

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 14, 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
Craig S. Terwilliger
Abby J. Thompson

Haleigh Tomlin, Student Representative

ABSENT: None

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 September 14, 2017, regular School Board meeting. Mr. Henderson stated he had a request from a Board member to remove the Superintendent personnel actions from the consent agenda.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the September 14, 2017, regular School Board meeting as amended.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended for the September 14, 2017, regular School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was recognitions.

Dr. Nichols introduced Ms. Mary Mays, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Mays noted that September 17, 2017, was Constitution Day. Mr. Henderson read the Proclamation honoring Constitution Day. Mr. Henderson, Dr. Nichols, and Ms. Haleigh Tomlin signed the Proclamation.

Dr. Nichols informed Board members that Friday, September 29, 2017, was Feed VA Day of Action. Dr. Nichols stated all students would be served free breakfast and encouraged all staff to participate in the program. Dr. Nichols stated staff would have to pay for the breakfast.

Dr. Nichols introduced Mrs. Kimberly Scott, Principal of Elon Elementary School. Mr. Henderson assisted by Dr. Nichols presented Mrs. Scott, as representative of Elon Elementary School, a Certificate from the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Distinguished Award Program.

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 to discuss and consider approval of the proposed revisions to the Amherst County Public Schools Policy Manual.

Dr. Nichols stated the proposed policy revisions were distributed at the August 10, 2017, regular School Board meeting and requested Board members approve the policy revisions.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the Amherst County Public Schools Policy Manual.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the consent agenda, excluding the Superintendent's personnel actions.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda: minutes of the August 10, 2017, School Board meeting, minutes of the August 31, 2017, School Board meeting/work session, minutes of the September 12, 2017, Special School Board meeting, and a field trip request for Elon Elementary School third grade students to travel to Asheboro, North Carolina, to visit the North Carolina Zoo on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approval of the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period of August 7, 2017, through September 8, 2017.

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve the Superintendent's personnel actions for the period of August 7, 2017 through September 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terwilliger.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Thompson

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was information regarding the joint meeting.

Dr. Nichols reminded Board members of the joint meeting between the members of the Amherst County School Board and the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the School Administration Office.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was information regarding the School Board Retreat.

Dr. Nichols reminded Board members the School Board Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the School Administration Office.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was the 2018 VSBA Spring Regional Forum.

Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Crouch stated additional information will be provided to Board members at a later date regarding the 2018 VSBA Spring Regional Forum.

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 the following information on accountability measures.

- Academic Data Binder
 - Division Data
 - SOL
 - Regional/State Comparison
 - CTE
 - AP Data
 - Attendance
 - Graduation Rates
 - School Data
 - Amherst County High School
 - Amherst Middle School
 - Monelison Middle School
 - Amelon Elementary School
 - Amherst Elementary School
 - Central Elementary School
 - Elon Elementary School
 - Madison Heights Elementary School
 - Temperance Elementary School
- Virginia Department of Education News regarding 2017-2018 Accreditation Ratings
- Discussed the appeals process for Amelon Elementary School and Central Elementary School

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken on the information provided. Board members will discuss additional testing data at the School Board Retreat on October 18, 2017

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

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

Dr. Rogers informed the Board there are approximately nine students attending the Y Program at Temperance Elementary School on a regular basis. Dr. Rogers stated based on the number of students attending the Y Program at Temperance Elementary School, the division will have to pay approximately \$9,000 for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Nichols reminded Board members that the Y Program is a one-year program and the Board will discuss budget implications during the FY19 Budget discussions.

Dr. Rogers provided Board members a copy of the renewal contract for benefit consultants with RCM&D for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Dr. Rogers stated this was an informational item and the Board will consider taking action on the proposed contract at a later date. Dr. Rogers stated that Mr. Fitz Rogers, representative for RCM &D, will present information regarding medical insurance at the School Board Retreat.

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

Dr. Nichols stated the Mr. Cocke did not have an update on facilities at this time.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was Superintendent Matters.

Dr. Nichols reminded Board members the Amherst Education Raffle will be Friday, October 6, 2017, at the Madison Heights Community Center.

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. Terwilliger stated that school seems to be off to a good start. Mr. Terwilliger stated he attended the Elon Elementary School Bash.

Mrs. Thompson stated schools seem to be running smoothly. Mrs. Thompson thanked the staff for all of the academic data.

Mr. Mayo congratulated Elon Elementary School for receiving the Distinguished School Award.

Mrs. Cumby thanked staff for the academic data and other information. Mrs. Cumby stated she believes that a lot is going well in the school division. Mrs. Cumby stated she attended the Governor's School meeting.

Mrs. Cumby asked if Board members can receive an update on how the former Pleasant View Elementary School students are adjusting to their new schools.

Dr. Nichols stated to his knowledge the former students who attended Pleasant View Elementary School have adjusted well to the transition of schools.

Mrs. Liggon stated she had attended volleyball games. Mrs. Liggon thanked everyone for their hard work on the academic data that was provided and reviewed with Board members.

Ms. Tomlin provided Board members an update on what was happening at Amherst County High School.

Mr. Henderson stated he attended the Elon Elementary School Bash. Mr. Henderson informed Board members that the Education Chapter of the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan had been submitted to the County. Mr. Henderson informed Board members the CTE Advisory meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., and encouraged Board members to attend.

Mr. Henderson stated several Board members had requested forming special committees in the following areas:

- Transportation
- CTE
- Budget
- Enrollment/School capacities

Board members will discuss the special committees at the School Board Retreat.

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. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Summers and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for personnel matters.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Mayo 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 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. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board certified they discussed only permissible topics.

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

NAYS: None

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

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Amherst County Public Schools