

BUENA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 27, 2019

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

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.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the agenda and the motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present voted yes.

Recognitions

Dr. Keeler said that it was an honor to recognize the girls' softball, baseball and track and field. I would like to recognize them by teams.

Baseball - Dr. Keeler said this is the best baseball team we have had here in a long time. They had a good year. Dr. Keeler said Zak Claytor excelled in baseball. He also plays two other sports and excelled in them. Zak was on vacation and was not present to accept his award.

Girls Softball - Dr. Keeler said Chloe Persinger and Peyton Mohler excelled in this sport. Peyton was at the beach and Chloe came forward to accept her award.

Track and Field - Dr. Keeler said we have a team that just keeps on winning. He asked the members to come forward. He told what each team member's accomplishments were and they received certificates.

Mrs. Baker said that Mr. Persinger should be recognized because he chased every home run that the team made to get the ball.

Public Comment

Mrs. Baker read the guidelines for public comments. There were no comments.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Flint made a motion to approve the consent agenda which include the minutes of the May meeting and payment of bills. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present voted yes.

Action Items

Title I Federal Funding - Dr. Keeler said Title I is one of the bigger grants and it pays for the Title I Coordinator's salary plus a number of aides and Professional Development. Ms. Wheeler said the grant is for \$275,708.99.

Title II Federal Funding - Dr. Keeler said this grant is more for professional development. Sherrie said level funding is at \$38,580.50, it is also for instructional leadership. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the Title II Grant and it was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present voted yes.

Title III Federal Funding – Sherrie said this funding is used for language instruction for English learners. It is a small grant for \$2,000.00. It now can be used for classroom books and supplies for language learners. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the Title III Grant and it was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present voted yes.

Title IV Federal Funding - Dr. Keeler said this is the second year that we have applied for this grant. Sherrie said that this is the student support and enrichment grant. This is for \$19,483.82 and for a well-rounded education, healthy and safe school environment. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the Title IV Grant and it was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present voted yes.

Title V Federal Grant - Sherrie said Title V is Rural and Low Income School Divisions. This year's grant is \$18,449.76. We can use this for anything that could be used in Grants I thru IV. We will be using this money for a behavioral specialist for the division. Ms. Ellison said that she recommended sending someone to the Rural and Low Income Conference that they usually have in the fall. It is really a good conference. It covers a lot of topics. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the Title V Grant and it was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present voted yes.

Information Items

Policy Committee – Ms. Cobb said that said that would have a meeting on July 18th, 2019.

Finance - Mr. Flint said the committee met Tuesday and at the end of May we were at 91% thru our budget year and have spent 83% if our budget.

School Board Reports – None of the members had any reports.

Transportation Report - We are running summer school buses and doing the YMCA runs. Mr. Buchanan is having maintenance done on our equipment and getting it in good shape.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Keeler said that they had been given a copy of the Superintendent's report. He said he would be on vacation next week but he would be available by phone. Dr. Keeler also gave the dates for giving out the backpacks and school supplies. The kids will also receive a book. There will be a school board meeting on July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. In the Superintendent's Office. Convocation will be August 5th at the High School Gym. We will recognize our teachers of the year. Back to school week is August 5th thru the 9th. Kids start

back August 12, 2019. The back to school celebration is Saturday August 10th at 4:00 p.m. Two of schools, Parry McCluer High School and Enderly Elementary, were recognize by the Department of Education. We were some of the first schools to receive this distinction in this year. The schools receive this award for being accredited or accredited with conditions for showing academic improvement in school for each of the past three years. Only 285 schools out of 1,500 received this award.

Instruction Report – We have had a busy June. I have met two times with the Elementary principals, Mitzi Wheeler and Denise Fitzgerald. Our last reading training for these schools was five years ago. I believe that we need to go back and go thru the training again. On September 9th, 2019 we will have a training with Elementary teachers and focus on an assessment where a student’s reading level is. We also want to have a writer’s work shop. This workshop was good at the K-2 level. This gets kids interested in writing stories. We are working with the Middle School and the High School to get band straightened out. I met with the band teacher and she told me we had Twenty-Eight Middle School kids signed up for band, Fourteen sixth graders and fourteen seventh graders. We have had a great June.

Special Education and Nurses Report - We do not have anything to add.

Maintenance Report - Dr. Keeler said we have our lawn mowers. We will start cutting grass on Monday, July 1st. Both mowers are down at the maintenance shop. We are looking into buying a trailer. We believe we will break even this 1st year. Transportation is constantly looking for vehicles that we can use.

MR. FLINT MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE CONSIDERATON OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AS IT RELATES TO PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND PERSONNEL PERFORMANCES ALL ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND THE DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (3) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

MR. RICE SECOND THE MOTION. ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES.

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

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

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

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we hire Dana Mikels as a custodian with the Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present vote yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we hire Brianna Grant, Victoria Johnston and Margaret Lawhorne as substitute teachers with Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present vote yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we hire Lisa Perry as a library aide in Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present vote yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Collin Sorrels as and Athletic Trainer and Nurses Assistant with Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. The motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present vote yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Rachel Etzel as a teacher with Buena Vista City Public Schools pending satisfactory back ground checks. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board members present vote yes.

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

Brooke Baker, Vice Chairman

Mary Buchanan
Clerk of School Board