

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: MR. RAYMOND KOHL, CHAIRMAN; DR. JAMES G. ADAMS, VICE-CHAIRMAN; F. STEWART MERDIAN, HELEN O. KYLE, W. LARRY SPANGLER, MEMBERS; BILL H. STURGILL, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT; REBECCA W. CARDWELL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT; KARA D. GRAHAM, CLERK OF THE BOARD.

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Focus On Instruction

None

Safe Routes to School

Ms. Linda Mock, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, presented the Board with the 2016 James Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award. Ms. Mock expressed her gratitude to the Board and school administrators for their effort and commitment in keeping the students of Galax City Schools safe and healthy.

Sports Construction Management

Representatives from Sports Construction Management addressed the Board regarding the artificial turf for the Galax High School football field. Garrett Bare, Regional Sales Manager, and Andrew Goldberg, Director of Sales, were present along with Jay Crowder from Astro Turf. Mr. Bare stated that Sports Construction Management recommends the installation of a 3D3 turf system for the football field. The 3D3 system is an all-weather turf system designed for multi-sport use. Sports Construction Management provides a full eight year warranty on the field and an eight year third party warranty on the drainage base. Mr. Bare stated that the field would be designed to compliment Galax City Schools' sports program.

Community Participation

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Items on the consent agenda include minutes of the regular session held March 8, 2016, minutes of the special session held March 22, 2016, March payroll report, March electricity report, March substitute report, March financial statement, April listing of bills).

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Mr. Sturgill stated that administrators have been attending job fairs to recruit for open teaching positions.
- The VSBA Southwest Region Spring Forum will be held at Galax High School on Thursday, April 21, 2016.
- The annual fishing rodeo will be held on May 14, 2016 in Elk Creek.
- The Galax High School Chorus is currently in Chicago for their spring trip.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Approval of Special Education Plan**

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of VSBA Policy Updates

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE VSBA POLICY UPDATES BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the policy updates is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Revision to 2015-2016 School Calendar

Mr. Sturgill stated that the last day of school for the 2015-2016 school year will be on Friday, June 10, 2016. This is two days less than what was planned for in the original calendar, but the division has exceeded the 990 of instructional hours that is required. June 13-14, 2016 will be used to provide a productive in-service for teachers to discuss the goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE REVISIONS TO THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS**Approval of Overnight Trips**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE OVERNIGHT TRIPS BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The overnight trips are as follows:

1. Wrestling-Virginia Beach, VA-March 31-April 3, 2016
5 students, 3 chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Franklin, B. Whitaker)
Transportation: School Van
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
 School - \$1,496.70 Lodging, \$612.00 Meals (From Booster Club Funds & GHS Athletics)
 Division – Transportation Expenses
 (The Board was polled previously regarding this trip)

2. JV & Varsity Softball-Botetourt, VA-April 8-9, 2016
30 students, 4 chaperones (B. Walker, T. Leath, D. Walker, V. Taylor)
Transportation: School Bus & Equipment Van
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
 School - \$843.84 Lodging, \$729.00 Meals (From Softball Fundraising)
 Division – Transportation Expenses
 (The Board was polled previously regarding this trip)

Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the 2016-2017 school calendar is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Perkins Plan for 2016-2017

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE PERKINS PLAN FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Set Graduation Date

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT GRADUATION BE SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of the 2016-2017 School Operating Budget

Mr. Sturgill stated that the 2016-2017 School Operating Budget is a balanced budget with revenues and expenditures totaling \$15,385,491. The budget will be presented to Galax City Council at their next meeting for approval.

