

The Amherst County School Board met for a School Board meeting/work session on Thursday, October 26, 2017, in the Executive Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 6:57 p.m.

PRESENT: W. Michael Henderson, Chairman  
Priscilla M. Liggon, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer E. Cumby  
Francisco D. Mayo  
Craig S. Terwilliger

ABSENT: Randy V. Summers  
Abby J. Thompson

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order and stated the discipline hearings had lasted longer than anticipated.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the October 26, 2017, School Board meeting/work session.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the October 26, 2017, School Board meeting/work session.

Mr. Henderson stated the School Board meeting/work session was a continuation of items that were on the agenda for the School Board Retreat.

Mr. Henderson stated the first item on the agenda was the accountability update.

Dr. Norman asked Board members if there were specific questions about the accountability update that was provided at the School Board Retreat.

Board members discussed the reorganization of teachers at Madison Heights Elementary School.

Board members expressed support for all the administrators, teachers and other staff in the schools and asked what they could do to help the schools.

Senior staff suggested Board members provide the schools support by stopping by, saying hello, and offering heart-felt encouragement for the job they are doing.

Board members discussed the restructuring of teacher assignments in the fifth grade at Central Elementary School.

Board members discussed a program entitled *Success for All* which has been known to provide long-term solutions for improving student achievement. Board members discussed the possibility of interviewing different vendors that could provide alternatives for student success as a part of later FY19 budget development discussions.

Board members discussed the information pertaining to Amelon Elementary School and asked about the support for the new principal.

Dr. Rogers stated she met with Mr. Sales, Principal, and she believes he does feel supported. Both Dr. Rogers and Dr. Norman stated they were both encouraged with what he is doing at Amelon Elementary School.

Board members stated that the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors need to know where the division is with school accountability and there is a cost associated with improving the schools.

Board members discussed topics for the joint meeting between the members of the Amherst County School Board and the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors. Topics included:

- Accountability Update
- PPEA Update
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Board members were provided a hand-out regarding the School Board Committee for school buses and transportation. Mr. Henderson stated he believed that Mr. Terwilliger and Mrs. Thompson had volunteered to serve on the committee. Mr. Henderson asked Board members to review the information and let him know if there were changes.

Board members were provided a current copy of the Capital Improvement Plan. Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided. No action was taken on the Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Mr. Henderson asked if there were other questions.

Mrs. Cumby asked if Amherst County Public Schools was completely out of the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaint.

Dr. Nichols stated based on the information he has received, the Amherst County Public Schools should be released from the OCR complaint by December 2017. Dr. Nichols stated Amherst County Public Schools has developed a very comprehensive plan and everyone will be responsible for following the plan. Dr. Nichols stated a major portion of the original complaint has been addressed.

Mr. Henderson thanked Dr. Nichols and senior staff for attending the special meeting/workshop.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk  
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman  
Amherst County Public Schools