

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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, Sonia Truitt, and Kristie Legg. Others in attendance were teachers and a member of the press.

#### STUDENT MATTER

##### **Closed Meeting**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.203711(A)(2) TO DISCUSS A STUDENT MATTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### **Reconvene Open Meeting**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### **Certification of Closed Meeting**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT "A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING OF MAY 10, 2016" PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3712(D) OF THE "VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT." ROLL CALL VOTE: KOHL-AYE, ADAMS-AYE, KYLE-AYE, SPANGLER-AYE, MERDIAN-AYE.

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

##### **Addendum to Agenda**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### **VSBA Art Forum – Recognition of Students**

Mr. Sturgill presented the following students with certificates of recognition from VSBA for artwork that was entered for judging in the VSBA Southwest Spring Forum:

- Camden Mullins, Galax Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner)
- Chloe Vaughn, Galax Middle School
- Monica Rivera, Galax High School

**Focus On Instruction**

None

**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 April 12, 2016, April payroll report, April electricity report, April substitute report, April financial statement, May listing of bills).

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Mr. Sturgill stated that U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Eric Bryson will be the guest speaker at graduation on June 11, 2016. Colonel Bryson is a 1983 graduate of Galax High School.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that while at the VASS Conference, the film "Most Likely to Succeed" was viewed. The film speaks to the next era in education after standardized testing. Mr. Sturgill noted that there is a possibility that the film may be able to be shown in the community.
- Mrs. Cardwell stated that the Appalachian Writers Project will present workshops at each school during the in-service days at the end of the school year. The workshops will focus on writing skills for students. Teachers and aides will also attend in-services sessions on Google, 504 plan implementation, sex trafficking, and smart board training.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that the division's Anthem consultant has projected an increase of 8-12% in health insurance premiums for the upcoming year. Mr. Sturgill noted that the consultant is currently looking at the Local Choice Plan to determine if this plan could provide savings for the division.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that there is approximately a 50% chance of being able to begin installation of the artificial turf on the football field at Galax High School after graduation. The division is currently awaiting permits from the state.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of Overnight Trips**

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

The overnight trips are as follows:

1. Science Intersession Enrichment Trip-Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Wallops Island, VA – September 28-October 1, 2016

40 students, 4 chaperones (K. Pakkidis, Staff Member, 3 Parents)

Transportation: Charter Bus

Projected Cost To: Student – Approximately \$525(Transportation, Lodging, Meals)  
School – None  
Division - None

2. Shopbot Training – Durham, NC – June 1-3, 2016

1 student, 2 chaperones (A. Horton, D. Carter)

Transportation: School Car

Projected Cost To: Student - \$50 Meals  
School - \$99 Lodging for Student (FFA Fund)  
Division – \$400 Lodging & Meals for A. Horton & D. Carter,  
Transportation Expenses

3. 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Pigeon Forge, TN – June 13-14, 2016

51 students, 5 chaperones (S. Ramey, L. Iroler-Williams, C. Stanley, S. Truitt, addition staff member)

Transportation: Charter Bus

Projected Cost To: Student - \$0  
School - \$0  
Division - \$9,907.82 Transportation, Tickets, Meals, Lodging (21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant)

**Approval of 2016-2017 Salary Scales**

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE 2016-2017 SALARY SCALES BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the 2016-2017 salary scales is attached to the minutes.)

**Approval of VRS Resolution to Elect the Alternate Rate for 2016-2017**

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE VRS RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE ALTERNATE RATE OF 8.8% FOR 2016-2017 BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes.)

**Approval of VACORP Insurance Services for 2016-2017**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT VACORP INSURANCE SERVICES BE APPROVED TO PROVIDE WORKER'S COMP., PROPERTY/LIABILITY, AND STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Approval of CCEC Agreement for 2016-2017**

