

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

Dr. Brian C. Ratliff, Superintendent	Dr. Doug Arnold
Ms. Melissa Caudill, Director of Finance & Clerk of the Board	Mr. Terry Fleenor
Mr. Billy Brooks	Mr. Sanders Henderson
Mr. Tommy 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 Ratliff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the meeting agenda was approved.
5. Mr. Brooks called for public comment and the following individual came forward to speak.

Jeff Cochrane, expressed his appreciation for the consideration for the school calendar and spring breaks. He was pleased to see the Cyber Security classes on the agenda and discussed the importance of offering these type of courses to our students.

6. Dr. Lester introduced George Washington Essay Contest Winner, which is the annual essay competition sponsored by the Washington County Educational Fund, Dr. John Lentz of Abingdon, and Washington County Public Schools. Dr. Lester introduced John Lentz who discussed how this initiative began as well as the importance of George Washington is to us even today.

This year's winner was Brodie Meyers, 4th Grade, student at High Point Elementary School. Brodie was present to read his winning essay "How George Washington's Fox Hunting Skills Influenced His Leadership Skills" before the Board.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Brodie for sharing his essay.

7. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, by 7-0 vote, the following items were approved on the consent agenda as presented:
 - Bill Date 3/18/2018
 - General Fund: \$453,884.55
 - Textbook Fund: \$2, 596, 20
 - School Construction: \$278,480.00
 - School Nutrition: \$126,188.78
 - 3/09/18 Payroll Warrant # 180309 \$37,920.10
 - 3/09/18 Payroll Warrant # 180309 \$2,520,908.20
8. Motion by Mr. Fleenor, seconded by Mr. Owens, to approve minutes of the March 5, 2018, School Board Meeting, passed by a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. Musick abstained due to absence).
9. Dr. Noe gave presentation on the New State Accreditation Guidelines. He discussed that the revised Standards of Accreditation was revised to provide a more comprehensive view of school quality and to expand accountability beyond pass rates on Standards of Learning (SOL) test and high school graduation and completion.

10. Dr. Noe presented the 2018-2019 School Calendar for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Fleenor, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 6-0-1 (Mr. Musick opposed).
11. Upon Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Fleenor, by vote of 7-0, the current year graduation dates were set as follows:
 - Patrick Henry High School – Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
 - Holston High School – Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Abingdon High School – Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.
 - John S. Battle High School – Saturday, May 26, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.
12. Dr. Yost proposed new CTE courses. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Musick, by vote 7-0, the following courses were approved to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Education for approval.
 - Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow
 - Cybersecurity System Technology
 - Cybersecurity System Technology, Advanced
 - Cybersecurity Network Systems
 - Nail Technician I & II
13. Dr. Chad Wallace presented the request by Legacy Senior Living on the Renaissance Senior Living of Abingdon Grading Easement. Dr. Ratliff's recommendation is to leave the property as we currently have it. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Owens, by vote 7-0, request denied request for approval for the Renaissance Senior Living of Abingdon Grading and Landscaping Agreement.
14. Ms. Melissa Caudill reviewed the following School Board Policies on Draft Reading:
 - File BB, School Board Legal Status
 - File BBAA, Board Member Authority & Duties
 - File BBE, Unexpired Term Fulfillment
 - File BCA, Board Organizational Meetings
15. Upon motion by Mr. Fleenor, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the Funds Summary financial reports were approved as presented.
16. Superintendent's Report – Strategic Planning/Update

Dr. Ratliff welcomed Sherriff Newman. Dr. Ratliff stated there has been discussion regarding the implementation of a community school safety task force. Said it would be a collaborative effort of all to help ensure the safety of our school community. Dr. Ratliff discussed working with law enforcement leaders to establish a school safety task force and plans to conduct meeting regularly to discuss how we can provide the safest environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Sherriff Newman expressed agreement regarding the formation of a community safety task force. He said the Washington County Board of Supervisors has agreed to fund two and half more School Resource Officer (SRO) positions. Sheriff Newman reviewed the costs of additional positions. He also discussed Hero 911, which was implemented in 2015.

17. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, the agenda of the March 19, 2018, School board Meeting was approved as presented.
18. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by 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 Outdoor Track Coach, Abingdon High School
- Head Custodian, John S. Battle High School

CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S):

- Head Cheerleading Coach, High School
- Child Nutrition Assistant, Elementary School

CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) WITH NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: TO RECEIVE COACHING SUPPLEMENT ONLY AND SUBJECT TO (1) VHSL APPROVAL AND (2) WITHIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS APPROVED FOR COACHING, SECTION 2.2-3711 A(1):

- Assistant Track Coach, High School
- Assistant Softball Coach, High School
- Assistant Baseball Coach, High School
- Assistant Baseball Coach, High School

19. Upon motion by Ms. Lowe, seconded Mr. Henderson, by 7-0 vote, closed session ended, and the meeting reconvened in regular session.
20. Upon motion by Mr. Musick, seconded by Ms. Lowe, by 7-0 vote, closed session was certified pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*.
21. Upon motion by, Ms. Lowe, seconded Mr. Musick, by 7-0 vote, the following was approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

SECTION 2.2-3711 A (1)

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S):

- Kenneth Nutter, Assistant Outdoor Track Coach, Abingdon High School, March 13, 2018
- Thomas Pennington, Head Custodian, John S. Battle High School, Effective March 20, 2018

CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHING:

- Maggie Thayer, UVA Wise, Hours Met

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S):

- Brianna Houser, Head Cheerleading Coach, John S. Battle High School, Effective March 20, 2018
- Jean Widener, Child Nutrition Assistant, Meadowview Elementary School, Effective March 1, 2018

CONSIDER SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL(S) WITH NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: TO RECEIVE COACHING SUPPLEMENT ONLY AND SUBJECT TO (1) VHSL APPROVAL

AND (2) WITHIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS APPROVED FOR COACHING, SECTION 2.2-3711 A(1):

- Carter Harlow, Assistant Track Coach, John S. Battle High School, Effective March 6, 2018
- Tom Harmon, Assistant Softball Coach, John S. Battle High School, Effective March 6, 2018
- Joshua Ramey, Assistant Baseball Coach, Patrick Henry High School, Effective March 6, 2018
- Isaiah Rodgers, Assistant Baseball Coach, Patrick Henry High School, Effective March 13, 2018

22. Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Dr. Arnold, 7-0 vote, the School Board Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Billy W. Brooks, Chair
Melissa Caudell, Clerk
Michael Kiser, Recorder

MOTION: Mr. Henderson

SECOND: Dr. Arnold

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


Washington County School Board, Clerk

Meeting Date: March 19, 2018