

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Jennifer E. Cumby
W. Michael Henderson
Priscilla M. Liggon
Francisco D. Mayo
Randy V. Summers
Craig S. Terwilliger
Abby J. Thompson (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: Nathan Gowdy, Student Representative

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 agenda for the August 11, 2016, regular School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated the new Board members may not wish to vote on the minutes if they were not present for the meetings; therefore, he asked that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda to be voted on individually.

Mr. Henderson asked if there were any other changes to the August 11, 2016, agenda.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the August 11, 2016, regular School Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda, as amended, for the August 11, 2016, regular School Board meeting.

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 approval of the minutes for the June 23, 2016, regular School Board meeting.

Mrs. Cumby made a motion to approve the June 23, 2016, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Liggon.

VOTE:

AYES: Liggon, Henderson, Summers, Cumby

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Mayo, Terwilliger

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the July, 5, 2016, School Board meeting and the July 18, 2016, special School Board meeting.

Mrs. Crouch stated on the minutes of the July 18, 2016, Mr. Mayo's name was recorded as being present as well as absent. Mrs. Crouch stated that Mr. Mayo's name would be removed from the list of Board members that were present.

There being no further changes, Mrs. Liggon made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016, School Board meeting and the July 18, 2016, special School Board meeting. Mr. Mayo seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Liggon, Henderson, Summers, Cumby, Mayo

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Terwilliger

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the consent agenda.

Mrs. Liggon made a motion to approve the following consent agenda: confirmation of the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period June 20, 2016, through August 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cumby.

VOTE:

AYES: Liggon, Henderson, Mayo, Summers, Cumby

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Terwilliger

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 an overview of the following information:

- State and Federal Accreditation changes for the 2016-17 school year
- Technology update for the 2016-17 school year

Dr. Norman stated the information will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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

Dr. Nichols stated Dr. Rogers would provide an update from the Human Resources Department.

Dr. Rogers provided an update of the following information:

- Pleasant View Elementary School Transition Committee meeting was held on July 19, 2016

- Staffing update for the 2016-17 school year

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

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

Mr. Cocke provided the following update on facilities:

- Resurfaced synthetic gym floors
- Coating of epoxy on floors and walls in the girls and boys locker rooms and showers at Amherst County High School
- Seal coating of parking lots at Amherst County High School, Amherst Middle School, Monelison Middle School, Amherst Elementary School, Central Elementary School, Elon Elementary School, Temperance Elementary School and paved areas inside stadium at Amherst County High School
- Remarked parking lines in all schools
- Repaired, seal coated and remarking running lanes at tracks at Amherst Middle School and Monelison Middle School
- Removal of tennis courts at Amherst County High School
- Resurfacing of synthetic track surface at Amherst County High School
- Painting of certain classrooms at Amherst County High School, Amherst Middle School, Monelison Middle School, Amherst Elementary School, Central Elementary School, and Temperance Elementary School
- Update on the PPEA projects at Amelon Elementary School and Madison Heights Elementary School as well as lighting at various schools

Mr. Cocke expressed appreciation to Mr. David Randall, Coordinator of Transportation, Ms. Morgan Muszall, Dispatcher, and other staff for preparing the Transportation Department for the start-up of school.

Mr. Henderson asked Dr. Nichols if he had anything to share.

Dr. Nichols expressed appreciation to the senior staff for their work while he was on summer vacation.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members that by October 1, 2016, Shentel will be boosting the internet service for Amherst County Public Schools as well as Sweet Briar College. Dr. Nichols stated that broad band services will be at the door of Amherst County.

Dr. Nichols stated he copied Board members on an email that was sent to all staff regarding the new construction projects that are in process at certain schools. Dr. Nichols stated

the email asked that staff members not remove any of the new light fixtures that had been installed in the buildings.

Dr. Nichols stated senior staff does plan to schedule half-day training with new Board members. Dr. Nichols will provide several dates to new Board members to choose from for the training.

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. Summers welcomed Mr. Terwilliger to the Amherst County School Board.

Mr. Summers asked Dr. Nichols what the procedure was for distributing flyers to the schools. Dr. Nichols asked that all flyers be sent to his office for approval.

Mr. Summers informed the Board he attended his first STEM meeting.

Mrs. Cumby welcomed Mr. Terwilliger to the Amherst County School Board. Mrs. Cumby stated she attended the workshop "Classrooms not Courtrooms" and forwarded information to senior staff and Board members regarding the workshop. She informed Board members she attended the Pleasant View Elementary School Transition Committee meeting and her first Governor's School Board meeting. Mrs. Cumby asked that the Board consider a VSBA School Board training workshop for all school Board members as well as the Superintendent.

Mr. Mayo welcomed Mr. Terwilliger to the Amherst County School Board. Mr. Mayo informed Board members he visited Amelon Elementary School and Monelison Middle School.

Mr. Mayo asked about the list for school supplies for the students. Dr. Nichols stated the list for school supplies at the stores were not always correct. Dr. Norman explained the process on how the list for school supplies was developed.

Mr. Terwilliger thanked everyone for the warm welcome. Mr. Terwilliger asked Mr. Cocke if he had before and after pictures on the construction projects. Mr. Cocke stated he would provide before and after pictures on the construction projects.

Mrs. Liggon welcomed Mr. Terwilliger to the Amherst County School Board. Mrs. Liggon stated she visited Amelon Elementary School and everything looks good. Mrs. Liggon stated that many organizations in Amherst County were providing school supplies to families in need of materials for school. She informed Board members that she attended the first LAUREL School Board meeting for the 2016-17 school year. She thanked Dr. Rogers and Mrs. Cumby for the update on the Pleasant View Elementary School Transition Committee meeting. Mrs. Liggon asked if the discipline hearing meetings could be handled differently for the 2016-17 school year to prevent the meetings going late in the evenings. She asked if senior staff could provide Board members several options. Mrs. Liggon asked if the fall School Board Retreat had been scheduled.

Dr. Nichols suggested scheduling the School Board Retreat for October 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Board members will check their schedules and let him know.

Mrs. Liggon stated she believes a VSBA Training Session will be very helpful for School Board members.

Mrs. Thompson asked how information is communicated to School Board members.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members that most of the communication to School Board members is through emails.

Mrs. Thompson stated she would like to request some data information and asked what the procedure is for requesting data.

Mr. Henderson asked that if Board members had requests for data they route the request through the Chairman.

Mr. Henderson welcomed Mr. Terwilliger to the Amherst County School Board.

Mr. Henderson asked how will the agenda for the School Board Retreat be developed. Dr. Nichols stated he will develop a draft agenda for the School Board Retreat and share the information with Mr. Henderson for approval.

Mr. Henderson stated he visited Amelon Elementary School and Madison Heights Elementary School. Mr. Henderson stated he plans to attend a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to express appreciation for the support of the construction projects in Amherst County Public Schools and asked other Board members if they wish to attend. Mr. Henderson thanked Mr. Cocke for the update on facilities.

Mr. Henderson asked if a joint meeting will be scheduled with the members of the Amherst County School Board and the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and area legislators. Dr. Nichols stated that Mr. Rodgers usually schedules the meeting with area legislators. Mrs. Liggon suggested having the meeting at one of the schools to enable the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors as well as the area legislators to see the results of the new construction one of the schools.

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Amherst County Public Schools