

BUENA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2018

Board Members Present: Wayne Flint, Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Brooke Baker, Roy Mohler and John Roberts. Also present were Dr. John Keeler, Superintendent, Sherrie Wheeler, Director of Administration and Mary Buchanan, Clerk of the School Board. Student Representatives Celeste Doxey and Josh Chapman were present.

Mrs. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for being at the meeting. We had the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Agenda

Dr. Keeler said we had an addition to Presentations. It will be a Band Trip to Atlanta. Ms. Cobb and Mrs. Doxey will be here to talk about the event. Ms. Ellison made a motion to accept the revised agenda and Mr. Flint second the Motion. All other board members present voted yes.

Recognitions

Senior of the Month - Sydney Peyton Mohler has been chosen as Parry McCluer High School's Senior of the Month for September 2018. Peyton is the daughter of Roy and Sarah Mohler of Buena Vista. Peyton is an active member of the girls' basketball and softball teams. She has played on the varsity girls' basketball team for 4 years and was the district player of the year, first team all-conference, region, and state in 2016-2017. She was also the state player of the year for the coaches' association in 2016-2017. In 2017-2018, Peyton received first team all-district, region and state honors and the coach's association player of the year again. In softball, Peyton has played on the varsity team for 3 years and received first team all-district and second-team all-region recognition her sophomore year. Last year she received first team all-district and all-region honors. Peyton is a member of the National Honor Society. She is in her second year of the Teachers for Tomorrow program and is working in Mrs. Terri Flint's kindergarten classroom. In addition to coursework and extracurricular activities, Peyton finds time in her busy schedule to bond with her siblings. Peyton is an active member in the Buena Vista community as she is at PMHS. She is a member of the Buena Vista Baptist Church. Peyton is well-respected by the administration, faculty, coaches, and students of Parry McCluer High School. After high school, Peyton plans to attend a four-year college to play basketball. She will major in elementary education. Her goal is to return to Buena Vista and become a kindergarten teacher where she wants to teach our youth what it means to be a True Blue!

VSBA Recognition Awards - Dr. Keller presented Certificates of Recognition to Brooke Baker, Mary Kaye Buchanan, Mr. Flint, Mrs. Kerr (absent) and Mr. Mohler. Mr. Rice received an Award of Excellence and received a silver pin. Ms. Teresa Ellison received an Award of

Distinction for all of her service to the VSBA and also received a Star Fish Pin. Dr. Keeler also received an Award of Distinction and a Star Fish Pin for his service to the VSBA.

Employee of the month - Dr. Keeler said Becky Brown was the Employee of the Month but she was sick today. We will present this to her next month.

Presentations

Band Trip to Atlanta - Dr. Keeler said Ms. Light could not be present tonight to present this trip and we would receive information from Melissa Cobb and Mrs. Doxey. Mrs. Doxey said Ms. Light has been working with a company to plan a trip before spring break. The trip will be for the band and choir. She did not want the trip to interfere with spring break so the trip is scheduled for March 27, 28th and 29th. Both the band and choir will perform and be in clinics'. The cost will be between \$610.00 and \$645.00 per student. We have a list of fund raisers that we will do. There will be our chaperones and other chaperones provided by the concert venue. Dr. Keeler asked how many students the price was based on. They said around 40 people assuming everyone goes. The price decrease when the number of students increase said Ms. Cobb. Ms. Light is the only comp on the trip. Dr. Keeler said the price includes meals, transportation, hotel and activities. 40 students at the price of \$610.00 per person would be \$24,400.00. Dr. Keeler said 40 students time \$110.00 is \$4,400.00.

The first payment of \$4,400 is due October 19th. How much money do you have? Ms. Cobb said around \$1,000.00. D. Keeler asked what happens if we don't make the rest of the payments? Do we get back this money? The question was asked what happens if someone doesn't have enough money or the fund raising doesn't bring in enough money.

Ms. Cobb said that a refund is available up to 60 days before the trip. Mrs. Baker asked if you come up short with your fund raising and you are short is each child responsible for the balance of the amount due? Ms. Light said that she had people who would sponsor a child. Mr. Flint said if any student would have to come up with any money he was against it and would not vote for it. Ms. Cobb said fund raisers included Admission to Showcases, Alumni game, Business to donate for the trip at half time during one game, Krispy Crème Donut sale and Chick Filet sandwiches. Ms. Ellison asked what the last date to commit to the trip is. Ms. Cobb said January 27th. Mrs. Baker asked is that enough time to come up with \$25,000? Mr. Mohler said that it going to be tough to come up with \$25,000.00 and each child would probably have to pay some to go on the trip. Ms. Ellison wanted something in writing about the trip. Dr. Keeler wanted to hear from the band Director. Ms. Ellison said on big trips that the School Board gets information ahead of time. This has to be listed as an Action item and it is not fair to do it the night we are doing the presentation because we don't have the opportunity to think through it and look at everything and ask the questions that we need to ask. Dr. Keeler said that we need more information. We would like to see this happen but we need a plan. He said we need to host the competitions.

Public Comments

Mrs. Baker read the opening statement on the agenda advising what the public what they could and could not do and how to request being added to the executive session. Public citizens are allowed to make comments but we can't have discussion of personnel or students in a public meeting. Does anyone have any comments? There were no comments.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes and the payment of the bills. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present voted yes.

Action Items

2019 Graduation Date - Dr. Keeler said the 2019 graduation date is Saturday, May 25th at VMI. He did not know the exact time. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the graduation date of May 25, 2019. Mr. Flint second the motion. All other board members present voted yes.

2018-2019 Staff List - Dr. Keeler said the list was included in your packet and Mary Kaye sent you an electronic copy. We have a total of four teachers less than last year and one maintenance person who retired and we did not fill that position. We looped math and science and both teachers are teaching 6th and 7th grade of each subject. We fill that this makes a stronger team. An example is Carrie Crawford who is an excellent math teacher is teaching both grades. We are excited about this. The only person we are missing right now is a replacement for Lindsey Henderson. She just had a baby. Mrs. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Staff List. Mr. Flint made the motion and the Ms. Ellison second the motion. All other board members present voted yes.

Information Items

Finance - Mr. Flint said the committee met Tuesday and reviewed all the bills and we are 16% into our budget year and we are in good shape.

Policy Committee - Ms. Cobb said the policy committee has no new business at this time.

Additional School Board Reports - Ms. Ellison said she had a couple of things. Today was the Legislative Advocacy Conference that VSBA has each year in September. Several topics were discussed, School Safety and Equity for Rural schools to include Technology and facilities. Also we got a general assembly update of what topics needed to be in the fore front. Safety was one, Labor Day opening of school and the King Dominion law will be discussed again. In October there is going to be a Title IX workshop that Brad and Nicky our school attorneys will be presenting this workshop. I am going to summit at UVA on teacher retention. I will glad to see what ideas are out there. No other board member present had any reports.

Student Representatives - Celeste Doxey said they had a fund drive for hurricane relief. SCA elections are on September 26th. They will be having a Dabney Day on October 4th. A Marching Band exhibition at PMHS was moved to October 2nd. The Horse that the Art Department made will be auctioned off on October 13th and the Art Gallery will be open on October 13th, 15th and 17th. Josh Chapman said they would be having different themes in the student section at football

games. The football team will choose a “Jersey Worthy” teacher to wear a jersey for the day and to be honored at the football game. Best Seat in the house - a student with a positive behavior referral is chosen to sit on a delegate couch at the home football game. The Cross Country team will race against the top state contenders in Richmond this Saturday. The Golf team recently became the regular season district champs. Four players are going to the regionals.

Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Keeler said on September 29th there will be a Band Competition at Glenvar High School. September 30th – October 2nd I will be at a Superintendent’s Conference in Virginia Beach. There will be a Band Competition at PMHS with PMHS, Rockbridge, Alleghany, Bath County and SVU the date to be announced later. October 10 there will be a Blues Education Foundation Meeting. October 13th there will be a Band Competition at Lynchburg City Stadium. October 13th we will have our Vista Links Cross Country Invitational for elementary and middle school kids at Vista Links Golf Course for grades K-7, free books for all competitors. October 23rd is the Blues Academic Award’s PMHS Gymnasium. October 25th is the School Board Meeting. October 26th is the Hall of Fame Football Game We will have a pre-game reception at the Pavilion at the PMHS Football Field and be they will be recognized at half-time of the football game. October 27th is the Hall of Fame Banquet. Tickets are on sale at the School Board Office. October 27th there is a Band Competition at the Salem City Stadium. October 23rd is the Finance Meeting but there is a conflict with the Academic Award’s presentation. After a short discussion the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday October 24th. He wanted to thank everyone including staff and police department worked together with us to make a plan work for an evacuation center at the high school. Mr. Flint told him there were cots downstairs in the middle school. They were found by Mrs. Gilbert and cleaned up. We are working on the ALICE Training. Jelly is certified. Troy Clark, Daniel Cole and Officer Buzzard will be complete the training. This past week we dodged a major bullet with the flood or what we thought was going to be a flood. I was proud of how the City and the School System reacted. We had a generator at the school and the local churches helped with things. Debbie had a great idea. We have some room at the middle school and we are going to set up a room to store all the cots, blankets and pillows. All the things that you would need for an evacuation. It doesn’t have to be a snow. It could be the power out for days. He said he thought we were due for a big winter. We sand bagged the Ramsey Center.

Instruction Report/Corrective Action Report - Ms. Wheeler said we will be meeting next month with the Administrators to go over to go over the school improvement plan for the next several years. We are still waiting to hear back from some grants that we applied for.

Special Education and Nurses Report - Dr. Keeler said that Mrs. Gibson could not be with us tonight. A copy of the Nurse report and Special Education report are in your packet. The nurse’s report shows what she does during the day. One of the goals next year is to hire at least a part time nurse or LPN to help her. Her office has moved from Enderly to the High School because of the number of kids that she has to do one on one with.

Transportation and Maintenance - Dr. Keeler said leaking roofs have been a problem. Drain clogged up at the Ramsey Center. Enderly very seldom has a leak. Transportation has sold the old buses and has used the money to purchase 1 used bus. Our transportation director is always looking for new equipment.

MR. FLINT MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AS IT RELATES TO PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS AND A NEW CONTRACT FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT ALL ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) AND ALSO FOR DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (3)}. MS. ELLISON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES.

Mr. Flint made a motion to come out of Closed Session and the motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. All other members present voted yes.

Mrs. Buchanan read the Certification and the board was polled:

Mr. Roberts	Yes
Ms. Ellison	Yes
Mr. Flint	Yes
Mr. Rice	Yes
Mr. Mohler	Yes
Ms. Baker	Yes

Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve Adam Doll-Hennis and Sarah Hubbard as substitute teachers in the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory background check. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flint. All other members present voted yes.

Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve Jean Sepulveda and Mindi Dunbar as school nutrition workers in the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory background checks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flint. All other members present voted yes.

Mr. Flint made a motion to extend Dr. Keeler's contract for an additional four years beginning July 1, 2019 with changes as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rice. All other members present voted yes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Flint and seconded by Mr. Rice. All other members present voted yes.

Brooke Baker, Chairman

Mary Buchanan
Clerk of School Board