henderson also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Gowdy for his service on the Amherst County School Board as the Student Representative.

Mr. Henderson stated he enjoyed the *Golden A* Ceremony and the Senior Awards Ceremony.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a closed meeting for a personnel matter and land acquisition.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7), of the Code of Virginia, upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for a personnel matter – Superintendent's evaluation and land acquisition matter.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board resumed their meeting in open session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Amherst County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative record and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2 – 3712 (D) and 2.2 - 3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in accordance with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amherst County School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each members knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which certification applies, and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board certified that they discussed only permissible topics.

AYES: Henderson, Cumby, Summers, Mayo, Thompson, Terwilliger

NAYS: None

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Amherst County Public Schools