

CULPEPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
October 13, 2014

A meeting of the School Board of Culpeper County was held October 13, 2014 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at 302 N. Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. Present were Robert Beard (East Fairfax District); Robert A. Houck (West Fairfax District); Elizabeth Hutchins (Stevensburg District); Michelle North (Jefferson District); Elizabeth “Betsy” Smith (Cedar Mountain District); Superintendent Dr. Bobbi F. Johnson; Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Rob Hauman; Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Russell Houck; Executive Director of Special Education Angela Neely; Executive Director of Finance/Clerk Jeff Shomo; Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Stacey Timmons and Deputy Clerk Pearl Jamison. Sean Askew (Catalpa District) and Anne Luckinbill (Salem District) were absent.

At 7 p.m., Mr. Houck called the meeting to order. He noted that Ms. Luckinbill was absent due to a mandatory class and Mr. Askew was absent due to work. He said the closed session was not deemed necessary prior to the meeting.

Those present observed a moment of silence. Mr. Beard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Houck asked if there were changes to the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Beard seconded by Ms. Hutchins, the School Board approved the agenda. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Askew and Ms. Luckinbill were absent.)

Reports

(a) Superintendent/Student Advisory Group (SSAG) Report

Ethan Presley, Junior at CCHS, explained to the Board that at the first SSAG meeting they discussed the six year plan, good/bad of being part of CCPS, technology, and the positive/negative of the renovation at CCHS. He said at the second meeting they talked with the seniors on the SSAG about their college plans and the application process. He said they also discussed Mountain Vista Governor’s School and Germanna Scholars. He noted that it is very helpful for the younger students to hear about the things older students have gone through.

Ms. North asked how the information from SSAG is shared with other students. Ethan said the students come from different social standings and share the information with their peers.

(b) Principal Report – E. G. Bradshaw

E.G. Bradshaw, Kelly Pearson, and Jack Glick shared a PowerPoint about the “Programs and Highlights” from Eastern View High School (See attached.)

Recognitions

- Mr. Wade Schick, Chrysler of Culpeper, presented a check to Dr. Johnson and Mr. Houck in the amount of \$5,000 for the CCPS Dodge Fundraiser held on August 15th. Each school will receive a percentage of the proceeds based on their number of test drives.
- Dr. Johnson and Mr. Houck presented 2014 VSBA Media Honor Roll Certificates to Rhonda Simmons, Culpeper Star-Exponent, and Jonathan Krawchuk, Culpeper Media Network.
- Mr. Houck provided kudos to the staff that helped with Culpeper AirFest on Saturday.
- Mr. Houck shared a letter from Mr. Wally Bunker thanking the maintenance department for trimming/mowing the area between Willow Shade and Culpeper County High School.

Delegations

Mr. Houck said persons may present ideas or concerns regarding Culpeper County Public Schools. He said there would be no action taken by the Board at this meeting and that such items would be referred to the appropriate administrators for future information and research. He said the personalities and behavior of employees are not to be presented during this period but are to be reported to the employee’s immediate supervisor. Mr. Houck noted there would be a three minute limit for speakers.

There were no delegations.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Houck reviewed the items on the consent agenda for approval. Mr. Beard noted the Finance Committee met and reviewed the bills and recommended they be approved.

On motion of Mr. Beard seconded by Ms. Smith, the School Board considered approving the consent agenda. Dr. Johnson read the resolution recognizing American Education Week.

- (a) Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2014
 - (b) Payroll and Payment of Bills
 - (c) Personnel Recommendations
 - (d) Approval of Tuition Rates for 2014/2015
 - (e) Approval of Resolution to Recognize American Education Week
 - (f) Approval of Special Education Advisory Council Members for 2014/2015
 - (g) Approval of Gifted Advisory Council Members for 2014/2015
- Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Askew and Ms. Luckinbill were absent.)**

The board considered the following action items:

- (a) Approval of Superintendent's Annual Goals
On motion of Ms. Hutchins seconded by Mr. Beard, the School Board approved the Superintendent's Annual Goals.

Dr. Johnson said the goals submitted are in keeping with the new superintendent evaluation and they satisfy Standard 7 with regard to AMOs in English and Math.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Askew and Ms. Luckinbill were absent.)

- (b) Approval of School Board Fall Retreat Agenda
On motion of Ms. Smith seconded by Ms. North, the School Board approved the Fall Retreat Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Askew and Ms. Luckinbill were absent.)

The Board heard the following reports:

- (a) Construction Report
CCHS Renovation – Mr. Spencer said the contractor has just about finished demolition on the stage and they have started the last section of abatement in the school above the auditorium. He said the other work is concentrated in the locker room. He noted that the school started using the studio last week.

Ms. Hutchins asked about the status of the elevator. Mr. Spencer said if it stops raining they will pour the cap on the elevator.

Security Grant – Mr. Spencer said the division received the grant from VDOE for \$100,000. He said the money will be used to finalize the access control systems and last four vestibules.

(b) Finance Report

Mr. Shomo said the budget was built on an ADM of 8,055 and the September 30th count reflected an ADM of 7,934 students. He said if the membership holds steady we will have to plan for a shortfall of \$484,000 in the coming months.

Mr. Shomo noted the accounts payables approved this evening totaled \$668,421.

Mr. Shomo explained that we budgeted \$3.81 per gallon for diesel fuel and the last load cost \$2.79 per gallon.

Mr. Shomo shared with the Board a recap of the FY'15 budget. He said the estimated total revenue for FY'15 is \$79,381, 127.

Mr. Shomo briefly reviewed the breakdown by category in the budget: Instruction; Administration, Attendance, & Health; Pupil Transportation; Operations and Maintenance; Facilities; Debt Service & Fund Transfers; and, Technology.

Mr. Shomo said the total expenditures on the CCHS Renovation Project to date total \$15,763,962.95.

Mr. Shomo noted that at the October Board of Supervisors meeting the Supervisors agreed to deposit the \$231,740 from the Food Service in-direct billing to the Kitchen Equipment Capital Account.

Mr. Houck said it is very unusual for the division to have a negative growth. He asked what the typical growth is from year to year. Mr. Shomo said 1.5-2%. Dr. Johnson said we were almost 3% last year.

Committee Reports

Mr. Houck noted that at the last Career Partner's meeting George Dasher was selected as President Elect for Career Partners.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Beard said he read in the newspaper over the weekend that the School Board approved the Common Core Math Curriculum. He stated the School Board has not approved the Common Core Math Curriculum and cannot approve it.

Ms. Hutchins thanked Mr. Bradshaw for the report. She said it exemplifies that the schools are meeting all student's needs. She said the schools do everything they can to address the needs of our students; within reason. She said our students will take different paths and the staff works hard to help them reach their goals. She said it is astounding how many industry certifications our C&T program offers.

Mr. Houck echoed Ms. Hutchins comments. He said he is continually impressed with the entire staff's dedication. He also encouraged citizens to vote at the November election.

Dr. Johnson thanked Ethan Presley for his report. She noted that the three seniors on the SSAG this year are college bound. She said the group also talks about the college process and what is done to prepare for college and jobs. She noted that she is in the middle of fall goal conferences with principals. She also reminded members that she is in the middle of the superintendent's legislative conference in Roanoke and that is where they get an idea of what will be on the legislative agenda. She said the hot topic is alternative assessments for the 5 SOL tests that were removed by the General Assembly.

Information Items

- Summary of CCSB Committee Reports
- Membership – September 30, 2014

Future Meeting Dates

- October 27, 2014 – CCSB Business/Work Session, 6 p.m. Closed Session immediately followed by Business/Work Session at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- November 7, 2014 – CCSB Fall Retreat, 5 p.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- November 8, 2014 – CCSB Fall Retreat, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane

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- November 10, 2014 – CCSB Finance Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m. at the County Admin. Office, 302 N. Main Street
- November 10, 2014 – CCSB Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the County Admin. Office, 302 N. Main Street (Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.)
- November 11, 2014 – CCSB Administration Committee Meeting, 1 p.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- November 12, 2014 - CCSB Capital Planning Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- November 19-21, 2014 – VSBA Annual Convention in Williamsburg, VA

On motion of Mr. Beard seconded by Ms. Hutchins, the School Board voted to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Askew and Ms. Luckinbill were absent.)

JEFFREY R. SHOMO, CLERK

ROBERT A. HOUCK, CHAIR