

CULPEPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
September 14, 2015

A meeting of the School Board of Culpeper County was held September 14, 2015 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at 302 N. Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. Present were Nathaniel Clancy (Catalpa District); Robert A. Houck (West Fairfax District); Elizabeth Hutchins (Stevensburg District); Anne C. Luckinbill (Salem District); Michelle North (Jefferson District); Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith (Cedar Mountain District); Superintendent Dr. Anthony S. Brads; Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Rob Hauman; Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Russell Houck; Executive Director of Finance/Clerk Jeff Shomo; Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Stacey Timmons and Deputy Clerk Pearl Jamison. Robert Beard (East Fairfax District) was absent.

At 7 p.m., Ms. Hutchins called the meeting to order. A closed session was not deemed necessary prior to the meeting.

Ms. Hutchins noted that Mr. Beard was absent due to work.

Those present observed a moment of silence. Ms. Hutchins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Hutchins asked if there were changes to the agenda.

On motion of Ms. Smith seconded by Ms. North, the School Board approved the agenda. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

Presentations/Recognitions

Sergeant Major Allen L. Tanner, Ms. Hutchins, and Mr. Houck presented a Zealous Appreciation for Positive Performance (ZAPP) award to Dirk Pitts for earning the MCJROTC Legion of Valor Award for Region 6. Sergeant Major Tanner said the Legion of Valor Award recognizes a student for potential leadership.

Mr. Wade Schick, Chrysler of Culpeper, presented a check to Dr. Brads and Ms. Hutchins in the amount of \$4,050 for the CCPS Chrysler Drive for the Kids Fundraiser held on August 7th. Each school will receive a percentage of the proceeds based on their number of test drives.

Reports

Ms. Harkness said the presentation this evening will showcase the student leadership opportunities at Floyd T. Binns. The following students shared information about various opportunities:

- Gabe Staton - Band
- Jacob Flemming - Choir
- Sofia Kimble and Carlie Oxendine - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Savannah Smith and Kaelie Spittle – Future Farmers of America
- Abigail Stern and Avni Tyagi - National Junior Honor Society
- Jensen Armstrong and Rebekah Smith - National Junior Forensic League
- Jensen Armstrong on behalf of Lauren Harwell - School Scrabble Program
- Ariana Gatewood and Mack Luckinbill - Peace Builders Program

Delegations

Ms. Hutchins said persons may present ideas or concerns regarding Culpeper County Public Schools. She 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. She 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. Ms. Hutchins noted there would be a three minute limit for speakers.

There were no delegations.

On motion of Ms. North seconded by Ms. Smith, the School Board considered approving the consent agenda.

- (a) Approval of Minutes – August 10 & 24, 2015
- (b) Payroll and Payment of Bills
- (c) Personnel Recommendations

Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

The board considered the following action items:

- (a) Appointment of School Board Member to the Family Life Education Advisory Committee

On motion of Ms. North seconded by Ms. Luckinbill, the School Board appointed Nate Clancy to the Family Life Education Advisory Committee. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

- (b) Approval of Bullying Prevention Month Resolution for October 2015
Dr. Brads read the resolution recognizing Bullying Prevention Month.

On motion of Mr. Houck seconded by Mr. Clancy, the School Board approved the Bullying Prevention Month Resolution for October 2015. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

- (c) First Reading of Policies/Regulations
On motion of Mr. Houck seconded by Ms. Smith, the School Board approved the policies/regulations on first reading with second reading on October 12, 2015. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

- (d) Approval of Arts in Education Week Resolution for September 13-19, 2015
Dr. Brads read the resolution recognizing Arts in Education Week.

On motion of Ms. North seconded by Ms. Smith, the School Board approved the Arts in Education Week Resolution for September 13-19, 2015. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

The Board heard the following reports:

- (a) Finance Report
Mr. Shomo said the FY' 16 budget was built on an ADM of 7,979 and the September 8th count reflected a membership of 8,002. He said if the membership numbers hold steady it would equate to an additional \$90,000 in revenues.

Mr. Shomo noted that the accounts payable approved this evening totaled \$571,319 and the accounts payable approved in September 2014 totaled \$361,605.

Mr. Shomo reminded members that we budgeted \$3.31 per gallon for diesel and the last load of fuel cost \$1.52.

Mr. Shomo briefly reviewed the cash expenditures for FY' 15:

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- School Expenditures - \$76,259,330
 - Food Service Expenditures - \$3,204,361
 - Debt Service (includes principal, interest, and fees) - \$8,367,144
 - CIP (includes CHS renovation, SP roof, CMS boiler, Vestibule reconfigurations, FARM roof, and kitchen equipment) - \$4,474,453
- Total cash expenditures \$92,578,288

Mr. Shomo provided a brief overview of the current CIP projects. (See page 3 of finance packet.)

- Finishing CHS Renovations
- Parking lots at CCHS
- Bus Wash at Transportation
- Engineering & Plans for A.G. Richardson/Pearl Sample Roadwork Improvements
- Vestibule Work at the Annex
- Air-conditioning of CMS gym and locker rooms
- 2016 Vestibule Security Grant
- Replace phone system at Pearl Sample

Mr. Houck referenced an article in the newspaper relative to the CCHS renovation costs. He asked Mr. Shomo to share a breakdown of costs associated with the project.

\$1.6 million for abatement testing, technology, and change orders

\$17,294,287 for actual construction

\$1,068,000 for architectural fees

\$1 million bond processing fees

Total project \$21 million

Mr. Shomo noted the exterior costs were held until last so we could make sure everything in the physical plant was taken care of first.

Mr. Houck thanked Mr. Shomo and the entire staff for their dedication to this project.

Mr. Shomo thanked Mr. Dietz and his staff for being so cooperative during the renovation. He said the school was fully operational throughout the renovation and it took a lot of time and dedication to make that happen.

Ms. Hutchins noted the CCHS Open House will be September 29th from 6-8 p.m. A brief opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. followed by self-guided tours.

(b) Superintendent Report

Dr. Brads stated that the strategic plan goal 10 talks about prioritizing instructional needs and need for financial planning. He said we are very pleased to have 8,002 students registered and planned on 7,979. He said that is a good place to be rather than the opposite. He thanked the principals and staff for helping to get the students in school. He said the state budget is based on enrollment and we have to have the students present for instruction so we can assess them properly and move forward. He commended staff for helping to get the students in school both from the budget perspective and instruction perspective.

Board Member Reports

Ms. North said she was very impressed by the student presentations this evening. She said we have so much to be proud of in Culpeper. She noted that she has visited several schools and seen some very special projects. She said she wished more people would take time to spend time with our young people.

Mr. Clancy said he was very impressed with the recognitions Dirk Pitts has received at such a young age.

Mr. Houck reiterated his colleague's comments. He said the students this evening reflect well on the whole system. He said he appreciates the tremendous job the staff does.

Ms. Smith said she had the privilege of helping with the Reality Stores at CCHS and EVHS. She briefly explained how the program worked. She said it was a great experience for the students. She thanked Randi Richards-Lutz and other staff for all the work that went into the program.

Ms. Hutchins noted that several board members and Dr. Brads attended the VSBA Legislative Conference in Charlottesville on Thursday. She said they received updates on the state budget projection, the reauthorization of ESEA, and early childhood education. She said the conference was very enlightening.

Information Items

- Summary of CCSB Committee Reports
- Membership September 8, 2015

Future Meeting Dates

- September 28, 2015 – CCSB Work Session, 6 p.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane (Closed Session at 6 p.m. if needed)
- October 12, 2015 – CCSB Finance Committee Meeting, 5:45 p.m. at the County Admin. Office, 302 N. Main Street
- October 12, 2015 – CCSB Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the County Admin Office (Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. if needed)
- October 13, 2015 - CCSB Administration Committee Meeting, 7:45 a.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- October 14, 2015 – CCSB Capital Planning Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane
- October 26, 2015 – CCSB Business/Work Session, 6 p.m. at the School Board Office, 450 Radio Lane (Closed Session at 6 p.m. if needed)

On motion of Ms. North seconded by Ms. Smith, the School Board voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. (Mr. Beard was absent.)

JEFFREY R. SHOMO, CLERK

ELIZABETH S. HUTCHINS, CHAIR