

The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Bath County High School.

PRESENT:

Mr. Bryan J. Secoy, Board Chairman
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member

Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Superintendent and Clerk
Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk

Mr. Secoy, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present. **16-17: 243**
CALL TO ORDER

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. to consider the appointment and retirement of personnel, to review student discipline report, to review sick leave bank use, and to consider an employee discipline matter. 16-17: 244
CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Grimm at 7:02 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (5-0 vote-roll call) that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed; and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered. 16-17: 245
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. **16-17: 246**
CALL TO ORDER FOR
PUBLIC MEETING

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. 16-17: 247
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA

- Trevor Plecker, BCHS student, addressed the Board regarding the traffic pattern at the end of the day for student drivers. According to Mr. Plecker, student drivers wait ten minutes or more for 1st and 2nd load school buses to depart in the afternoons. Mr. Plecker expressed concern that some students work after school and are delayed in getting to their jobs. He said some students have come to him talking about the issue. **16-17: 248**
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Two MES Destination Imagination Teams competed at Jefferson Region DI Tournament in Crozet on February 25, 2017.
- B. 2017 VSBA Valley Regional Student Art Contest, March 8, 2017

Sarah Eaton	Middle School	1 st Place
Nate Phillips	Elementary	3 rd Place
Hayden Keyser	High School	Participant

- C. Regional Spelling Bee (Roanoke) on 3/11/17.

Vaden Lewis	MES, Grade 7	5 th Place
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- D. BCHS FBLA Virginia Western Community College Regional Competition
 Eleven FBLA members competed on the regional level, eight students placed in 6 events and four qualified to compete on the state level in Reston on April 7-8, 2017.

Qualified for State

Aly Durrett, Grace Hewitt,	Management Decision Making	1 st Place
Molly Watkins		
Gabriella Reed	Journalism	1 st Place

Students who Placed

Ivy Barker	Business Communication	3 rd Place
Cole Nelson	Accounting	3 rd Place
Trevor Plecker	Public Speaking	3 rd Place
Katie Via	Health Care Administration	3 rd Place

Other Participants

Isaac Altizer	Personal Finance
Kendall Keyser	Job Interview
Destynie Lowry	Business Communication

- E. Celebration of the Arts 2017 – Alleghany County Public Schools, Bath County Public Schools, and Covington City Public Schools, March 25, 2017. Members of the Alleghany High School and Bath County High School bands comprised the High School Celebration Band conducted by Scott Reese.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:

16-17: 250
APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA

- **Minutes**
 March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting, and March 15, 2017 Called Meeting/Budget Work Session.
- **Claims**
 An overview of expenditure summary for March 2017 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 71825-71834, 71838-71847, Bills – 71835-71837, 71848-71938, Direct Deposit - 2251-2254. Food Service Payroll – 10958-10961, 10962-10965, Bills – 10966-10973, Direct Deposit - 2251-2254.

- **Reports**

- Attendance

- February 2017 ADM: BCHS 218.89, MES 131.50, VES 175.95 for a total of 526.34.

- Cafeteria, February 2017

- Maintenance, March 2017

- Transportation, March 2017

16-17: 250 (Con't.)

APPROVE

CONSENT AGENDA

Miss Easton Yohe, BCHS student representative, reported on upcoming activities at BCHS. Miss Yohe said she was approached by BCHS staff and students to check on the possibility of securing snack machines. She said proceeds would allow fundraising as well.

16-17: 251

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVE'S

REPORT

Mr. Ed Ozols, Technology Supervisor, provided an update on new weather stations at BCHS and VES. Mr. Ozols said a weather station would be installed at MES in the near future. School websites have recently been updated to include weather information. Not only will current and forecasted weather conditions be available to the school community, but the data can also be used by teachers and students to monitor weather trends. Mr. Ozols said that with the information that we get, we have a lot of things that can be used for math and sciences.

16-17: 252

WEATHER STATIONS –

ED OZOLS

Mrs. Hirsh said school administrators in the past have relied on information supplied from a weather station at Ingalls Field. Mrs. Hirsh said we know that something can be true in one place and not the other. She said we watch the news in the morning and we're getting information typically from what's on top of the mountain. Mrs. Hirsh said the weather information at Bath County Schools would allow us to gather data from various locations.

Mrs. Hirsh provided end-of-year activity calendars for Board planning purposes. Dates were provided for additional activities: MES/VES Award Ceremonies, KidWind Contest at DSLCC, VES carnival, and MES 7th Grade Debate (topics, "Schools Must Continue Teaching Cursive" and "Schools Should Enforce Standardized Consequences").

16-17: 253

END-OF-YEAR

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) **accepted the retirement requests of Hershel Adkins - VES Custodian, Stephanie Hiner - BCHS Guidance Counselor and Kathy Robertson - VES Food Service Worker.**

16-17: 254

ACTION FOLLOWING

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Dennis Holmes as substitute custodian.**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **authorized the Superintendent to issue letters of intent to hire teachers.**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved an overnight field trip request for BCHS Band Camp on July 23-27, 2017 at Grace Bible Camp in Goshen, VA.

**16-17: 255
CONSIDERATION OF
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the 2nd reading of the following VSBA policies: **BBFA (Option 1), CBCA (Optional), EEA, GA, GAH (New), GBM, GCPF, IJ, JFCC, JHC, JO, JOA (New), KG, LC-E, and LEB.** VSBA policies and regulations, EFB, JHCF, and JHCH to be included on the May school board agenda for approval.

**16-17: 256
VSBA POLICIES
2nd READING**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) **authorized Mrs. Rowe, BCHS principal, permission to submit the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education plan no later than April 30, 2017.**

**16-17: 257
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT
2017-2018 PERKOINS
PLAN FOR CAREER &
TECHNICAL EDUCATION
SARAH ROWE**

Informational items for Board members included: a letter from GRASP detailing Bath County Public Schools summary results of school years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 and Bath County Chamber of Commerce April 27th dinner invitation information.

**16-17: 258
ITEMS FOR
BOARD MEMBERS**

There were none to be heard.

**16-17: 259
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Miss Yohe

- Said she is saddened that the year is coming to an end. Said it was fun to see the ins and outs of the school board.

**16-17: 260
ITEMS BY
BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Burns

- Thanked Miss Manion for sponsoring the DI teams.
- Thanked Miss Craig for her leadership in the art show competition and congratulated art winners.
- Wished best of luck to Beta Nationals competitors.
- Really excited about things going on in our schools. STEM learning, thinking outside the box, new and exciting ideas.
- Weather stations, and a solar project; can't wait to see what students can learn.
- Glad to hear that the federal review went so well. Had some ideas and thrilled that programs are discussing non-traditional ideas.
- Thanked retirees for their contributions over the years.

Mrs. Lowry

- Approached by bus drivers about the BCHS traffic pattern and their concern that students may be in the way. Thinks there may be a way to alleviate some of the safety concerns by adjusting traffic patterns.

- Band Booster meeting, practice & athletic schedules - hopes there is a field maintenance plan in place.
- Thinks snack machines are a viable option at BCHS. Allows students who have practice at the end of the day to purchase a snack and provide a revenue stream.
- Recognized the passing of Martha Lou Herman as BCHS alumni. Said she was a great lady and this was a huge detriment to this community.
- Sorry to lose three retirees and thanked them for their compassion and dedication to our students.
- Due to Steamville at VES, a building resides on top of her aquarium at home. Steam Club travels to DSLCC soon.
- Referencing the 4th talent show at VES, said it was fun, exciting and the PTO made \$400 on concessions.

**16-17: 260 (Con't.)
ITEMS BY
BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Grimm

- Thanked Miss Yohe for her contributions as student representative this year. Suggested Miss Yohe write a note to the next representative detailing ideas and her experience.
- Thankful to students who make their voices heard and remain calm while doing so. Very grateful for your professionalism.
- Congratulations to all the students for your accomplishments.
- Responding to the student representative, she expressed support of the BCHS snack machine.
- Said donations to the after prom party committee would be very much appreciated.
- Congratulated all those who plan to retire.
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Ryder

- Pleased with student achievement and recognized the hard work by teachers and staff.
- Feds were here in Mertz and he spoke with one of them. Students who are doing vocational programs should work and get paid for it. Let students know that if there are fields they want to follow, they can experience it.
- Can't beat years of experience and individuals retiring will surely be missed.
- Bus safety gets his attention. Has spoken with bus drivers and doesn't want to see cars mixing with buses. Remembers when a game or practice was over, he walked home. Now we have buses that transport students home and we are looking at every way we can make things safe.

Mr. Secoy

- Echoed praise of students and staff.
- Thanked Trevor Plecker for sharing concerns and said he appreciates public comments.
- Don't have many public and community members attending the meetings. Encouraged attendance and said it can bring the community together.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

**16-17: 261
ADJOURNMENT**