

The Washington County School Board convened for a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the School Board Office, 812 Thompson Drive, Abingdon, Virginia. Present were:

Mr. Jim R. Sullivan, Superintendent	Mr. J. Sanders Henderson III
Ms. Melissa Caudill, Director of Finance, H.R. & Clerk of the Board	Ms. Elizabeth P. Lowe
Mr. Billy Brooks, Board Chair	Mr. Tom Musick
Dr. Douglas E. Arnold, Bd. Vice Chair	Mr. Dayton Owens
	Mr. Herschel Stevens

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy W. Brooks, School Board Chair.
2. Determination of quorum – seven of seven board members were present.
3. Mr. Jim R. Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the agenda was approved as amended.
5. Ms. Mitzi Bitler, former county PTA President and District Director, provided information on the PTA Reflections competition. Eleven Washington County Schools participated. Over eight hundred entries were judged. Four Washington County students placed at the state level.

Mr. Sullivan presented certificates of recognition as follows:

- Callee-Scout Love, Intermediate (Abingdon Elementary), Award of Merit (3rd) – Dance Choreography – Holston District
- Josie Canada, High School (Abingdon High), Award of Excellence (2nd) – Photography – Holston District
- Jamie Self, Junior/Middle (E. B. Stanley Middle), Award of Excellence (2nd) – Photography – Holston District
- Ashby Bonin (Not present), Primary (Abingdon Elementary), Outstanding Interpretation (1st) – Photography - Holston

6. Dr. Lester spoke about the DAR Essay Contest for grades 4-8.

Mr. Sullivan presented certificates of recognition as follows:

- Conner Barton, 4th Grade, Watauga Elementary School – County Winner – “What the Flag Means to Me”
- Carson Blackburn, 5th Grade, Rhea Valley Elementary School – County Winner – “Forgotten Patriots”
- Anna Blake Wright, 6th Grade, Damascus Middle School – State Winner – “Forgotten Patriots”
- Diana Schmidt, 7th Grade, Damascus Middle School – County Winner – “Forgotten Patriots”
- Jonathan Haderer (Not present), 8th Grade, Wallace Middle School – County Winner – “Forgotten Patriots”

7. Ms. Sherry King, Principal at High Point Elementary School, was recognized for having been chosen as Virginia’s National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year.
8. Mr. Brooks called for public comment, and no one was signed up or came forward to speak.
9. Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Owens, by 7-0 vote, the following items were approved on the consent agenda as presented:

- Minutes of April 2, 2013, School Board Meeting
 - Bills Dated 04/15/13 to 04/19/13
 - General: 558473-558693 - \$396,334.07
 - Federal: 558694-558699 - \$3,079.28
 - Textbook: 558700-558702 - \$9,525.31
 - Cafeteria: 558703-558737 - \$159,289.06
 - Const. (Phase II): 3152 - \$409.00
 - March 2013 Fund Statements
 - 2013-2014 CTE – Perkins Plan
 - National Teacher Day (May 7) & Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10) Resolution
 - School Nurse Day (May 8) & Week (May 6-12)
 - School Nutrition Employee Week (May 6-10)
10. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the School Board Budget Committee met on Thursday to discuss adjustments to the 2013-2014 Budget and the possibility of providing a 2% raise for employees. In meeting with staff, everyone agreed that \$200,000 could be moved from the Instructional Supplies Budget, and \$80,000 could be saved by not purchasing a bus this year. It was felt that instructional supplies are adequate at all schools, and the bus fleet is in good shape at present. The remainder of the funds needed to provide the raises could come from staffing (attrition), and specific attention will be given to maintaining low student/teacher ratios. This plan should allow the school system to take advantage of the \$450,000 being offered by the state to provide a 2% raise for employees.
11. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, by 7-0 vote, proposed School Board policy, File GCDA, Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect, was approved on first reading as presented.
12. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Owens, by 7-0 vote, proposed School Board policy, File GCPF, Suspension of Staff Members, was approved on first reading as presented.
13. Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Musick, by 7-0 vote, the agenda for the May 6, 2013, School Board Meeting was approved as presented.
14. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Washington County Education Association and the School Board Members for the reception for him, Mr. Catron and Dr. Mullins. He recognized Mr. Catron's and Dr. Mullins dedication to the school system. Mr. Sullivan said it has been an honor to serve the school division for the past three years and said it has been a very rewarding experience.
15. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, closed session was declared, after a ten-minute break, pursuant to §2.2-3711 of the *Code of Virginia* to discuss the following:
- Section 2.2-3711 A (2)
- Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Exemption, Case #1*
- Section 2.2-3711 A (1)
- Consider Specific Individual(s) for Employment*
- Health/P.E. Teacher, Abingdon High School
 - Art Teacher, Abingdon High School
 - Bus Driver, High Point Elementary School
 - Special Ed Teacher, Eligible for Continuing Contract for the 2013-2014 School Year

Consider Specific Individual(s) for Substitute Teaching

Consider Resignation of Specific Individual(s):

- Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, High School

16. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Owens, by 7-0 vote, closed session ended, and the meeting returned to regular session.
17. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Owens, by 7-0 vote, closed session was certified pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*.
18. Upon motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Stevens, by 7-0 vote, student in Case #1 was released from compulsory school attendance due to religious exemption.
19. Upon motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Lowe, by 5-1-1 vote (Dr. Arnold abstained, Mr. Stevens opposed), the following individuals were approved for employment:
 - Chase Nunley, Health/P.E. Teacher, Abingdon High School, Effective August 5, 2013
 - Sarah Ellis, Art Teacher, Abingdon High School, Effective August 5, 2013
 - Brandy Hoss, Bus Driver, High Point Elementary School, Effective April 16, 2013
 - Erik Thompson, Special Ed Teacher, Abingdon Elementary School, Eligible for Continuing Contract for the 2013-2014 School Year
20. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the following individuals were approved for substitute teaching:
 - Drew Counts
 - Melissa Green-Hava
 - Julia Favorov
 - Donnie Melvin
 - Kristen Sproles
 - Emily Wheat
21. Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Musick, by 7-0 vote, the following resignation was approved:
 - Seth Padgett, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, Patrick Henry High School, Effective March 28, 2013
22. Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Musick, by 7-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

_____, Chair

_____, Clerk

_____, Recorder

MOTION: Mr. Tom Musick

SECOND: Mr. Dayton Owens

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, The Washington County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 (D) of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

AYES: 7

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_____, Clerk
Washington County School Board

Meeting Date: April 15, 2013