

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX HIGH 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 Frances Turpin, Bill Sutherland, Jeff Sharpe, Justin Iroler, Kristie Legg, Derrick Spence, and Matthew Cornett. Others in attendance were students, parents, teachers, and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Yancey Powers – GES Schematic Design Update

Mr. Yancey Powers with WM2A Architectural Firm gave the Board an update on the design process for the Galax Elementary School Renovation Project. Mr. Powers stated that the design has been reworked to expand the footprint of the third floor. The updated design provides for an additional 14 new classrooms. The new design also incorporates a more traditional look for the exterior of the building. The design team plans to have a package ready to send to the project estimator by mid-July.

Focus on Instruction – Galax High School - Senior Projects

Ally Bartlett's Senior Project was to establish a student ambassador program at Galax High School that will help new students familiarize themselves with the school and with school policies.

Angel Solis painted a mural in the hallway at the auditorium entrance for his Senior Project. The mural represents the diversity of the school.

Avi Vera, Jocelyn Gomez, Yvonne Casamira raised funds for a scholarship in memory of Curtis Bartlett for their Senior Project.

Kylee Hill and Ashland Taylor organized "A Walk in the Park for MS" for their Senior Project. They organized the walk in order to show the positive benefits that physical activity provides for MS patients. The walk raised approximately \$1,654 that was donated to the National MS Society.

Community Participation

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Items on the consent agenda include minutes of the

regular session held May 9, 2017, May financial statement, May payroll report, May substitute report, May electricity use report, June listing of bills.)

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports were given:

- Mr. Sturgill expressed his appreciation to all staff members for another great school year.
- Mr. Sturgill stated that the SOL data is still unofficial, but there are no concerns at this point. Official data will not be released until August or September.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Soccer Team for winning the VHSL 1A State Championship.
- Galax Middle School was recognized by the Governor for participating in the Cyber Security Challenge. Students and administrators from GHS were recognized at a reception at the capitol and received a trophy and a proclamation signed by the Governor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Revision of Regulation JED-R Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals

Approval of Addition of Regulation JHCH-R School Meals and Snacks

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE REVISION OF REGULATION JED-R STUDENT ABSENCES/EXCUSES/DISMISSALS AND THE ADDITION OF REGULATION JHCH-R SCHOOL MEALS AND SNACKS BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of each regulation is attached to the minutes.)

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 Track – Elkton, VA – June 2-3, 2017
1 Student, 2 Chaperones (K. Frazier, B. White)
Transportation: School Car
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
School - \$399.78 Lodging and Meals
Division – Transportation Expenses
(The Board was polled on May 30, 2017 regarding this trip)
2. VHSL Girl's Tennis – Rappahannock, VA – June 5-6, 2017
7 Students, 2 Chaperones (F. Jett, P. Nelson)
Transportation: School Bus
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
School - \$770.50 Lodging and Meals

Division – Transportation Expenses

(The Board was polled on June 2, 2017 regarding this trip)

3. GMS NSA Day of Cyber – Richmond, VA – June 7-8, 2017
6 Students, 4 Chaperones (D. Spence, B. Sutherland, A. Leonard, S. Ramey)
Transportation: School Cars
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
School - \$600 Lodging and Meals
Division - \$844.10 Lodging, Transportation Expenses
(The Board was polled on May 23, 2017 regarding this trip)
4. Girls Basketball Camp – Emory & Henry – June 14-16, 2017
10 Students, 2 Chaperones (H. Mayo, Glenn Burnette)
Transportation: School Bus
Projected Cost To: Student - \$225.00 (from fundraising)
School - \$0
Division – Transportation Expenses
5. GMS Summer Enrichment - Richmond, VA – July 5-6, 2017
6 Students, 2 Chaperones (J. Embree, Pam Key)
Transportation: School Van
Projected Cost To: Student - \$0
School - \$0
Division - \$448.68 Lodging, \$500 Meals, \$250 Activities
(Paid by Summer Remedial Funds), Transportation Expenses

Approval of Secretarial Salary Scales for 2017-2018

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE SECRETARIAL SALARY SCALES FOR 2017-2018 BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the salary scales is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of VHSL Agreement for 2017-2018

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE VHSL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Contract for SLP Therapy Services with TCRH for 2017-2018

MOTION MADE BY MR MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. KYLE THAT THE CONTRACT FOR SLP THERAPY SERVICES WITH TWIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR 2017-2018 BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the contract is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Physical Therapy Contract for 2017-2018

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE CONTRACT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR 2017-2018 WITH HEARTLAND REHABILITATION SERVICES BE APPROVED AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the contract is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Bus Routes for 2017-2018 School Year

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDE BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE BUS ROUTES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Bids – Unleaded Gas, Diesel Fuel, Heating Oil

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE BIDS FOR UNLEADED GAS AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE AWARDED TO CIRCLE K AND THE BID FOR HEATING OIL BE AWARDED TO COCKERHAM ENERGY CO. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the bid sheet is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Bids for Dairy Products and Food Products/Grocery Items

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE BIDS FOR DIARY PRODUCTS AND FOOD PRODUCTS/GROCERY ITEMS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the bid sheet is attached to the minutes.)

Approval to Participate in the School Nutrition Program for 2017-2018

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY DR. ADAMS THAT THE AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Title I, II, III and VI Applications

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE APPLICATIONS FOR TITLE I, TITLE II, TITLE III, AND TITLE VI FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Surplus Items for Sale

MOTION MADE BY MR. SPANGLER AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE SURPLUS ITEMS BE APPROVED FOR SALE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A list of the surplus items is attached to the minutes.)

Approval of Bid for Underground Storage Tank Closure & 2,000 Gallon Above Ground Replacement

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BID FROM FOUR STAR PETROLEUM SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,694 FOR THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLOSURE & 2,000 GALLON ABOVE GROUND REPLACEMENT BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the bid sheet is attached to the minutes.)

May Policy Updates – First Reading

The VSBA May Policy Updates were provided to the Board for the first reading. Final approval will be made at the July meeting.

Revision to Regulation JHCF-R Student Wellness – First Reading

The Revision to Regulation JHCF-R Student Wellness was provided to the Board for the first reading. Final approval will be made at the July meeting.

Set Date and Time for Close-Out Meeting

The Close-Out meeting will be held on June 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office Conference Room.

Authorization of Signatures in Absence of Superintendent

MOTION MADE BY MRS. KYLE AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT MRS. REBECCA W. CARDWELL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Building Project

The turf project at Galax High School is going well. The compression tests have been completed and passed; therefore, soil remediation will not be needed. They will begin pouring the concrete curb that goes around the entire track within the next few days. Mr. Sturgill expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sharpe for serving as Clerk of the Works for the project.

Board Reports

- Mr. Merdian stated that the Athletic Committee met on June 13, 2017. Mr. Merdian expressed his appreciation to the Athletic Boosters for purchasing an automatic tennis ball shooter. Mr. Merdian noted that the Athletic Boosters will also be purchasing rings for the boys' soccer team for winning the state championship. The Athletic Committee has received a proposal for approximately \$16,600 for a new scoreboard for the GHS football field. The committee suggested looking into the possibility of securing a sponsorship to help with the purchase of the scoreboard.
- Mr. Kohl stated that Floyd County Schools will be joining the Southwest Virginia Governors School for the 2017-2018 school year.

PERSONNEL

Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. MERDIAN THAT THE BOARD CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711(A)(1) TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, RESIGNATION, LEAVE, AND RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Reconvene Open Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certification of Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MRS. KYLE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT "A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2017" PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3712(D) OF THE "VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT". ROLL CALL VOTE: KOHL-AYE, ADAMS-AYE, MERDIAN-AYE, KYLE-AYE, SPANGLER-AYE.

Personnel

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN 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.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board