

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 2016, in the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alan J. Wood, Chairman
W. Michael Henderson, Vice Chairman
Jennifer E. Cumby
Priscilla M. Liggon
Patricia C. Massie
Randy V. Summers

District III - Seat Vacant

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.

Mr. Wood asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the June 23, 2016 regular School Board meeting. There were none.

Mr. Wood asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the June 23, 2016 regular School Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mr. Henderson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the June 23, 2016 regular School Board meeting.

Mr. Wood 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 Mr. Henderson and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for a personnel matter.

Upon motion by Mrs. Massie, seconded by Mr. Summers 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: Liggon, Wood, Henderson, Massie, Summers, Cumby

NAYS: None

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was to recognize School Board members who were completing their service on the Amherst County School Board.

Dr. Nichols stated that Ms. Wanda Burley, teacher at Amherst County High School and Yearbook Sponsor, would be presenting a copy of the "2016 Amethyst" to each Board member.

Dr. Nichols introduced Mr. Nathan Gowdy as the student representative on the Amherst County School Board.

Dr. Nichols recognized and awarded Certificates of Recognition to the following Board members:

Mrs. Patricia Massie

Mr. Alan Bumgarner

Dr. Nichols also presented Mrs. Massie and Mr. Bumgarner with rocking chairs.

Mr. Wood stated the Board would have a brief reception for Mrs. Massie and Mr. Bumgarner.

Mr. Wood called the meeting back to order and stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation regarding health insurance.

Dr. Rogers introduced Mr. Fitz Rodgers, representative from RCM & D, Incorporated. Mr. Rodgers presented information to the Board regarding offering a Health Saving Account along with the Health Insurance Plan for the 2016-17 school year.

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. After discussion, Mr. Summers made a motion to approve replacing the \$2,000 deductible plan with a Health Saving Account for the 2016-17 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried.

Mr. Wood stated over the next several years, he believed that Amherst County School Board should review a self-insurance option.

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was the quarterly update on Office of Civil Rights data.

Ms. Hollie Jennings, Student Accountability/Discipline Coordinator, provided Board members the quarterly update on the data for the Office of Civil Rights.

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

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was citizen comments.

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

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of applications for reconstitution of schools.

Dr. Norman stated the Board received copies of the information at the June 9, 2016, regular School Board regarding applications for the reconstitution of Amelon Elementary School, Central Elementary School and Madison Heights Elementary School. Dr. Norman stated there were very few changes to the applications and asked Board members to consider approval of the applications for the three schools.

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried, the Board approved the applications for reconstitution of Amelon Elementary School, Central Elementary School and Madison Heights Elementary School.

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: minutes of the June 9, 2016, regular School Board meeting, confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions and addendum for the period June 6, 2016 through June 17, 2016, a Memorandum of Agreement with Amherst County Public Schools and Commonwealth Autism for the 2016-17 school year, and a request to home school a student under the religious exemption clause of the Code of Virginia.

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

Dr. Nichols stated Dr. Norman did not have an update on accountability measures.

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

Dr. Nichols stated that Dr. Rogers would provide the update.

Dr. Rogers provided the Board with an update on the Staffing Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016. Dr. Rogers informed the Board that the Transition Committee plans to meet at Pleasant View Elementary School on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was an update on the proposed revenue for FY16.

Dr. Nichols stated Mrs. Crouch would discuss the proposed revenue projections for FY16.

Mrs. Crouch informed Board members that the state revenue shortfall for the 2015-16 school year was \$199, 171.

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

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

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was items from the Superintendent.

Dr. Nichols stated a list of student suspensions for May 2016 was at their place.

Dr. Nichols stated the reorganization meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Wood stated the next item on the agenda was items from Board members.

Mrs. Cumby stated she enjoyed the VSBA "Hot Topic" Conference.

Mr. Summers stated he enjoyed serving on the School Board with Mrs. Massie and he looks forward to a new year.

Mr. Henderson thanked Mrs. Massie for her service on the Amherst County School Board. Mr. Henderson stated the staffing meeting was very insightful and complicated. Mr. Henderson stated he believed the Board needed to be educated on what goes into developing a master schedule.

Mrs. Liggon stated she too enjoyed serving on the School Board with Mrs. Massie. Mrs. Liggon stated she attended a LAUREL Board meeting. Mrs. Liggon stated she looks forward to the new school year as well.

Mrs. Massie expressed appreciation to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for appointing her to serve on the Amherst County School Board. Mrs. Massie asked that someone notify Ms. Susan Cash which Board member will be serving on the STEM Academy Board.

Mr. Wood expressed appreciation to the staff for their assistance in preparing information for the School Board meetings. Mr. Wood thanked the members of the Amherst County School Board for their assistance over the last year and thanked Mr. Henderson for serving as Vice Chairman. Mr. Wood thanked Mrs. Massie for her service on the Amherst County School Board.

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

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

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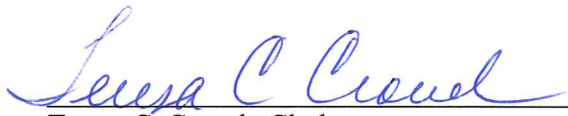
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AYES: Liggon, Wood, Henderson, Massie, Summers, Cumby


NAYS: None

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Massie, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:354 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson
Amherst County Public Schools