

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2013, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jones Stanley, Chairman
Priscilla Liggon
Patricia Massie
Margaret Morton
Randy Summers
Alan Wood

ABSENT: Elizabeth S. Gamble, Vice Chairman

Mr. Stanley, Chairman, called the meeting to order and asked that a moment of silence be observed.

Upon motion by Mrs. Morton seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda of the August 8, 2013, regular School Board meeting.

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

Mrs. Liggon stated the Laurel School Board meeting had been rescheduled.

Mrs. Liggon stated she visited several schools during registration. The schools were nice and clean.

Mrs. Liggon expressed concern about the amount of school supplies parents are required to purchase for their child/children. Dr. Nichols stated he will discuss this matter with principals.

Mrs. Massie stated one of the reasons students use so many glue sticks is because teachers make interactive notebooks that use up a lot of glue sticks.

Mrs. Morton stated she enjoyed the New Teachers' Luncheon at Sweet Briar College and Mrs. Gamble represented Mr. Stanley and Dr. Nichols very well.

Mrs. Morton stated she agrees parents are required to purchase too many supplies.

Mrs. Morton stated in Nelson County there is a great need for clothes. Mrs. Morton stated clothing was not addressed in Amherst County.

Mrs. Massie thanked Dr. Nichols for having the agenda posted early.

Mrs. Massie stated she was glad information regarding eating disorders has been posted on the division website.

Mrs. Massie stated the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at the Areva Building at Central Virginia Community College on August 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Wood stated he attended a Governor's School Board meeting. Mr. Wood stated there will be a proposed increase in student tuition for the 2014-2015 school year of approximately \$500 per student.

Mr. Wood asked that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda for corrections.

Mr. Wood asked who the other vendor was that attended the pre-bid meeting for the pest control contract. Mr. Cocke stated the other vendor was Dodson.

Mr. Summers stated a citizen had approached him about how lottery funds were used. Dr. Nichols stated that lottery funds are received; however, Virginia has supplemented lottery funds and reduced other funds. Also in order to receive the lottery funds localities are required to match the funds using the composite index formula.

Mr. Summers asked if Amherst County Public Schools use on-line classes. Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Norman stated there are several on-line classes used in Amherst County Public Schools.

Upon motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed revisions to Section A-Foundations and Basic Commitment; Section B-Board Governance and Operations; Section C-General School and Administration; Section D-Fiscal Management; and Section E-Support Services; of the Amherst County Public Schools Policy Manual as amended at the July 25, 2013, regular School Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Massie, seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously carried, the Board approved a utility easement between the Amherst County School Board and the Town of Amherst.

Upon motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board removed the minutes from the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Morton and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: the confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions from July 22, 2013 through August 2, 2013; a request to home educate a child under the Code of Virginia religious exemption; requests for non-resident students to attend Amherst County Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year; awarded the contract for pest control services to Specialty Exterminating; and a supplemental appropriation to the 2012-2013 Child Nutrition Budget to include USDA Commodities and DOD Fresh Produce.

Mr. Stanley stated the Board would discuss corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Wood stated on page one of the minutes the day should be Thursday instead of Tuesday. Also, on page four of the minutes, Mr. O'Brien's name was misspelled. There were no further corrections noted to the minutes.

Upon motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Morton and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the July 25, 2013, regular School Board meeting as amended.

Dr. Nichols asked Board members if the personnel report was okay as presented. Board members stated the personnel report was okay.

Mrs. Liggon asked if the schools are fully staffed. Dr. Nichols stated all positions are filled.

Mrs. Massie stated if a position is open Dr. Nichols will be able to fill the position. Dr. Nichols stated as long as the position fits in the budget, he would hire the person and provide that information at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Liggon expressed concern in not having information on the personnel report that may have happened during the week of the Board meeting.

Mr. Stanley stated Board members wished to have the agenda information early; therefore, additional information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Liggon asked if there is a possibility of adding an addendum for the personnel matters only. Mrs. Liggon stated the Board may wish to discuss this item at the School Board Retreat.

Mrs. Crouch informed the Board the budget monitoring forms, revenue receipts, and object code information for June 2013 were at their place.

Mr. Wood asked if the budget monitoring information was final for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Crouch stated there may be several adjustments made prior to finalizing the year.

Dr. Nichols reminded Board members the Opening of School meeting and lunch with all Amherst County Public School colleagues will be Friday, August 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., at Amherst County High School Gymnasium.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members the Amherst County Public School Education Foundation Raffle will be held on Friday, August 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at Sweet Briar College, Prothro Dining Hall. Dr. Nichols stated that Mrs. Crouch has the tickets.

Dr. Nichols stated after the Board meeting Board members who wish may sign the Code of Conduct. Dr. Nichols stated once Board members have signed the Code of Conduct, it will be framed and hung in the School Administration Office.

Dr. Nichols provided Board members a list of dates for the School Board Retreat. After reviewing the dates, Board members asked if the Retreat can be scheduled on the same date as the Board meeting. Mr. Summers stated having the School Board Retreat the second week in November 2013 was not a good week for him. Mrs. Liggon stated in her opinion having the Retreat and the Board meeting the same day is too much. The date for the School Board Retreat will be discussed at the August 22, 2013, regular School Board meeting.

Dr. Nichols and Mr. Cocke provided Board members an update on construction projects. Mr. Cocke provided the Board members with the following information:

- The roof repairs over the two gyms at Amherst County High School are finished.
- There is a problem with the low band section of the roof at Amherst County High School where three sections of the school come together and the water is ponding. The contractors are evaluating this section of roof to eliminate the ponding of water before placing the new roof on that section.

- The shop areas are the last section of roof that the contractors are working on. When the contractors began working on that section of roof they found the insulation used on that portion of roof was phenolic insulation. The problem with phenolic insulation is it interacts with the metal roofing causing corrosion. The insulation will need to come off of this roof and the condition of the decking will be evaluated.

Dr. Nichols shared the following information with Board members:

- The majority of the schools roofs were replaced in the 1990's; therefore, it is time for the roofs to be replaced.
- In the mid-1980 and 1990's the phenolic insulation was used; however, since then it has been discovered what happens to metal when the insulation gets wet. We have no recourse from the manufacture to assist with this problem.
- The contractor will need to take core samples of the roofs to see how many roofs have the phenolic insulation installed and information will be provided to the Board.
- For the 2014-15 school year, money needs to be placed in the budget for roof repairs. Money should not be borrowed for roof repairs because by the time you finish paying for the repairs, the roofs need to be replaced.
- Money needs to be placed in the budget for replacement of heating and air conditioning in the schools.
- Currently there are two small change orders for the roof at Amherst County High School.
- School buildings are safe and no one is in danger.
- For the 2014-15 school year, safety and security needs to be addressed.
- The reason all the construction money is not spent at one time is one project needs to be completed before another one begins; there may be unknown problems and there needs to be funds to cover unexpected expenditures.
- The contractor will take the core samples and the architect will have the samples tested.
- There have been six classrooms in the division where mold has been detected. Preventive action has taken place to eliminate the problem. The classrooms are a safe environment for the students, parents and teachers. Everything in the classrooms has been wiped down and dehumidifiers have been placed in the classrooms. Air tests will be conducted to ensure the air is clear.
- The situation has been taken seriously and will continue to be monitored.

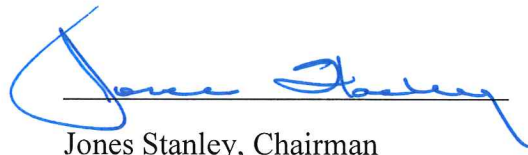
Dr. Nichols informed Board members that approximately \$1,400 in donations was received from pack-the-bus on Monday, July 29, 2013, at Wal-Mart, Madison Heights, Virginia.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



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