

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: 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. RAYMOND E. KOHL, CHAIRMAN, WAS ABSENT.

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Adams called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS

Focus on Instruction

None

Community Participation

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Mr. Sturgill expressed his appreciation to staff members for a very smooth opening of schools on August 15, 2016.
- Mrs. Legg and Mrs. Boyles have begun a fitness incentive for all school personnel. Participating staff members are establishing personal fitness goals and are keeping track of their steps each week. Also, a fitness boot camp will begin on September 20, 2016. Participants in the boot camp will meet two mornings each week for three weeks.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that an average of 100 students are participating each day in the conditioning/weight lifting program.
- Plans are being made for the first intersession week of the school year. The intersession week will be September 26 through October 1, 2016.
- Galax Elementary School is participating in the 3rd Meal Program this school year. A third meal is provided to all students each day and all students are eating free through this program. The 3rd

Meal Program also provides for food items that are sent home with students in backpacks two days per week.

- Mr. Sturgill stated that the division has started the Medicaid billing process. Medicaid billing will be done from the School Board Office for the first year in order to gain a true understanding of the revenue stream that will be generated from the billing. The November budget revisions will reflect Medicaid revenue.
- Mr. Sturgill noted that the ROTC program is off to a good start and approximately 30 students are participating in the program.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that SOL data is still unofficial. The revised timeline from the state states that the school performance report cards will be released to the public on September 29, 2016. Mrs. Sturgill noted that all of the division’s schools will be fully accredited. Mass scores for this year are higher than the three year average at all of the division’s schools. Mr. Sturgill stated that he feels that the school systems is moving in good direction and attributed much of the success to the intersession remediation programs. Current data validates the extended school calendar that allows for targeted remediation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Overnight Trip(s)

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN 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. 21st Century-Museum of Natural History, Martinsville, VA – March 17-18, 2017
 35 Students, 4 Chaperones (C. Huff, S. Ramey, L. Iroler-Williams, A. Leonard)
 Transportation: School Bus
 Projected Cost To: Student – \$0
 School – \$0
 Division – All expenses paid from 21st Century Grant

2. NJHS-Washington, D.C. – April 27-29, 2017
 49 Students, 5 Chaperones (A. Leonard, J. Embree, S. Truitt, R. Mankins, J. Harold)
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Project Cost To: Student - \$308.00 All Inclusive (student fundraisers)
 School - \$0
 Division - \$0

Approval of FY 2016 School Activity Fund Audit

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THIS ITEM BE TABELD UNTIL THE OCTOBER 11, 2016 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Building Project

Mr. Sturgill stated that special meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 and Tuesday, September 20, 2016 for the presentation of proposals for renovations to Galax Elementary from four architectural firms. WW2A and Spectrum Design will present their proposals on September 14, 2016 and RRMM and OWPR will give presentations on September 20, 2016.

Board Reports

None

PERSONNEL

Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE BOARD CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-371(A)(1) TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, RE-APPOINTMENT, RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND LEAVE OF EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Reconvene Open Meeting

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE BOARD RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certification of Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD ADOPT "A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016" PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3712(D) OF THE "VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT". ROLL CALL VOTE: ADAMS-AYE, KYLE-AYE, MERDIAN-SPANGLER-AYE.

Personnel

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE PERSONNEL REPORT BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the personnel report is attached to the minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN
OCTOBER 11, 2016


Clerk of the Board

