

**JOINT BOARD WORK SESSION
of the NOTTOWAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
and AMELIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

6:30 p.m.

Burkeville Elementary School Gym

September 21, 2020

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

NCPS Board Members Present by Phone: Jimmy Fowlkes

ACPS Board Members Present: Glen Wilkerson, Bonnie Vega and Jim Ferrara

ACPS Board Members Present by Phone: Mike Neller and Catherine Wilkinson

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Tameshia V. Grimes, Nottoway County Superintendent; Dr. Lori Harper, Amelia County Superintendent; Dr. Joan Dooley, Director of Exceptional Education; Marcia Martin, Director of Instruction, Grants and Finance; Dr. R.J. Greger, Director of HR and Testing; Valarie Harris, ANTC Principal; Virginia Jones, Amelia Clerk, Charlotte Wood, Nottoway Clerk.

Agenda Item #1 – CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mrs. Hinton opened the Nottoway County Public Schools Work Session at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Bonnie Vega opened the Amelia County Public Schools Work Session at 6:30 p.m.
- C. Electronic Participation Approval – Jim Ferrara made a motion to approve. Outlaw seconded. All in Favor.

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

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

Agenda Item #4 – NCPS and ACPS JOINT BOARD WORK SESSION

Amelia's position – No intentions of leaving, but are considering options. There are three classes being offered. Sending students to John Tyler and Southside Virginia Community College – lower rate than having students at ANTC. Off campus gives students the opportunity for the most up to date technology and resources and latest. The condition of the building is not good and needs extensive repairs. New programs would require new material and supplies. No discussions on pulling out as of yet.

Nottoway's position – ANTC to stay open and understand there are many repairs that need to be made. We understand the hardships in finding instructors for programs. Love having students with other options such as SVCC for different programs for our students to participate. Have plans for Alternative School program and beneficial for students – not just for punitive reasons – options for other students that do not work in a regular school setting. Burkeville Elementary School is a fine school to possibly utilize.

Discussions were made with board members:

- Some courses with John Tyler are in the evening and some are online. This year is challenging due to COVID.

- How many students are attending JTCC from Amelia: 4 this year; 22 last year. Amelia has agreement to use John Tyler first and SVCC second. There are different courses.
- There are valuable classes offered at ANTC and students can benefit. Nottoway has the money. Giving a student a trade is important and we should not put a dollar amount. We are limiting ourselves. Want core classes at BES. Hire more qualified instructors. Would like to break the agreement after this year and move Technical Center at BES and sell the building currently at ANTC. Surveying students does not work. Look at the industry.
- We either are going to buy into ANTC to make it better – or not.
- Have we exposed students what these jobs would entail? Need internships.
- The earlier we can get students exposed to the courses offered he better.
- In November, ANTC participates in the career fair to expose students of the different programs.
- Earlier days, students were exposed to the community and industries more. Are we going out to the businesses to solicit industry?
- We need to make informed decisions.
- Scheduling is a problem.
- There needs to be a minimal number of students for a course to make.
 - a. ANTC – repair and operation costs by Dr. Harper and Dr. Grimes.
 - i. Roof – remove and replace and spot fixing costs
 - ii. A list of repairs was discussed - \$287,464
 - iii. With carryover funds they can complete item except roof repair.
 - iv. Costs for additional classes
 - v. Amelia: 27 students and 4 at JTCC; Nottoway: 47 students
 - b. Additional funding to support Amelia Nottoway Technical Center (ANTC)
 - i. Concerned establishing the programs with qualified instructors
 - ii. Custodial and Maintenance support comes from Nottoway (in-kind services)
 - iii. Money was paid to ANTC for the alternative program.
 - c. Revisit agreement dated 1977
 - i. Some are in favor of keeping the 60-40 agreement.
 - ii. Each Board will discuss and revisit
 - d. Other topics regarding PAS and/or ANTC
 - i. Amelia’s desire is that the alternative school be removed from ANTC.
 - ii. Alternative should not be punitive. The program needs to be revisited.

The boards will meet again as a Joint Board Work Session on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 at Amelia High School Cafeteria.

Nottoway County School Board will need to have a Work Session to discuss in more detail.

Agenda Item #5 - OTHER

- A. None

Agenda Item #6 - ADJOURNMENT

Outlaw offered motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Shelli Hinton, Chair NCPS

Mike Neller, Chair ACPS

Date

Charlotte Wood, Clerk