

Augusta County School Board

April 2, 2020

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The Augusta County School Board met Thursday, April 2, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia, for their regular monthly meeting.

The following members were present:

Mr. Nicholas T. Collin, 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

The following members were absent:

None

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, called the School Board meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, asked for approval of 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:**

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a. Minutes

- i. March 5, 2020 – regular meeting
- ii. March 19, 2020 – called meeting

b. Claims

c. Overnight Field Trip Summary

d. Building Use Summary

e. Special Permissions and Religious Exemptions

f. Head Start Director's Report including the Head Start COLA and Quality Improvement Funding.

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. There were none.

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

1. General positive comments received regarding meals deliveries.
2. Several positive emails regarding the continuity of learning plan recently put into motion.

Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Technology, provided an overview of the Carl D. Perkins Local Management Plan.

- **On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, seconded by Ms. Tom Goforth, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the spending plan for the Carl D. Perkins Local Management Plan.**

Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Technology, provided an update on Instruction including Continuity of Learning. Critical information has been shared with students and families.

Ms. Miranda Ball, Executive Director of Student Services, provided information on how Special Education continuity will continue and students will be served.

It was agreed that the goal is not to penalize any student.

- Summer School plans are on hold at the moment.
- If a student was on track to graduate as of March 13, they will graduate.
- AP and Dual Enrollment Courses will be worked with a one-on-one completion.
- Each teacher received a checklist at each level.
- General grading information was presented.

Ms. Tina Kiracofe, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Technology, indicated that her staff has been working on learning modules and all information will be rolled out next week. Families are not expected to home school. Even if some students do not participate in future projects, the March 13 grades will stand. Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, stated that the success of all students is the goal.

Ms. Miranda Ball, Director of Pupil Services, presented information and asked for approval of the Annual Plan for Special Education including a two-page IDEA Annual Plan.

- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Donna H. Wells, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Annual Plan for Special Education as presented.**

The following staff reports were given:

a. Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent:

- i. Dates of Interest for April and May 2020
- ii. Participated in a conference call with the ACEA on April 3, 2020.
- iii. Will participate in the VHSL Executive Committee Meeting on May 12, 2020.
- iv. Possible meeting dates for May and the summer months will be determined at the May meeting.
- v. The Board of Supervisors should pass their Continuity of Operations ordinance next week.
- vi. Budget revisions may need to be considered at the May meeting.

b. Ms. Jill R. Martin, Executive Director for Personnel:

- i. Resignations/Retirements

- **On a motion by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, seconded by Mr. David R. Shiflett, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the personnel action as presented.**
 - ii. Teacher of the Year Update – there is a Teacher of the Year and plans are being made to honor all nominees.
 - iii. Recommended Mr. Raymond Alan Shull as Principal of Fort Defiance High School.
- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Donna H. Wells, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation of Mr. Raymond Alan Shull as Principal of Fort Defiance High School.**
 - iv. Recommended Ms. Miranda Ball as Executive Director of Personnel.
- **On a motion by Mr. John M. Ward, seconded by Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., the Board voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation of Ms. Miranda Ball as Executive Director of Personnel.**

The following Board Members gave reports:

Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., gave the following report:

- Spoke to seniors regarding their concerns over prom and graduation.
- Thanked Central Office for their excellent handling of this unique situation.
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Ms. Donna H. Wells gave the following report:

- Echoed Dr. Ocheltree's praise for the Central Office.
- Amazed that 7000 meals were distributed. Proud that Augusta County Schools has gone above and beyond.
- Very supportive of the new positions named this evening.
- Caravans through the neighborhoods have been a hit.

Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel gave the following report:

- WMHS Concession footers are in. Completion date is June.
- Lambs are in the barn.

Mr. Tom Goforth gave the following report:

- Attended Into the Woods presentation at Stuarts Draft High School.
- Attended Stuarts Draft and Buffalo Gap varsity baseball scrimmages.
- Attended the 24 Challenge.
- Helped to hand out meals at Stump and Stuarts Draft Elementary Schools.

Mr. David R. Shiflett gave the following report:

- Met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss cash flow.
- Market Animal Show will be a virtual one.

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

- Mr. W. B. Speck, a bus driver, passed away last week. Mr. Ward conducted the services.

Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair, gave the following report:

- Met with the Board of Supervisors to present our 2020-2021 School Board budget.
- Thanked the press for attending the meeting.

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-1 Personnel

- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, the Board voted 7-0 to come out of closed session. All certified.**

In open session:

- **On a motion by Mr. David R. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Timothy Z. Swortzel, the Board voted 7-0 to allow Dr. Eric W. Bond, Division Superintendent, to modify the work schedule for essential personnel in accordance with Governor Northam's recent statewide executive order to stay at home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.**

- **On a motion by Dr. John L. Ocheltree, Jr., seconded by Mr. John M. Ward, Board Vice Chair, the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn to meet Thursday, May 7, 2020, 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.**



Mr. Nicholas T. Collins, Board Chair



Ms. Jill Martin, Deputy Clerk

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AUGUSTA COUNTY 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-1 Personnel

MEETING DATE: April 2, 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

SUBSTANCE OF THE DEPARTURE DISCUSSION:

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None



Dr. Douglas W. Shiflett, Assistant Superintendent for Administration