

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 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, W. LARRY SPANGLER, MEMBERS; BILL H. STURGILL, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT; REBECCA W. CARDWELL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT; KARA D. GRAHAM, CLERK OF THE BOARD. HELEN O. KYLE, MEMBER, WAS ABSENT.

School administrators in attendance were Bill Sutherland, Jeff Sharpe, Justin Iroler, Kristie Legg, Derrick Spence, Matthew Cornett, and Kevie Ayers. Also in attendance was a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

**Focus on Instruction – Galax High School - CTE**

Presentation postponed until the February 14, 2017 meeting.

**Community Participation**

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER 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 December 13, 2016, December payroll report, December electricity report, December substitute report, December financial statement, January listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports were given:

- The band and chorus both performed excellent Christmas concerts.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that it is time to begin looking for a graduation speaker and to please contact him with any suggestions.
- There will be a joint meeting with Galax City Council on February 13, 2017 to discuss proposals for financing the Galax Elementary School renovation project.
- VSBA will host a Hot Topic Conference in Wytheville on March 15, 2016.
- Mr. Sturgill presented the Board with a position paper that was put together by Region VII superintendents regarding concerns that are being communicated to our delegates.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that he will have a draft version of the 2017-2018 School Operating Budget ready in a couple of weeks.
- The Virginia Department of Education has produced an exit interview form that they are asking divisions to start using when employees leave. The form was produced in response to concerns regarding teacher shortages.

**Personnel**

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

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017



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Clerk of the Board

MOTION: Mr. Merdian  
SECOND: Mr. Spangler

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Galax City School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each members knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting to which the certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE

AYES: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

Raymond E. Kohl  
Chairman

Kara D. Draham  
Clerk

January 10, 2017  
Date



## **Policy Services Agreement**

This Agreement made this 10 day of January, 2017 by and between the School Board of Galax City (hereinafter "Board") and the Virginia School Boards Association (hereinafter "VSBA").

**WHEREAS, Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:7 (part of the Standards of Quality) requires the Board to maintain and follow up-to-date policies and further requires that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board is a member of the VSBA and is desirous of having the VSBA provide it with policy services to enable it to comply with the Standards of Quality; and**

**WHEREAS, the VSBA, in order to promote the economy and efficiency of its members and to assist its members in complying with the Standards of Quality, is desirous of providing policy services to the Board.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:**

- 1. During the term of this contract, VSBA will provide to the Board, through its website, access to the following**
  - A. a manual containing sample policies**
  - B. update services including, but not limited to, new and revised sample policies based on**
    - statutory law**
    - case law**
    - agency rules and regulations**
    - Attorney General opinions**
  - C. availability of VSBA staff member/attorney to answer questions regarding policies**
- 2. The Board, in accordance with Va. Code § 22.1-71, agrees to contract with the VSBA for policy services.**

