

REGULAR MEETING of the NOTTOWAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
February 20, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Helen Simmons, Wallace Hurt, Bob Horn, Jackie Hawkes, and Shelli Hinton.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Daniel Grounard, Superintendent; Dr. Roy Walton, Assistant Superintendent; Charlotte Wood, Clerk; Tommy Coleman, Director of Instruction and Grants; Annah Bowen, Superviso of Technology; Amy Eberly, Director of Finance; Donna Wade, Deputy Clerk; and George Smith, NMS Principal.

Agenda Item #1 - CALL TO ORDER / MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jackie Hawkes offered a motion to approve the February 20, 2014 agenda.

Bob Horn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #3 – AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. School Highlights – NMS 21st Century Learning – Creativity and Innovation.
- B. Yearbook Awards – 2013 *Nottowa Yearbook* received First Place from the American Scholastic Press Association – students were recognized
- C. School Board Appreciation – Wallace Hurt, Robert Horn, Helen Simmons, Jackie Hawkes and Shelli Hinton
- D. School Board Clerk Appreciation – Charlotte Wood and Donna Wade

Agenda Item #4 – PUBLIC HEARING – Ms. Simmons

Budget Hearing

Update for the 2014-15 Budget – Dr. Grounard.

Dr. Grounard went through the slide presentation regarding the budget. The highlights included:

- Governor’s proposed budget
- Health insurance premiums
- Affordable plan calculations: possible increases
- Health insurance premium increases: increase of \$100,000 will employer contribution
- Teacher salary scale
- Asking for \$100,000 from the BOS

Comments:

Open Public Hearing:

1. Syd Farrar – He spoke regarding wanting a plan – short term or long term plan to improve the schools. Other discussion was on teacher’s pay and benefits; test results and grad results; morale among teachers; and poor leadership. He cannot understand it. When he looks at the economy and those doing with less and soldiers leaving home. Morale is the duty of the leadership. Morale is the result of poor leadership. If you are not pumping up

the teachers... everything in your power... it's the leadership. Compare teachers to the rest of Nottoway County. He agrees with raising the contribution to \$5,004 for employees. Teachers need to be judged on merit pay. Do not agree with steps. Teachers will always have their job.

2. Mrs. Simmons ended Mr. Farrar due to his time allotment. She commented that we have strong leadership and that without a budget, teachers would not have jobs.

Close Public Hearing

Agenda Item #5 - DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. NONE

Agenda Item #6 - CONSENT AGENDA:

Jackie Hawkes offered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Wallace Hurt seconded the motion, all in favor.

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2014, January 30, 2014 and February 11, 2014
- B. Financial Report: December 31, 2013 and January 31, 2014
- C. Payrolls: January 15 & 31, 2014
- D. Monthly Warrants
- E. Budget Adjustments: None
- F. Admission of a tuition-paying Non-District, In-State Student #ND2-13-14(1) – Dr. Grounard
- G. Admission of a tuition-paying Non-District, In-State Student #ND2-13-14(2) – Dr. Grounard
- H. Field Trip Request – DECA-SLC to travel to Virginia Beach, VA – Feb. 28-March 2, 2014 – Dr. Walton

Agenda Item #7 ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of the 2014-15 School Calendar. Dr. Walton presented the Pre-Labor Day and Post Labor Day versions. Jackie Hawkes made the motion to approve. Shelli Hinton seconded, all in favor.
 - a. Also, summer school has been changed from June 11 – July 7, 2014. Shelli Hinton made the motion to approve. Bob Horn seconded, all in favor.
- B. Approval of Amendment to the Real Property Agreement leased by the Town of Blackstone. Questions: Location – Mr. Philip Vannoorbeeck explained that the Council wanted to put the courts in a different location. The same elevation of the baseball fields. The town can only afford one BB court. There is room to build a second BB court when funds are available. Jackie Hawkes made the motion to approve the removal of certain recreation equipment from school property as per safety audit, and replacement of equipment as funds become available to the Town of Blackstone, in addition approval of new location for basketball courts. Shelli Hinton seconded, all in favor.
- C. Approval of the Waiver to start school before Labor Day. Dr. Walton presented the waiver from VDOE to start school before Labor Day on the basis for “Good Cause”. This means a school division has been closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations. We have the required number of averaged days. Wallace Hurt made the motion to approve. Jackie Hawkes seconded, all in favor.

Agenda Item #8 NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- A. None

Agenda Items #9 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. NHS 21st Century Grant Update by Tommy Coleman. Ms. Marilyn Wilson discussed the highlights.
- B. Safety Audit Update by Dr. Walton. Results were discussed. The only budget requested item is Raptor sign-in/sign-out with sexual predator identity system (\$1,800-\$2,000).

Agenda Item #10 MATTERS OF SCHOOL BOARD INTEREST

- A. VSBA Superintendent Evaluation Workshop – March 4, 2014
- B. VSBA Southside Regional Forum – Goochland High School – April 9, 2014
- C. Student Liaison - absent
- D. Other – Recognized Michelle Wallace and thanked her for her dedication and work for NCPS.

Agenda Item #11 CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Jackie Hawkes offered a motion that the Board convene a “Closed Meeting” Pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia.

A.1 The consideration of personnel for three (3) appointments, two (2) resignations and one (1) reinstatement as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)

Shelli Hinton seconded the motion, all in favor.

Agenda Item #12 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Jackie Hawkes 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”. Wallace Hurt seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hinton, Hurt, Simmons, Horn, Hawkes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed by a 5:0 vote

Agenda Item #13 ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- A. Superintendent’s Personnel Agenda.

Jackie Hawkes offered motion to accept. Wallace Hurt seconded the motion, all in favor.

Agenda Item #14 ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Hawkes offered motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Wallace Hurt seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Helen M. Simmons, Chairman

Date

Charlotte D. Wood, Clerk