

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 8, 2017, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT: W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Priscilla M. Liggon, Vice Chairman
Jennifer E. Cumby
Francisco D. Mayo
Randy V. Summers
Abby J. Thompson

ABSENT: Craig S. Terwilliger

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

Mr. Henderson asked if there were any changes to the June 8, 2017, regular School Board meeting agenda.

Mrs. Thompson asked that Item 5.06 Consider approval of a resolution returning Pleasant View Elementary School to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the June 8, 2017, regular School Board meeting agenda as amended.

Dr. Nichols introduced Dr. Wells, Principal of Amherst County High School. Dr. Wells introduced Ms. Wanda Burley, Yearbook Sponsor at Amherst County High School. Ms. Burley and some of the yearbook staff presented each Board member a copy of the 2017 Amethyst for Amherst County High School.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a closed meeting for personnel matters.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1), of the Code of Virginia, upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for personnel matters.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation on the Virginia Tiered Student Support (VTSS) program.

Dr. Nichols introduced Dr. Brendon Albon. Dr. Albon provided information to the Board regarding the Virginia Tiered Student Support (VTSS) program and shared with Board members how Amherst County Public Schools plans to utilize the grant.

Board members reviewed the information. No action was taken.

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

Mr. Henderson asked if anyone wished to address the Board. The following citizen addressed the Board:

Mr. Sammy Mays 1171 Sugarhill Tunnel Road Monroe, Virginia 24574

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda and asked if there were any changes. There being none, Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 5.06, which was removed earlier in the meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: minutes of the May 11, 2017, regular School Board meeting, minutes of the May 16, 2017, special School Board meeting, minutes of the June 1, 2017, special School Board meeting, confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period May 8, 2017 through June 2, 2017, approval of the Federal Assurances for Title I, Title II, and Title III; the restructuring of the 2017-2018 Title I grant, and a resolution for a supplemental appropriation to the 2016-2017 School Operational Budget.

Dr. Nichols introduced Mr. Derek Adam as the new Assistant Principal at Central Elementary School.

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

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

Dr. Norman shared the following information with the Board:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Virginia Board of Education and the Amherst County Public School Board the following is an update regarding on-going accountability measures. This update is specific to the accomplishments made towards the Corrective Action Plans for Central and Madison Heights Elementary, as well as the Reconstitution Agreement with Amelon Elementary.

Essential Actions designated by the Virginia Department of Education Office of School Improvement were established for the two denied accreditation schools and the one reconstituted school. An update of accomplishments on each Essential Action and task completed for each are as follows:

***Essential Action 1:** Monitor the implementation of the Amherst County Literacy Plan to ensure fidelity of the Literacy Diet.*

Task Completed- Classroom observations have been conducted in all three schools at all grade levels and in each content area. Artifacts collected are reading summary charts showing progression of student learning, samples of student records, and Title I data charts. Professional development and implementation plans including teacher sign-in sheets, as well as agendas, and materials have also been collected from each school.

***Essential Action 2:** Monitor lesson plans and provide evidence-based feedback to ensure alignment in content and cognition to the Standards of Learning.*

Task Completed- Lesson plans were reviewed by school administrators and content supervisors, feedback was provided consistently to ensure alignment with curriculum, pacing guides were revised for closer alignment to the standards. Professional development and implementation plans including teacher sign-in sheets, as well as agendas, and materials have also been collected from each school.

***Essential Action 3:** Develop, implement, and monitor a prioritized list of interventions for tiered instruction.*

Task Completed: Lists of reading interventions have been compiled and a division committee has been established to determine strategies that align with the type of intervention needed.

***Essential Action 4:** Utilize support from the Training and Technical Assistance Center in order to assess, develop, and monitor the implementation of evidence based practices in Reading and Mathematics.*

Task Completed: TTAC conducted classroom observations, submitted a report of suggestions and established dates for the 2017-2018 school year for professional development as next steps for teachers.

Essential Action 5 (Specific for Central Elementary): Develop a master schedule to maximize the use of personnel and that reflects the time parameters to implement the components of the Literacy Diet.

Task Completed: School administrator, school leadership team and Director of Academics recreated the school master schedule creating a schedule that did not share teachers by grade level, and allowed for uninterrupted time for core content areas of reading and math at grades three – five.

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

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was an update on the new internet provider, Shentel.

Dr. Norman introduced Mr. Joe Goldman, Supervisor of Technology. Mr. Goldman informed Board members that internet service for schools had been completed with the exception of Temperance Elementary School. Mrs. Cumby asked Mr. Goldman about internet service at Temperance Elementary School. Mr. Goldman stated Temperance Elementary School would not be completed until the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Dr. Rogers informed Board members that interviews were being conducted for the supervisor position at the School Administration Office. Dr. Rogers stated Dr. Nichols would have a recommendation by the beginning of the week. Dr. Rogers stated information would be shared with Board members regarding this matter.

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 reports, revenue receipts, and the budget summary by object code for the month of May 2017.

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

Dr. Nichols stated Mr. Cocke would provide an update on the facilities.

Mr. Cocke provided Board members an update on moving the items from Pleasant View Elementary School. Mr. Cocke also provided Board members a list of items that would be left at Pleasant View Elementary School at the end of June 2017. Mrs. Thompson asked if the members of the Board of Supervisors were aware that items would be left at the school. Dr. Nichols and Mr. Cocke stated this was at the request of the Chairman of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors.

Board members discussed the information.

Mr. Henderson asked if the Board wished to take action on Item 5.06 Consider approval of a resolution returning Pleasant View Elementary School to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2017.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board approved a resolution transferring Pleasant View Elementary School to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors effective June 30, 2017.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members that a list of student suspensions for May 2017 was at their place.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members the organizational meeting for the members of the Amherst County School Board will be held on July 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the School Administration Office. Dr. Nichols stated the minutes and the personnel report will also be on the agenda.

Dr. Nichols shared with Board members preliminary information from Dewberry and Davis on architectural renovations to the auditorium at Amherst County High School.

Dr. Nichols stated November 13, 2017, has been confirmed as the date for the joint meeting between the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and the members of the Amherst County School Board. The meeting will start with a catered dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by discussions between the two Boards at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Mrs. Wanda Smith	171 Dogwood Street	Amherst, Virginia 24521
Mr. Sammy Mays	1171 Sugarhill Tunnel Road	Monroe, Virginia 24574

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

Mrs. Thompson congratulated everyone on completing another school year.

Mr. Mayo congratulated everyone on a great job. He expressed appreciation to everyone for the help he received as a first year Board member.

Mrs. Cumby congratulated everyone on another successful year. Mrs. Cumby asked if the Board sends out official thank you notes for donations made to the school system. Dr. Nichols stated if he knows there are donations, he usually sends out a thank you card. Dr. Nichols stated if the Board wishes to send out a thank you card that would also be fine.

Mr. Summers stated he attended the STEM Awards Banquet and it is good to see the students succeeding.

Mrs. Liggon congratulated everyone on a good year. Mrs. Liggon stated it appears the citizens in the Pleasant View Elementary School area are being proactive by looking at ways to utilize the building.

Mrs. Liggon stated she was able to attend the following: 2017 Amherst County High School Graduation Ceremony at Liberty University, End-of-year activities at different schools, and the VSBA Law Conference in Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Henderson stated he was very impressed with the Graduation Ceremony.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a closed meeting.

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

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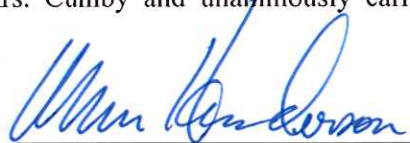
NAYS: None

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

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Amherst County Public Schools