

REGULAR MEETING of the NOTTOWAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – 7 p.m.
Nottoway High School Mini Auditorium
October 8, 2020

Board Members Present: Bill Outlaw, Jamie Higgins, Clive Pettis, Jimmy Fowlkes and Shelli Hinton

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Tameshia V. Grimes, Superintendent; Dr. Joan Dooley, Director of Exceptional Education; Marcia Martin, Director of Instruction, Grants and Testing; Dr. R. J. Greger, HR Director; Charlotte Wood, Clerk; Donna Wade, Deputy Clerk; Charlyn Pierce, Food Service Supervisor; Pam Roark, Custodial Supervisor; Jane Geyer, NMS Principal; Dr. Carrie Gravely, BPS Principal; Candace Barnette, NHS Assistant Principal; Reggie Wilson, NHS Principal; Dr. Chandra Lewis, NIS Principal; Valarie Harris, ANTC/PAS Principal.

Agenda Item #1 – CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Hinton opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda Item #3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Higgins made a motion to approve. Outlaw seconded. All in favor.

Agenda Item #4 – AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. School Highlights – Blackstone Primary School by Marcia Martin and presented by Dr. Carrie Gravely. Highlighted: Feed More program.

Agenda Item #5 - DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Jennifer Hardy – would like students to attend by hybrid learning.
- B. Tara Martin – what is being done to see if virtual learning is working. Teachers are not on the same page. Make the plan better.
- C. Dana Roark – not present
- D. Dallas Roark – not present
- E. Thomas Taylor, Jr. – ADM and if you have a problem with a school official who do you go to.
- F. Sonny Abbott – ANTC roof concerns

Agenda Item #6 - CONSENT AGENDA:

Outlaw offered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Higgins seconded the motion, all in favor.

- A. Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2020 and September 21, 2020
- B. Financial Report: September 30, 2020
- C. Payrolls: September 15 & 30, 2020
- D. Monthly Warrant
- E. Budget Adjustments: K13, K14
- F. Permission to accept McKinney-Vento Funds – Marcia Martin
- G. Permission to accept AthLife Funding – Marcia Martin

Agenda Item #7 ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Permission to accept NMS ESSA Mini-Grant funding and budget adjustment K15 – Marcia Martin. Outlaw made a motion to approve. Higgins seconded. Discussion was made. All in favor.
- B. Permission to accept supplemental funding through GEER and CARES Set-Aside and budget adjustment K17 – Marcia Martin. Pettis made the motion to approve. Outlaw seconded. Discussion was made. All in favor.
- C. Permission to accept VTSS funding (Virginia Tiered Systems of Support) and budget adjustment K17 – Marcia Martin. Pettis made the motion to approve. Outlaw seconded. All in favor.
- D. Permission to accept supplemental CRF (Coronavirus Relief Fund) and budget adjustment K18 – Marcia Martin. Fowlkes made the motion to approve. Pettis seconded. All in favor.
- E. Second Quarter Reopening – Dr. Grimes.
 - i. David Martin from the Piedmont Health District of the Virginia Department of Health shared information regarding COVID statistics and trends. New strand is ongoing.
 - ii. Update on the current virtual learning program
 - iii. Dr. Grimes makes the recommendation for going back to school partially. Requiring students to wear masks. PK four days of instruction Mon, Tues., Thurs., and Friday with at home learning on Wednesday. K-4th grade hybrid rotating schedule, north of 460 M-Tues., south of 460 Thurs.-Friday, at home learning on Wednesday. At home days, students will not be required to logon. Devices will remain with students. ADA accommodation requests will be handled on an individual basis for staff. Continued virtual learning through the first semester for grades 5-12 with significant changes. Kindergarten is the foundation of education. We will see the effects for years and will have long term consequences. Compulsory attendance is still a requirement. Parents will still have the choice to keep their student at home. Dr. Grimes will consult weekly with the PHD. If necessary, with positive cases, we will close the classroom and/or school. Bus travel, one student per seat and all have face coverings. Adults with face coverings at all times. Projected date to begin: November 12, 2020.
 - iv. Discussion was made. If a staff member tests positive, notification goes home to the parents, and we ask parents to keep the student home for 14 days. Notification to the entire school division. What will happen when students refuse to wear a mask? Answer: Dr. Grimes will check with the attorney. What are the guidelines if we revoke the option of virtual if students are not doing their work? Answer: Staff members are reaching out to students and parents. We are working to get the students in. The instructional model was discussed. If the conditions remain the same, we plan to bring back grades 5-12 face to face in the second semester.
 - v. Outlaw made the motion to accept Dr. Grimes recommendation. Higgins seconded. Discussion: Revisit the grade 5-12 monthly. Vote: 3:2 (Pettis and Fowlkes no)

Agenda Item #8 NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- A. None at this time.

Agenda Items #9 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Professional Development and Instructional Updates – Marcia Martin
- B. Membership Report – Marcia Martin. Enrollment 1,794 students; down 99 students. ADM 1,769.1, down 125.9 students (budget based 1,895).
- C. Payroll – two pay periods per month – Dr. Grimes. Staff members were surveyed last school year. The results were an even split. The decision was made not to move forward. Discussion was made that the School Board would speak to the County Administrator’s office to discuss further.
- D. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Grimes. After school activities are underway. VHSL released their schedules and looking forward to the sports season.

Agenda Item #10 MATTERS OF SCHOOL BOARD INTEREST

- A. Work Session to discuss ANTC/PAS and the petition received to rename the high school – Burkeville Elementary School Gym, 6:30 p.m. – October 12th
- B. Joint Board Work Session with Nottoway and Amelia school boards – Amelia High School Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m. – Oct. 26, 2020
- C. VSBA Annual Convention – Virtual – November 18-20, 2020
- D. Future Agenda Items: For Monday’s work session, the board asked to include: 1. Superintendent’s Evaluation and 2. School Board Goals and Priorities.
- E. Other: Coaches contracts should have been issued when we gave other contracts. A comprehensive plan needs to be developed. They should be paid. Dr. Grimes explained the coaches will get paid at the end of the season.

Agenda Item #11 CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Higgins offered a motion pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia that the Board convene a “Closed Meeting” for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

Pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a “Closed Meeting” for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

- A. Four (4) Appointments (1 Winter Guard Visual coordinator and 3 math teacher stipends)
- B. Three (3) Resignations (1 part-time custodian, 1 assistant girls’ basketball coach, and 1 Project Hope coordinator)

Outlaw seconded. All in favor.

Agenda Item #12 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- A. Returned to Open Session
- B. Higgins offered a motion that the Board return to “Open Meeting” and certify by recorded vote, that to the best of each Board Member’s knowledge only public matters lawfully exempted from “Open Meeting” requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and identified in the motion authorizing the “Closed Meeting” were heard, discussed, or considered in the “Closed Meeting”. Outlaw seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Outlaw, Higgins, Pettis, Fowlkes, Hinton
Motion passed by a 5:0 vote

- C. Certified

Agenda Item #13 ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. Superintendent's Personnel Agenda.

Pettis offered motion to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Agenda. Fowlkes seconded the motion, and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Outlaw, Higgins, Pettis, Fowlkes, Hinton; Motion passed by a 5:0 vote

Agenda Item #14 ADJOURNMENT

Outlaw offered motion to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. Fowlkes seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Shelli Hinton, Chairperson

Date

Charlotte Wood, Clerk