

BUENA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2018

Board Members Present: John Rice, Wayne Flint, Teresa Ellison, Lisa Kerr and John Roberts. Also present were Dr. John Keeler, Superintendent, Sherrie Wheeler, Director of Administration and Mary Buchanan, Clerk of the School Board.

Mrs. Kerr 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 that we had two additions to the Action Items tonight. Action item #2 would be the Senior Walk Renovation and Action item #3 would be the Chrome Book Lease for Kling Elementary. A motion was made by Mrs. Ellison to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present voted yes.

[Recognitions](#)

Dr. Keeler said that there were no recognitions tonight.

[Presentations](#)

[School Messenger Presence](#) - Donna Frazier said that she asked her team to come with her to celebrate their achievements. They are a big part of this project. Mr. Buckhalt could not be with us tonight because of an illness. Robin Williams and Conrad Patterson are with me. This summer they checked all equipment and updated needed items. We

will have a new stem class this year. We had over 200 new chrome books to load up and get ready. Teachers have a new chrome book monitoring system which was installed. We are starting a new direction with our communication system. Our goals are to tell our story. They are amazing things happening in our school building every day and we want to share them and let our community know about them. We want to know how our community and industry leaders are working hand in hand with us to make the best school system possible. We want to highlight the good. We want to use every means possible to tell this community that our schools are strong. This new system will allow us to communicate with the parents, community and our business owners. We can send out phone messages, tweets and e-mails. Teachers, parents and students can communicate through the system. Social Media sites will be available. Principals can post things that are going on during the day. We want everyone to know what is going on. The time line for this project is by the end of September. Our team is committed to making this happen. Dr. Keeler thanked Donna for her leadership in this project. Dr. Keeler also thanked Lisa Perry from the News Gazette for her coverage. Mr. Roberts asked if any other City used this application. Dr. Keeler said that Roanoke City and Isle of Wright has a similar system. Going with Power School we got it at a lower rate. Donna said that the addition to our current system only costs us \$5,000. Mr. Roberts said that the community wants to know what is going on. Donna said we also have some students that will help us with this project.

[Senior Walk](#) - Dr. Keeler said Mary Huffman spoke with him about doing something to further my memory of her son and the Senior Walk. She would like to have permission to have a Landscape Architect to look at the space and come up with some drawings. She said that she would like to donate \$10,000 to get it started. The price is about twice that amount. He said that this may be something that our kids could do. Like tables and benches. I am not sure about cobblestones and gravel.

He called his college roommate who has a landscaping business. He asked him if this made sense and about the prices of items. Dr. Keeler's friend said yes. Dr. Keeler said some items can be taken off. This would be a two year thing. One drawing is about \$20,000 and the other is about \$23,000. They discussed putting in concrete instead of gravel, which would make the cost more. Dr. Keeler said that he needed to talk to someone about concrete prices. Mr. Flint said that we could approve the concept.

Public Comments

Mrs. Kerr read the guidelines for Comments. No one wanted to make a comment.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Kerr asked for approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mr. Rice second the motion. All other board members present voted yes.

Action Items

Policy Update - Melissa Cobb presented the following policies:

BBFA Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests #1. BBFA Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests #2. CBB Appointment and Term of the

Superintendent. CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse. DA Management of Funds. DJ Small Purchasing. GA Personnel Policies Goals. GBB Prohibition of Abusive Work Environments. GC Professional Staff. GCCB Employment of Family Members #1. GCCB Employment of Family Members #2. GCDA Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect. GCG Professional Staff Probationary Term and Continuing Contract. IA Instructional Goals and Objectives. IC/ID School

Year/School Day. IGAD Career and Technical Education. IGAE/IGAF Health Education/Physical Education. IGAFH Family Life Education (FLE). IGBG Off-Site instruction and Virtual Courses. GBI Advanced Placement Classes and Special Programs. IGE Adult Education. IJ Guidance and Counselling Program. IJD College and Career Readiness New Policy. IKEB Acceleration. IKG Remediation Recovery Program. IKH Retaking SOL. IL Testing Programs. JC Student Attendance Areas. JEA Compulsory Attendance. JEC School Admission. JECA Admission of Homeless Children. JED Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals. JGD/JGE Student Suspension/Expulsion. JO Student Wellness. JO Student Records. KBA-R Requests for Information. KK School Visitors. KNAJ Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities. LEB Advanced/Alternative Courses for Credit. All policies were updates to reflect the Code.

We have two other policies we tabled until August and need to approve. Policy JTD and JTE are about suspensions short term and long term. Also JHCH is about School Nutrition. Ms. Ellison asked if there were a lot of new policy that have just come in? Ms. Cobb said it was not many. Ms. Kerr asked for a motion to approve the policy up dates. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the policy updates that were presented to us. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present voted yes.

[Senior Walk](#) - Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the concept and authorizing to proceed with the designing bids without disturbing existing things that were put in with a purpose. The motion was second by Ms. Ellison. All other board members present voted yes.

[Chrome Books for Kling](#) - Dr. Keeler said we started with Chrome Books Lease for the High School, Middle School and Enderly. Kling was the

only school that did not have any. The first lease was \$64,180.78 and this one is \$20,267.60. It is the same company and will be funded out of our technology budget. I recommend that we accept this bid. Mr. Flint asked if that was a yearly fee of \$20,267.60? Dr. Keeler said yes. This will be K-2 and all schools will be equipped with Chrome Books. Ms. Ellison asked if any of the schools are taking them home. He said no. Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the Chrome Book lease. The motion was second by Ms. Ellison. All other board members present voted yes.

Information Items

Policy Committee - Ms. Cobb said she had no other information at this time.

Finance - Mr. Flint said the committee met Tuesday and reviewed all the bills and payroll and we ended the year with approximately 97% of our budget spend. There are a few bills to come in. Any bills that are dated June have to be paid out of the last year's budget. We won't know until next month if we have any money left over.

Additional School Board Reports - Ms. Ellison said at the Conference on Education a couple of weeks ago Dr. Keeler and I went to a session on Discipline and Procurement information. One of the things that came up in our Regional meeting was that some of us in smaller divisions have not been getting information posted on the daily VSBA site. She said that she has asked them to send out information to school divisions to do that. We have talked it about in the past about Board Docs. She would like to look into this. It is easy to use and we can use chrome books. There were no other reports from board members.

Transportation Report - Dr. Keeler said Bucky gathered up three old buses that we weren't using and checked with a salvage company to see what we could get for them. It was about \$3,200 each. Rockbridge County has a team bus that they want to sell. He can buy the bus for \$2,000. It

has low mileage. I told him to go ahead and get Rockbridge's name off of it. Bucky is always looking for a deal. I like that about him. He has a good eye for things. The bus stop schedule will be out in the paper soon. Maintenance is up to date.

[Superintendent's Report](#) - Dr. Keeler said High School gym has been painted, bleachers installed and floors have been sanded and painted. Middle School gym has the old bleachers from the high school installed and the backboards and scoreboards are ready to be installed. He said that Debbie has been painting everything that has not been tied down. The girls' basketball team painted the team room. They are going to carpet the room. Mrs. Gilbert said it must have shamed the boys because Mr. Cartolaro is working on the boy's room. Dr. Keeler said Southern Virginia has some equipment they are going to donate to Debbie to use in the old girls locker room. She would like to use this equipment to do an exploratory class for the children. The faculty could use before school and after school. Ms. Ellison asked about the kitchen project. Debbie said Mrs. Robey will be doing an exploratory for the children in the kitchen that will be the Café. Debbie said that she just received a \$3,000 donation from Community Foundation for Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany counties for appliances for the other kitchen. Remodeling is in process. One of the stove hook ups was for gas and that is being converted to an electric outlet. We will also have a washer and dryer. Our students will soon have an exploratory class that will teach them some everyday life skills. We have a back to school event scheduled for the 11th and Melissa had a good idea. We start the event from 6 to 8 p.m. and we could open the doors at 5 p.m. so people could look at the floor. Mr. Roberts asked if there was something that we could do at the high school to have some regional games coming our way since we have done all of these changes and work on our school system. Dr. Keeler is working on this. Mr. Roberts also asked about protection for the gym floor. Dr. Keeler said he had contacted Junie Snider at Mohawk and he is going to supply us with carpet

squares for coverage. He hopes to have enough to cover the whole floor. Mr. Roberts said the pads on the walls were in rough shape. Dr. Keeler said he had checked into this. Dr. Keeler also said that the people that sealed the high school gym will be sealing the middle school gym floor. Convocation will be soon and Melissa and Carrie are doing a good job on that. Vendors will also be there. Instead of breakfast we will have hamburgers and hot dogs about 11:15 p.m. We will be thanking some of the people who have helped us with our school improvement projects. Our school supplies which also include a book bag and a book give away will start August 3rd at the Ramsey Center. First day of school is the 13th. Mr. Roberts asked if day care did well this summer. Dr. Keeler said yes he knew it did because he did not get any complaints.

[Special Education and Nurses Report](#) - Mrs. Gibson said that her information had been sent to them in the packet. We had no nurse report for the summer. She will be back in August. She said she had teachers taking classes this summer.

[Maintenance](#) - Dr. Keeler said he was going to take pictures of everything that had been improved that the kids have been working on with Jeremiah. I will bring this to the board next month. He said he thought about the money that had been saved. They have painted everything on 24th street. Curbing has been painted yellow. It looks a lot better.

[Corrective Action Plan](#) - No Report at this time.

[Instructional Report](#) - Mrs. Wheeler said that she has met with the Administrative Team and that they had updated all of their manuals. A copy of the manuals has been forwarded to Mary Kaye and they will be sent to you by email. We now have one teaching manual that will be used division wide.

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

Mrs. Ellison made a motion to come out of executive session and the motion was second by Mr. Flint.

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

Mr. Roberts	Yes	Ms. Ellison	Yes
Mr. Flint	Yes	Mr. Rice	Yes
Ms. Kerr	Yes		

Ms. Ellison made a motion to accept the resignations of Jennifer Balkey, Michael Perry and Makayla Brown.

Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve Faye Davis and Jennifer Layne as transportation workers with the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory background checks as needed. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other members present voted yes.

Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve Amber Cash and Kelly Reid as workers with School Nutrition in the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory background check. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other members present voted yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Garrett Turner as substitute for the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory

back ground check. Mr. Flint second the motion. All other members present voted yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Betty Jo Garrett and Daniel Kosogof as teachers with the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. Mr. Rice second the motion. All other members present voted yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Kendall Painter and Kayla Shafer as workers with the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. Mr. Rice second the motion. All other members present voted yes.

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

Lisa Kerr, Vice Chairman

Mary Buchanan
Clerk of School Board