

The Amherst County School Board met on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

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

District III Seat Vacant

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Nathan Gowdy

ABSENT: None

Dr. Steven Nichols, Superintendent, called the meeting to order and stated the primary purpose of the July 5, 2016 meeting was a reorganizational meeting. During the reorganizational meeting the Superintendent presides over the election of the School Board Chairman.

Dr. Nichols stated the first item on the agenda was to approve the agenda for the July 5, 2016 reorganizational meeting. There being none, Dr. Nichols asked if there was a motion to approve the July 5, 2016 agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board approved the July 5, 2016 reorganizational meeting agenda as amended.

Dr. Nichols stated the next item on the agenda was to elect a chairman for the Amherst County School Board for the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Nichols asked if there were any nominations for chairman of the Amherst County School Board.

Mrs. Liggon nominated Mr. Mike Henderson to serve as chairman of the Amherst County School Board for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cumby.

Dr. Nichols asked if there were any other nominations for chairman. There being no other nominations, Dr. Nichols stated the nominations for chairman were closed.

The members of the Amherst County School Board unanimously approved Mr. W. Michael Henderson to serve as Chairman of the Amherst County School Board for the 2016-2017 school year.

Dr. Nichols turned the meeting over to Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson expressed appreciation to the Board for appointing him Chairman of the Amherst County School Board.

Mr. Henderson asked if there were nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Summers nominated Mrs. Liggon to serve as Vice Chairman of the Amherst County School Board for the 2016-2017 school year. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried.

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 the reorganization and appointments by the Board for the 2016-17 school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following for the 2016-17 school year: appointed Teresa Crouch as Clerk and Dr. Steven Nichols as Deputy Clerk, approved the use of a facsimile signature stamp of the Chairman of the School Board in signing certain reports; appointed Teresa Crouch as fiscal agent to issue and sign warrants to pay the salaries of the School Board employees and all other financial obligations of the School Board; authorized Dr. Julie Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, as the Superintendent's designee to attend School Board meetings when the Superintendent is unable to do so; authorized Teresa Crouch and Lavonne Mawyer as the designees to make electronic submissions to the Virginia Department of Education; authorized Teresa Crouch as the designee to enter into lease agreements and contracts approved by the Amherst County School Board and designate Mr. David Proffitt, County Purchasing Agent, as purchasing agent for the school division; authorized Dr. Julie Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, as designee to sign reports in the absence of the Division Superintendent.

Mrs. Cumby nominated Mrs. Priscilla Liggon to serve as representative on the LAUREL Regional Board for the 2016-17 school year. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Summers nominated Mrs. Liggon to serve as voting delegate and Mrs. Thompson as alternate to represent the Amherst County School Board at the 2016 VSBA Annual Convention, November 16-18, 2016. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Liggon nominated Mrs. Cumby to serve a one-year term on the Central Virginia Governor's School Governing Board for the 2016-2017 school year and Mr. Mayo to serve as alternate for a one-year term on the Central Virginia Governor's School Governing Board for the 2016-2017 school year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Summers and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Liggon nominated Mr. Summers to represent the Amherst County School Board on the Regional STEM Academy Board and Mr. Henderson to serve as alternate for the 2016-2017 school year. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried.

Mr. Summers made a motion to approve the School Board meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Liggon. After discussion by Board members regarding School Board meeting dates, the Board unanimously approved the School Board meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period of June 20, 2016 through July 1, 2016 and the contract with VSBA for policy services.

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

Mrs. Cumby welcomed the new School Board members and the student representative to the Amherst County School Board and stated she was looking forward to working with each of them.

Mr. Summers welcomed the new Board members to the Amherst County School Board.

Mrs. Liggon congratulated Mr. Henderson on his appointment as Chairman of the Amherst County School Board. Mrs. Liggon welcomed Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Mayo to the Amherst County School Board.

Mrs. Liggon asked about the new teacher luncheon. Dr. Rogers stated the luncheon was August 2, 2016, at Sweet Briar College, at 12:00 p.m.

Mrs. Liggon expressed her appreciation to the Board for appointing her Vice-Chairman of the Amherst County School Board.

Mrs. Thompson stated she was grateful to serve on the Amherst County School Board and looks forward to working with the members.

Mrs. Thompson asked if there were any upcoming dates that Board members need to attend. Dr. Nichols and Dr. Rogers stated Board members were invited to attend the new teacher luncheon on August 2, 2016.

Mr. Mayo stated he was excited to serve on the Amherst County School Board. He stated he believed it was a great opportunity to serve the community and school.

Mr. Gowdy stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Amherst County School Board as the student representative.

Mr. Henderson asked Dr. Nichols if senior staff has plans to meet with new School Board members.

Dr. Nichols stated senior staff does plan to schedule a meeting to work with new Board members sometime in August.

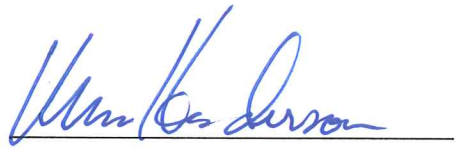
Mr. Henderson asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Cumby, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Amherst County Public Schools