

The Amherst County School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at Winton Country Club Facility, Amherst, Virginia at 9:15 p.m.

PRESENT: W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
Priscilla M. Liggon, Vice Chairman (arrived at 9:20)
Jennifer E. Cumby
Francisco D. Mayo
Randy V. Summers
Craig S. Terwilliger
Abby J. Thompson

ABSENT: None

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order, stated that Mrs. Liggon would arrive to the meeting shortly, 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 of the October 19, 2016, School Board Retreat.

Mr. Henderson asked that Item 2.06 Roundtable Issues be moved up for discussion prior to Item 2.04 Board Norms.

Mr. Henderson asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. There being none, Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the October 19, 2016, School Board Retreat as amended.

Mr. Henderson stated the first item on the agenda was to discuss ESSA/New Instructional Issues.

Dr. Norman provided information to the Board regarding the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as well as the new instructional issues. Dr. Brendon Albon and Dr. Marvin McGinnis assisted Dr. Norman with the information that was provided to Board members.

- Information discussed included but was not limited to:
 - Accreditation of the three reconstituted schools
 - Historical Data
 - State Accreditation Changes and Impact

- Assistant Principals at Elementary Schools
- Reading & Math Coaches
- Instructional Specialists
- After School Programs for K-2 students

The Board reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would take a brief recess.

Mr. Henderson called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was pupil/teacher ratios.

Dr. Rogers provided information to the Board regarding the following

- o Elementary staffing report
- o Secondary staff reports for each school

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was the secondary master schedule review and development.

Dr. Norman and Mr. Chris Young, Assistant Principal at Amherst County High School, reviewed and discussed how the high school master schedule is developed.

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would break for lunch.

Mr. Henderson called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was enrollment/classroom utilization/staffing.

Dr. Rogers discussed the following information:

- o Enrollment by school and class for the Head Start and Smart Start Programs.
- o Available classroom space with utilization information for elementary and middle schools.
- o Staffing update since 2009 to provide information on eliminated instructional positions.

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would take a brief recess.

Mr. Henderson called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was roundtable discussion regarding Pleasant View Elementary School.

Mr. Henderson stated that several Board members had requested the opportunity to discuss the decision to close Pleasant View Elementary School at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Henderson stated the new Board members had met with senior staff to review the information that was provided to Board members during the 2015-16 school year.

After much discussion by the Board and administrative staff regarding the decision to close Pleasant View Elementary School at the end of the 2016-17 school year, the Board made the following decision:

- o On November 10, 2016, at the regular School Board meeting, a vote will be taken to decide whether or not to uphold the decision of the previous Board to close Pleasant View Elementary School at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

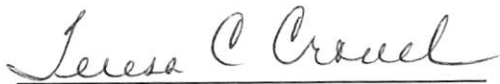
The Board decided that the following items will be discussed at a future School Board meeting:

- Board Norms
- School Division's Role in Supporting County's Strategic Plan for Economic Development

The Board briefly discussed the fact that the Governor has indicated there will be no state money in the 2016-17 school budget for raises. The Board will discuss options for the local funds of approximately \$178,000 to be used for salary increases or bonuses at a future meeting.

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Cumby, seconded by Mrs. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
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