Augusta County School Board
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The Augusta County School Board met Thursday, April 5, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia, for their regular monthly meeting. Before the regular meeting, the School Board and staff members were treated to a reception hosted by members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). After the reception, the FFA Blue Jacket Ceremony was held as middle school FFA members received their jackets.

The following members were present:

- Mr. Nicholas T. Collins
- Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Chair
- Mr. Timothy R. Quillen
- Mr. David R. Shiflett
- Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair
- Mr. John M. Ward
- Ms. Donna H. Wells

The following members were absent:

- None

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Chair, called the School Board meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the middle school students who received their FFA jackets earlier that evening.

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Board Chair, asked for approval of the consent agenda as revised.

- On a motion by Mr. Timothy R. Quillen, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda items as revised:
  a. Minutes
     i. March 1, 2018 – work session
     ii. March 1, 2018 – regular meeting
     iii. March 15, 2018 – called meeting
  b. Claims
  c. Overnight Field Trip Summary – added that evening.
  d. Building Use Summary - Revised
  e. Special Permissions and Religious Exemptions
  f. Head Start Director’s Report

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Board Chair, asked if there were any Delegations wishing to speak to the Board. The following individuals came forward:

- Ms. Allison Ellington addressed the Board regarding bus transportation and policy 4.700.
- Ms. Fenton McMahon addressed the Board regarding bus transportation.

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Board Chair, thanked the speakers for coming and that their comments would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins commented that there are many requests each year for similar favors, and that if the rules are bent for one, they must be bent for all.

Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, presented the following correspondence to the School Board Members:

1. Memo from Mr. Timothy K. Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator, authorizing the funding to assist with Phase 1 of the development of a new Primary Playground at Cassell Elementary School in the amount of $30,000.00.

2. Notification from Dr. Sandy Curwood from the Virginia Department of Education’s Program for School Nutrition congratulating Augusta County Public Schools’ Nutrition Program and Dr. Ron Abernathy, Director of School Nutrition for Augusta County Schools, on the growth of the school breakfast program and participation in that program.

3. Congratulations to Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Director of Instruction and Technology, and her Staff who were responsible for three programs recognized in the Virginia School Boards Association’ Showcase for Success. They included the Model General Assembly Program organized by Ms. Forrest Burgdorf, Assistant Director of Secondary Instruction; the Nonfiction Night at the Museum organized by Ms. Jane Wright, Assistant Director of Elementary Instruction; and the Summer Enrichment Program organized by Ms. Angela Deitz, Instructional Supervisor for K-12 Gifted Education, Secondary STEM, Math, and Science.
4. Reminder of the Virginia School Boards Association’s 2018 Valley Region Spring Network Forum on April 25, 2018, hosted by Harrisonburg City Schools. Interested Board Members are to notify the Clerk.

The following Special Recognitions were presented to the Board:

1. Mr. Greg Troxell, Director of Operations, Maintenance and Athletics, introduced the following coaches and students who earned the state championship award in their respective sports:
   i. Coach Josh Talbott, Wrestling at Buffalo Gap High School, introduced Cullen Bendel as a 2018 winter State Champion in the 138 weight class.
   ii. Coach Dave Stewart, Indoor Track at Fort Defiance High School, introduced Jacob Jones as a 2018 winter State Champion in the 500 meters race.
   iii. The following coaches from Riverheads High School introduced their 2018 winter State Champions:
      1. Coach Noelia Nunee, Indoor Track, introduced Josh Akirwumi as a State Champion in the 55 meters hurdles.
      2. Coach Alice Morgan, Forensics, introduced two State Champions:
         a. George Theiss
         b. Trinity Obaugh
   iv. Coach JD Rines, Indoor Track from Stuarts Draft High School, introduced Jordan Ramsey as a State Champion in the 500 meters race.
   v. Coach Gary Kessler, Indoor Track at Wilson Memorial High School, introduced Emilie Miller as State Champion in both the 55 meters hurdles and the triple jump.

2. Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Director of Instruction and Technology, showed a Powerpoint presentation recognizing the winners of the STEM Middle School winners. It is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Mr. Michael Tetto, Curriculum Supervisor, presented information and asked for approval of the Carl D. Perkins Local Management Plan.

- On a motion by Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, seconded by Mr. David R. Shiflett, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the spending plan for the Carl D. Perkins Local Management Plan as proposed.

Ms. Miranda Ball, Director of Pupil Services, presented information and asked for approval of the Plan for Special Education.

- On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Donna H. Wells, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Plan for Special Education as presented.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins commented on the difference in per pupil spending between SPED students and other students.

Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, introduced Mr. David Goldsmith from Milestone Communications who presented the Board with a request to locate a cell tower on property at Beverley Manor Middle School. After hearing all the financial benefits involved, the Board granted permission to proceed with the proposal contingent on the Board of Supervisors’ approval and the Zoning Commission’s approval.

- On a motion by Mr. Timothy R. Quillen, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to approve moving forward with the cell tower proposal to erect a cell tower on Augusta County School property located by Beverley Manor Middle School contingent upon the approval of the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Commission, and to give Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Board Chair, approval to sign.

The following staff reports were given:

a. Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent:
   i. Dates of Interest for April and May 2018.

- On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to approve moving the May Board meeting to May 10, 2018, in order to allow everyone to attend the Market Animal Show.
   ii. Informed Board that Community Development asked to be given one of Augusta County Transportation Department’s surplus buses to use for litter control. The Transportation Department would give it as a donation, therefore, it does not need Board approval.
iii. Reminder that the proposal to use Fort Defiance High School’s roof for solar panels is ready for Phase II. All guidelines have been met. Mr. David R. Shiflett asked that the two students who recently came to a Board Meeting be kept informed of the progress of this program. Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, assured Mr. Shiflett that it is already being done.

b. Ms. Jill R. Martin, Director for Personnel:
   i. Resignations/Retirements

- On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. John M. Ward, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the personnel action as presented.
   i. Teacher of the Year Brunch: April 20, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Best Western in Waynesboro.
   ii. Retirement Dinner: May 1, 2018, at Gypsy Hill Place at 6:00 p.m.

c. Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Assistant Superintendent for Administration:
   i. School Security Update – a PowerPoint was shown to the Board and is on file in the Clerk’s office outlining the many steps taken to secure a safe and nurturing environment at the schools.

The following Board Members gave reports:

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins reported the following:
   — Commented that community members and parents who have questions regarding the schools and activities should call the Central Office instead of the television stations or newspapers.
   — Nothing is official but with the 5 cents tax increase proposed by the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, the distribution of funds will determine how much of a pay increase Augusta County Public Schools’ employees will receive. Members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board are still communicating. Their decision will determine what tactic the School Board takes in negotiations.

Ms. Donna H. Wells reported the following:
   — Very impressed with commitment of Augusta County teachers and the pride one feels in all the schools.
   — Many teachers with whom she spoke were very pleased with the decision to use banked time instead of taking away spring break for additional snow days.

Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, reported the following:
   — Looks forward to the Market Animal Show program.

Mr. David R. Shiflett reported the following:
   — Invited all to attend the Market Animal show during the first week in May. Many 4-H, FFA and ag teachers have worked hard to make this show a success.
   — Congratulated all the recognized students this evening including the state sports champions, the Future Farmers of America students, and the STEM winners. These are great examples of the excellent education students receive in Augusta County.

Mr. John M. Ward reported the following:
   — Attended the “Standing Room Only” All County Elementary Choir program recently. The teachers worked hard to make this program a success. It is a shame cuts have to be made to the arts programs in order to balance the budget.

Mr. Timothy R Quillen reported the following:
   — Recently attended a Genesis meeting and reports that all is well there.

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Board Chair, reported the following:
   — Meant to mention this at the last meeting – congratulations to the Buffalo Gap Girls’ Basketball Team for their hard work this past season.
There was a need for closed session.

- On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Timothy R. Quillen, the Board voted 7-0 to convene to closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the following specific purposes:
  - A-1 Personnel
  - A-3 Real Estate

- On a motion by Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, seconded by Mr. John M. Ward, the Board voted 7-0 to come out of closed session. No action was taken.

- On a motion by Mr. John M. Ward, seconded by Ms. Donna H. Wells, the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn to meet Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Verona Government Center’s Board Room for their regular monthly meeting or subject to the Call of the Chair. A reminder was given that the Whole Village Awards will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the South Board Room prior to the regular meeting.

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Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., Chair

Ms. Marsha K. Buehner, Clerk

ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.
MOTION BY: Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, Board Board Vice Chair
SECOND BY: Mr. Nicholas T. Collins

REASON FOR CLOSED MEETING:
2.2-3711 VA Code
A-1 Personnel
A-3 Real Estate

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2018

WHEREAS, the Augusta County School Board has convened a closed meeting on the above date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Augusta County School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Augusta County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Augusta County School Board.

VOTE
AYES: Collins, Ocheltree, Jr., Quillen, Shiflett, Swortzel, Ward, Wells
NAYS: None

SUBSTANCE OF THE DEPARTURE DISCUSSION:
ABSENT DURING VOTE: None
ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Assistant Superintendent for Administration