

The Washington County School Board convened for a School Board Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the School Board Office, 812 Thompson Drive, Abingdon, Virginia. Present were:

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| Dr. Brian C. Ratliff, Superintendent                             | Dr. Doug Arnold       |
| Ms. Melissa Caudill, Director of<br>Finance & Clerk of the Board | Mr. Terry Fleenor     |
| Mr. Billy Brooks   | Mr. Sanders Henderson |
| Mr. Tom Musick   | Ms. Elizabeth Lowe    |
|  | Mr. Dayton Owens      |

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brooks, School Board Chair.
2. Determination of quorum – seven of seven board members were present.
3. Dr. Brian C. Ratliff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Musick, by 7-0 vote, the agenda was approved as amended with Item 7. Renaissance Senior Living of Abingdon Grading Easement changed to a discussion rather than as a resolution.
4. Mr. Brooks called for public comment. No one signed up or came forward to speak.
5. Megan de Nobriga, Principal at Abingdon Elementary School (AES), accompanied Grayson Gilliam who recited the Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech for the School Board and spectator's pleasure and enjoyment.
6. Tammy Williams, Principal at Meadowview Elementary School (MES), introduced a group of Meadowview Elementary School student leaders. The students expressed appreciation to the School Board members with a presentation on leadership and leadership skills in honor of School Board Appreciation Week.

The board members expressed their appreciation to the principals and students for the gifts.

7. Mr. Brooks recognized the School Board Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Ms. Melissa Caudill, Clerk and Debra Kiser, Deputy Clerk, in acknowledgement of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week (February 19 – 23).
8. Upon motion by Dr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the following items were approved on the consent agenda as presented:
  - Bill Date 2/19/2018
    - General Fund: \$ 511,737.43
    - Textbook Fund: \$ 49,677.31
    - Food Service Fund \$ 135,980.95
    - 2/9/2018 Payroll Warrant # 180209 \$ 2,443,201.61
  - Read Across America Day (March 2)
  - National School Breakfast Week (March 12-16)
  - March - Month of the Arts
  - Women's History Month
9. Dr. Ratliff presented the Superintendent's Fiscal Year 2019 Estimate of Needs to the School Board for approval. This is a preliminary budget estimate based on the Governor's December 18, 2017 introduced biennial budget for 2018-2020 (HB/SB 30). By a 7-0 vote, the Board approved Mr. Musick's motion, as seconded by Mr. Henderson, to approve the Superintendent's Estimate of Needs as follows:
  - FY2019 General Fund Budget - \$78,640,913
  - FY2019 Textbook Fund In the - \$2,837,188

- FY2019 School Construction Fund - \$ 2,837,500
- FY2019 School Nutrition Fund - \$3,936,068

10. Dr. Wallace presented for discussion a proposal from the Legacy Senior Living Company regarding a grading easement. The easement will be for the benefit of the residents of the new senior living housing complex, the Renaissance Senior Living of Abingdon. The requested easement is located along the southern part of the Washington County School's property, near the maintenance building and warehouse. After reviewing the maps, Ms. Lowe suggested a walkthrough of the area by the board members before a final resolution on the issue. An agreement was reached to try to schedule this visit immediately preceding the joint School Board and Board of Supervisors meeting on February 28, as long as timing allows all the required public notifications to occur.

11. Superintendent's Report – Strategic Planning/Update

Dr. Ratliff discussed the upcoming events the VSBA for the Southwest Hot Topic Conference. This conference will be held on March 14, 2018 at the Wytheville Meeting Center. This conference will address issues important and relevant to every school division regardless of locality. Additionally, the 2018 VSBA Southwest Region Spring Network Forum is scheduled for April 19, 2018 at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, Building 1, 304 Career Tech Drive, Lebanon, Virginia. Dr. Ratliff also noted that he attended the AASA conference on 'Education in the Digital Age' from February 15 through February 17, in Nashville, Tennessee. VASS will reimburse Washington County Schools for \$1,000.00 to cover the expense for Dr. Ratliff, as president of VASS, to attend and participate in the conference.

12. A motion made by Ms. Lowe, and seconded by Mr. Owens, passed by a 7-0 vote, to approve the agenda for the March 5, 2018, School Board Meeting as amended with Item 4. The amended agenda involved the graduation dates agenda item to be rescheduled for the March 19, 2018, meeting.

13. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, and approved by a 7-0 vote, closed session was declared after a five-minute break, pursuant to §2.2-3711 of the *Code of Virginia* to discuss the following:

SECTION 2.2-3711 A (1)

*CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S):*

- Assistant Boys' Track Coach, Patrick Henry High School
- Child Nutrition Assistant, E.B. Stanley Middle School
- School Nurse, Wallace Middle School

*CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHING*

*CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S):*

- Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, High School
- Head Custodian, High School
- Teacher, High School
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach, Middle School

*CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) WITH NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENT: TO RECEIVE COACHING SUPPLEMENT ONLY AND SUBJECT TO (1) VHSL APPROVAL AND (2) WITHIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS APPROVED FOR COACHING:*

- Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, High School

- Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, High School
  - Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, High School
  - Head Girls' Tennis Coach, High School
14. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded Mr. Fleenor, by 7-0 vote, closed session ended, and the meeting reconvened in regular session.
15. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Fleenor, by 7-0 vote, closed session was certified pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*.
16. Upon motion by, Ms. Lowe, seconded Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the following was approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

*EMPLOYMENT:*

- Thomas Larimer, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Patrick Henry High School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Angela Moore, Child Nutrition Assistant, E.B. Stanley Middle School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Talena Leonard, School Nurse, Wallace Middle School, Effective February 20, 2018

*SUBSTITUTE TEACHING:*

- Kathy Hull, Marshall University, Master of Arts in Education
- John Mullins, Marshall University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Brian Shortridge, Auto Tech
- Brigitte Trogdon, Virginia Highlands C.C., Nursing Program Only

*RESIGNATIONS:*

- Matthew Fleenor, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, John S. Battle High School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Chadwick Lingerfelt, Head Custodian, John S. Battle High School, Effective February 12, 2018
- Audra Quesenberry, Teacher, John S. Battle High School, Effective July 31, 2018
- Bailey Fern, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach, E.B. Stanley Middle School Effective March 30, 2018

*NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENT: TO RECEIVE COACHING SUPPLEMENT ONLY AND SUBJECT TO (1) VHSL APPROVAL AND (2) WITHIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS APPROVED FOR COACHING:*

- Jordan Couch, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Abingdon High School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Luis Ramirez, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Abingdon High School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Yancy Wilmouth, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Abingdon High School, Effective February 20, 2018
- Debbie Evans, Head Girls Tennis Coach, Abingdon High School, Effective February 20, 2018

17. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, 7-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Billy W. Brooks, Chair

Melissa Landell, Clerk

Melissa Kiser, Recorder

**MOTION:** Mr. Musick

**SECOND:** Mr. Henderson

**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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

  
Clerk  
Washington County School Board

Meeting Date: February 19, 2018