

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: RAYMOND E. 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 Frances Turpin, Jeff Sharpe, Justin Iroler, Derrick Spence, Emily Boyles, and Matthew Cornett. Others in attendance were teachers and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sturgill presided as Chairman pro tem for the re-organization of the Board for 2016-2017 and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION FOR 2016-2017

Election of Chairman

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT MR. RAYMOND KOHL BE NOMINATED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE. MR. RAYMOND KOHL WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Election of Vice-Chairman

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT DR. JAMES ADAMS BE NOMINATED TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE. DR. JAMES ADAMS WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Appointment of Clerk

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT MRS. KARA GRAHAM BE APPOINTED AS CLERK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Deputy Clerks

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT MS. KATHY HALSEY AND MRS. REBECCA CARDWELL BE APPOINTED AS DEPUTY CLERKS OF THE BOARD FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to VSBA Annual Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT MR. SPANGLER BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE 2016 VSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT DR. ADAMS BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE AT THE 2016 VSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Southwest Virginia Governor's School

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT MR. KOHL BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT MR. MERDIAN BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA GOVERNORS' SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Set Date, Time, and Place of Meetings

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY OR GALAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY (UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

Focus on Instruction

None

Community Participation

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN 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 June 14, 2016, minutes of the special session held June 28, 2016, June payroll report, June substitute report, June electricity report, July listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Sturgill gave the following reports:

- The Eighth Grade Transition Camp is being held at Galax High School July 11-15, 2016.
- The Fifth Grade Transition Camp will be held at Galax Middle School during the week of August 1-5, 2016.
- Attendance has been good for the summer conditioning program.
- Girls' basketball has played in several scrimmage games.
- The Governor released a statement on Friday, July 8, 2016 stating that the state will likely be unable to fund the 2% salary increase due to a shortfall in state tax revenue and that the final figures will not be received from the state until August. Mr. Sturgill stated that contracts reflecting the 2% salary increase have already been issued to employees and that 12 month employees will be paid based on their new contract at the end of the month. Mr. Sturgill noted that he feels hopeful that there is room in the budget from positions that have not been filled and that conservative purchasing will allow us to re-balance the budget and be able to provide the salary increase with local funds. Mr. Sturgill also noted that the state's budget shortfall also affects the city so there will be conversations to determine how the city's funding will be impacted.
- New teachers will report for their first in-service day on Friday, August 5, 2016.
- There will be a dinner for new teachers and their families before the home football game on August 26, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of May Policy Updates

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

Approval of Comprehensive Plan

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR.SPANGLER THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Changes to the GPA Calculations for 2016-2017

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE CHANGES TO THE GPA CALCULATIONS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT (CHANGE BEGINS WITH THE 2016-2017 9TH GRADE CLASS). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Overnight Trip(s)

