

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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, 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, Derrick Spence, Kristie Legg, Sonia Truitt, and Matthew Cornett. Others in attendance were students, parents, teachers, and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Focus on Instruction – Galax Middle School

Mrs. Sonia Truitt stated that fifteen students at Galax Middle School recently participated in the NASA Engineering Design Challenge. Mrs. Truitt stated that teachers, Jennifer Harold, Dawn Leake, and Jessica Farina worked with the students to facilitate completion of the projects. The students worked in teams to complete their projects. Videos detailing each team’s project were presented. The students also presented their projects at the 21st Century Project Coordinators Conference in Roanoke, VA. Mrs. Truitt presented each student with a certificate. Participating students are as follows:

Carly Sturgill	Halle Huff	Clare huff	Grace Justice
Noah Berg	Ethan Riggings	Courtney Sumner	Catrina Iroler
Phoebe Fant	Emily Edwards	Garrett Burnett	Bishop Whitaker
William Croft	Joseph Bedsaul	Simon 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 February 14, 2017, February payroll report, February electricity report, February substitute report, February financial statement, March listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports were given:

- Installation of the new camera systems at Galax High School and Galax Middle School is complete.

- Intersession week was held February 20-24, 2017. Mr. Sturgill noted that the week was very successful and the participation rate was good.
- Work is being conducted with the division's insurance consultant for the upcoming renewal in October. The increase is estimated to be approximately 13%. The consultant is working to negotiate a more favorable rate.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that the Budget Committee will soon schedule a meeting to discuss the first draft of the 2017-2018 budget.
- Mr. Sturgill will be meeting with the GEA on March 16, 2017 to discuss the budget and insurance.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that the division started Medicaid billing this school year. At this point, it is expected Medicaid billing through the education setting may be cut along with other federal programs in the 2018-2019 school year.

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. NHSCA Nat'l Wrestling Tournament – Virginia Beach, VA – March 23-26, 2017
3 Students, 3 Chaperones (K. Spurlin, M. Franklin, M. Spurlin)
Transportation: School Van
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
 School - \$1546.74 Lodging (GHS Athletics)
 \$408.00 Meals (Wrestling Boosters)
 Division – Transportation Expenses
2. State Forensics – Midlothian, VA – March 24-25, 2017
1 Student, 1 Chaperone (Dr. Saul)
Transportation: School Car
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
 School - \$325 Meals & Lodging
 Division – Transportation Expenses

3. Varsity Softball– Botetourt, VA – March 31 – April 1, 2017
 18 Students, 4 Chaperones (B. Hodges, T. Leath, D. Walker, V. Taylor)
 Transportation: School Bus & Equipment Van
 Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
 School - \$1,575.60 Meals and Lodging (GHS Athletics)
 Division – Transportation Expenses

4. FLA State Conference – Reston, VA – April 7-9, 2017
 4 Students, 1 Chaperone (B. Sutherland)
 Transportation: School Van
 Projected Cost To: Student - \$75 Meals, \$75 Registration
 School - \$275 Lodging (FBLA fund)
 Division – Transportation Expenses, \$425 Meals,
 Lodging, Registration for B. Sutherland

Special Education Plan – First Reading

The Special Education Plan for the 2017-2018 school year was presented for the first reading. Final approval will be made at the April meeting.

VSBA Policy Updates – First Reading

VSBA Policy Updates were presented for the first reading. Final approval will be made at the April meeting.

Approval of OT Services

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE CONTRACT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES WITH ANGELA WORRELL OF FUNCTIONAL FREEDOM REHAB FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AT A RATE OF \$45 PER SESSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval to Participate in the Gift Certificate Program

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF \$50 HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR EACH EMPLOYEE TO BE GIVEN OUT IN NOVEMBER 2017 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval to Submit Offer on Real Property Located at 200 Academy Drive, Galax, VA (The Board was polled on Feb. 27, 2017 regarding this item)

