

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: MR. 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 (DEPUTY CLERK). KARA D. GRAHAM, CLERK OF THE BOARD, WAS ABSENT.

Others in attendance were school administrators and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

**Focus on Instruction – Galax Elementary School**

Musical performance was given by second grade students and was directed by Mrs. Heather Hanks.

**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 include minutes of the regular session held November 8, 2016, minutes of the special session held November 29, 2016, November payroll report, November electricity report, November substitute report, November financial statement, December listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports were given:

- Football had a successful season. They played in the state semi-final game on December 3, 2016.
- The mobile dental unit was at Galax High School last week.
- Appreciation was expressed for the holiday gift certificates that each employee received.
- Mr. Sturgill noted that the state will be making significant changes to the CCEC special education regional programs. The division currently houses three CCEC classrooms. Mr. Sturgill stated that funding for the program will soon end so the division will need to reassess how these programs are handled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of Overnight Trips**

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER 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. VHSL State Theatre Festival-Charlottesville, VA-December 5-6, 2016  
19 Students, 2 Chaperones (B. J. Carroll, E.J. Saul)  
Transportation: School Bus, Van  
Projected Cost To: Student – \$0  
School – \$1,674.32 Meals & Lodging  
Division – Transportation Expenses  
(The board was polled previously regarding this trip)
2. Wrestling-Grundy, VA-December 27-28, 2016  
20 Students, 4 Chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Franklin, B. Whitaker, M. Spurlin)  
Transportation: School Bus  
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0  
School - \$621.00 Meals & \$808.48 Lodging (Wrestling Boosters)  
Division – Transportation Expenses
3. Wrestling-Bristol, VA-January 13-14, 2017  
20 Students, 4 Chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Franklin, B. Whitaker, M. Spurlin)  
Transportation: School Bus  
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0  
School - \$621.00 Meals & \$722.37 Lodging (Wrestling Boosters)  
Division – Transportation Expenses
4. 21<sup>st</sup> Century-Williamsburg, VA-February 20-22, 2017  
# of Students TBD, 4 Chaperones (C. Huff, S. Ramey, L. Iroler-Williams, A. Leonard)  
Transportation: Charter Bus  
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0  
School - \$0  
Division – All expenses to be paid from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant

**Approval of Budget Development Calendar**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the budget development calendar is attached to the minutes.)

**Galax High School Program of Studies – First Reading**

Mr. Iroler and Mrs. Ayers discussed the changes to the 2017-2018 Galax High School Program of Studies. The program of studies will be presented for final approval at the January 10, 2017 meeting.

#### **Approval of Galax High School Study Abroad Plan**

Mr. James Kohl, Spanish teacher at Galax High School, presented a study abroad plan to the Board. Mr. Kohl stated that the study aboard trip would take place at the Casa Xelaju school in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The school has been in operation for around 30 years. The trip would last for about three weeks and would be offered to students who had completed Spanish III. During the trip, students would improve language skills, be involved in various cultural activities, and spend time with Guatemalan high school students. The cost for the trip would be around \$3,000. This amount includes tuition, travel, meals, and other expenses. Mr. Kohl noted that the first trip is tentatively planned for 2018 and that fundraising opportunities will be offered to students that are interested in the trip.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE STUDY ABROAD PLAN BE APPROVED AND THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLANNING AND FUNDRAISING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Approval of Architectural Firm for GES Renovation Project**

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF WM2A BE APPROVED FOR THE GES RENOVATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Approval to Request Bids for the GHS Football Field Renovation Project**

Mr. Sturgill asked the Board for approval to request bids for the GHS Football Field Renovation Project. Mr. Sturgill stated that division will have to acquire permits in order to proceed with the project; therefore, the project will be formally approved at a later meeting.

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO REQUEST BIDS FOR THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD RENOVATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. VOTING AYE: MR. SPANGLER, MR. MERDIAN, AND MR. KOHL. VOTING NAY: DR. ADAMS AND MRS. KYLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Adams stated that he has concerns about the project. He stated that this project requires input and time from the administration in order to bring to fruition. Dr. Adams noted that he felt that the focus should be on the Galax Elementary School renovation and the replacement of the HVAC system at Galax Middle School.

#### **Approval of Bid for the Replacement of Security Equipment at GMS and GHS**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT IES COMMERCIAL, INC. BE AWARDED THE BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT GALAX MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GALAX HIGH SCHOOL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the bid is attached to the minutes.)

