

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 , 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: MR. RAYMOND E. KOHL, CHAIRMAN; DR. JAMES G. ADAMS, VICE-CHAIRMAN; W. LARRY SPANGLER, MEMBER; BILL H. STURGILL, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT; REBECCA W. CARDWELL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT; KARA D. GRAHAM, CLERK OF THE BOARD. F. STEWART MERDIAN AND HELEN O. KYLE, MEMBERS, WERE ABSENT.

School administrators in attendance were Jeff Sharpe, Bill Sutherland, Frances Turpin, Justin Iroler, Derrick Spence, Kristie Legg, and Matthew Cornett. Others in attendance were teachers and a member of the press.

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING – 2016-2017 SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Kohl opened the Public Budget Hearing for the 2016-2017 School Operating Budget.

Hearing no comments, Mr. Kohl closed the public hearing.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **VSBA-School Board Appreciation Month**

Mr. Sturgill stated that February is Virginia School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Sturgill presented Board members with a certificate of appreciation from VSBA.

##### **VSBA – School Board Clerk Appreciation Week**

Mr. Sturgill stated that February 15-19, 2016 is VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. Kara Graham received a certificate of appreciation from VSBA.

##### **Focus on Instruction – Galax Elementary School**

Mrs. Kristie Legg, Principal at Galax Elementary School, introduced Ms. Tina Hampton. Ms. Hampton is the Math Specialist at Galax Elementary School. Ms. Hampton discussed the guided math program that the elementary school is using this school year. All kindergarten through fourth grade classes are implementing the guided math program into their math lessons at least one day each week. During the guided math program, students work in four small MATH groups. The “M” group (Math Facts) uses technology resources to help students with math facts. When students are participating in the “A” group (At Your Seat) they are practicing and applying the math fundamentals that they have recently been taught. Small group differentiated instruction is given to students in the “T” group (Teacher Group). Teachers work directly with the students when they are in the “T” group to introduce new material and math concepts. Finally, students receive hands-on instruction when they are in the “H” group (Hands On). The small group works together to act out word problems and manipulate objects in order to make sense of mathematics. Ms. Hampton stated that the guided math program makes it easier for teachers to identify students that need extra help. Working in small groups also

makes it easier for the students to stay focused, therefore allowing the students to become engaged in learning math concepts.

**Community Participation**

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Items on the consent agenda include minutes of the regular session held January 9, 2016, January payroll report, January substitute report, January electricity report, February listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- February is Black History Month. Each school has been involved in several projects in recognition of Black History Month.
- Mr. Spangler stated that 73 students participated in the Galax High School Science Fair. The projects were judged on creativity, original idea, scientific thought, scientific method, research, skill and thoroughness of the project, and presentation. Students also kept a daily log book detailing their work on the project and were interviewed by the judges.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that Galax currently houses four regional programs in the CCEC department. Grayson County is currently considering the possibility of housing some of the programs. If Grayson County is able to house some of the programs, it would free up space for an autistic classroom in the CCEC department.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that the division is currently considering beginning Medicaid billing. The division has never billed Medicaid in the past but based on the number of students that we serve that receive Medicaid, the division would benefit from the implementation of Medicaid billing.
- The financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was presented to the Board for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Approval of Galax High School Program of Studies**

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of Overnight Trip(s)**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE OVERNIGHT TRIPS BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The overnight trips are as follows:

1. FBLA State Competition – Reston, VA – April 8-10, 2016  
 15 Students, 3 Chaperones (J. Gravley, J. Edmonston, J. Campbell-Kuhn)  
 Transportation: School Bus  
 Projected Cost To:     Student - \$65 Meals, \$65 Registration  
                                   School - \$1,250 Lodging, \$130 Teacher Registrations  
                                   (from FBLA Account)  
                                   Division – Transportation Expenses, \$250 Teacher  
                                   Lodging, \$65 Registration, \$75 Food
  
2. Regional Wrestling Tournament – Parry McCluer High School – February 12-13, 2016  
 16 Students, 4 Chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Frankly, B. Whitaker, M. Spurlin)  
 Transportation: School Bus  
 Projected Cost To:     Student - \$0  
                                   School - \$782 Meals, \$889.44 Lodging (GHS  
                                   Athletics/Wrestling Booster Club)  
                                   Division – Transportation Expenses
  
3. State Wrestling Tournament – Salem, VA – February 18-20, 2016  
 16 Students, 4 Chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Frankly, B. Whitaker, M. Spurlin)  
 Transportation: School Bus  
 Projected Cost To:     Student - \$0  
                                   School - \$1,242.00 Meals, \$1,758.40 Lodging (GHS  
                                   Athletics/Wrestling Booster Club)  
                                   Division – Transportation Expenses
  
4. TENTATIVE OVERNIGHT TRIP – ONLY IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER  
 State Swimming Tournament – Christiansburg Aquatics Center – February 16-17, 2016  
 17 Students, 2 Chaperones (T. Lumpkin, S. Lumpkin)  
 Transportation: School Bus  
 Projected Cost To:     Student - \$0  
                                   School - \$479.71 Lodging, \$540.00 Meals  
                                   Division – Transportation Expenses

