

Augusta County School Board

March 5, 2020

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The Augusta County School Board met Thursday, March 5, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia, for their monthly meeting immediately after a work session which was held at 5:30 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

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

No members were absent.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge was lead by the Stuarts Draft Elementary K Kids.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- **On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, seconded by Mr. David R. Shiflett, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda items:**
 - a. Minutes
 - i. February 6, 2020
 - ii. February 20, 2020
 - b. Claims
 - c. Overnight Field Trip Summary
 - d. Building Use Summary
 - e. Special Permissions
 - f. Religious Exemptions
 - g. Head Start Director's Report

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Disclosure of student names is prohibited under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, asked if there were any Delegations wishing to speak to the Board.

- Ms. Rebecca Breeden spoke in favor of the installation of lights for the softball fields.

Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, presented the following correspondence:

- VASS publication entitled, "Blueprint for Achieving Equity in Virginia's Public Schools 2020".
- On March 11, 2020, Dr. James Lane, State Superintendent of Public Education, will visit Augusta County and attend the SAW Employer and Education Coalition meeting.
- The students who authored the presentation, Throwing Solar Shade, have been invited by the U.S. Department of Energy to present their projects at the Solar Decathlon event in Washington DC at the National Mall on Sunday, July 5, 2020.
- Card received from Valley Academy thanking Board for School Board Appreciation Month.
- Notice of Head Start and Early Head Start receiving a \$400,000 grant

Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Jr., Deputy Superintendent, presented the information in Regulation 4.300 which deals with students' fees and charges. There are no increases for 2020-2021.

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Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, presented the budget overview and revisions. This presentation included Budget Goals, Budget Summary Comparison, update on Senate and House Budget Proposals, review of the Operational Budget Proposal, and a review of Expenditure Reductions with examples of line item leveling in an attempt to balance the budget.

Mr. Gregory Troxell, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented Bid 00010 for a new concession stand at Wilson Memorial High School and recommended that the work be awarded to Cox Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$224,735.00.

- **On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swartzel, seconded by Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to approve awarding the new concession stand bid at Wilson Memorial High School to Cox Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$224,735.00.**

Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology, presented the 11th draft of the calendar for 2020-2021.

- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swartzel, the Board voted 7-0 in favor of the 11th draft of the school year 2020-2021 calendar.**

The following staff reports were given:

1. Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent:
 - a. Dates of Interest for March and April 2020.
 2. Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Jr., Deputy Superintendent:
 - a. Presented guidelines and a timeline for revisions to the 2020-2021 Administrative Policies and Regulations Manual.
 3. Ms. Jill R. Martin, Executive Director of Personnel:
 - a. Resignations and Retirements.
- **On a motion by Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Timothy R. Swartzel, the Board voted 7-0 to accept the personnel action as presented.**
 - b. Job Fair Update

The following Board Members gave reports:

Mr. David R. Shiflett reported the following:

- Attended lunches and breakfasts and met with administrators in the Fort complex. Administrators mentioned class ratios as important.
- Attended the Valley Career and Technical Center Agriculture Meeting and discussed forming an advisory committee.

Mr. Timothy Z. Swartzel reported the following:

- Attended several lunches at different schools
- Attended the STEM program at Expo.
- Thanked everyone associated with the concession stand at Wilson Memorial High School

Mr. Tom Goforth reported the following:

- Visited Stuarts Draft High School and Stuarts Draft Middle School numerous times as well as Stuarts Draft Elementary and Stump Elementary Schools.
- Had delicious meals at several different schools.
- Visited Valley Academy.
- Attended the STEM fair at Expo.
- Attended the Price of Life event.
- Enjoyed “The Sound of Music” musical at Wilson Memorial High School.
- Enjoyed the chili cookoff at Stuarts Draft High School.
- Attended several boys and girls basketball games.
- Enjoyed the Draft drama, “Into the Woods”.
- All seven buildings that he visited were spotless and thanked the custodial staff.

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., reported the following:

- Thanked all who hosted Board Appreciation Events.
- “The Sound of Music” was incredible.
- Attended girls’ basketball games and the 24 Challenge. Most winners attended Stump Elementary including his grandchild.

Ms. Donna H. Wells reported the following:

- Thanked the schools for all the School Board Appreciation luncheons and recognitions and enjoyed talking to the administrators at those schools.
- Attended lunch with Board Clerk, Marsha Buehner.
- Attended Relay for Life Carnival and “The Sound of Music” which was very entertaining!
- STEM fair was a wonderful experience.

Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, reported the following:

- Enjoyed many meals for School Board Appreciation Month and thanked all.
- Judged the Beverley Manor Middle School Federation Public Speaking event.
- Former Riverheads High School student, Emily Hamrick, received a full scholarship Millennium Scholarship through the PhD. Program at Penn State.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, reported the following:

- Thanked all who hosted the Board for School Board Appreciation Month. Enjoyed speaking with administrators and exchanging ideas.
- Thanked Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, for ‘driving the ship’ of a wonderful school division.

There was a need for closed session.


- **On a motion by Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, 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-3 – Real Estate

- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to come out of closed session.**

There was no action taken.

- On a motion by Mr. Tom Goforth, seconded by Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr. , the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn to meet Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Augusta County Government Center in Verona, Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. for a called meeting to vote on a budget, or subject to the call of the Chair.



Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair



Ms. Jill Martin, Executive Director of Personnel and Deputy Clerk of the Board

ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

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MOTION BY: Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair

SECOND BY: Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel

REASON FOR CLOSED MEETING:

2.2-3711 VA Code

A-3 – Real Estate

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2020

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, Goforth, Ocheltree, Jr., Shiflett, Swortzel, Ward, Wells

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

SUBSTANCE OF THE DEPARTURE DISCUSSION:

No action taken.



Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Deputy Superintendent
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