

BUENA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2019

Board Members Present: Wayne Flint, Teresa Ellison, Lisa Kerr, John Roberts, Brooke Baker and John Rice. Mr. Mohler was absent. Also present were Dr. John Keeler, Superintendent, Sherrie Wheeler, Director of Administration, and Mary Buchanan, Clerk of the School Board. School Board representatives Holden Kerr and Hayden Secrist were also present.

Dr. Keeler called the meeting to order. Dr. Keeler asked the Enderly Safety Patrol to come forward. They lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a moment of silence. Dr. Keeler thanked them for doing a good job.

Agenda

Mrs. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Ms. Ellison made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Flint second the motion. All other members present voted yes.

Dr. Keeler said before we start the Recognitions tonight we are blessed to have the Middle School Choir with us. They are going to do a number. Several of these children are going to have to leave us to go to the Christmas Concert that starts at 7:30 at the high school. Their teacher Kevin Haynes said that they had been meeting since November and practicing their songs. They sang the song “Going to Catch That Saint”.

Recognitions

We are honoring our November and December Seniors of the Month. He called Dylan May and Grayson Shields to come forward.

Dylan is the son of Mindy May and a member of the Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints. Dylan has been a member of Cross Country and Outdoor Track and Field teams for four-year, and a member of Indoor Track for two years. Dylan won the Outdoor Track and Field State Title for the one and two mile runs in 2018. He was the Roanoke Times Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2018. In 2019, he was the Cross County State Champion and was a member of the Cross Country State Championship team. He was awarded the Cross County and Indoor/Outdoor Track MVP for the last two years. He has numerous awards for track. After graduation, Dylan plans to go on a church mission for two years and return to Idaho to attend college for a criminal justice and forestry degree in order to become a Game Warden.

Grayson is the daughter of Ronald and Stephanie Shields. She is a four-year member of the softball and volleyball teams. She has also participated in Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field for three years. Grayson is a member of the National Honor Society with a GPA of 3.567 and received her academic jacket this year. She is the Senior Class President and was the Senior

Homecoming Queen. Grayson's other accomplishments include representing PMHS in Girls State her junior year, HOBY Leadership Conference her sophomore year and Talent Search National Student Leadership Conference. She attended the James River Governor's school for one semester during her Junior year and has been taking dual enrollment classes through Dabney. Upon graduation Grayson will receive a General Education certificate and a certificate in Studies of Math and Science from DSLCC. She is only three classes away from receiving her associates in Arts in Science Degree from DSLCC. Grayson is undecided in her choice for college; however, she wants to pursue a degree in Kinesiology with a concentration in Physical Therapy. Both of the students will receive a \$250 Scholarship from the Joe and Mary Wilson Foundation.

November and December Employees of the month - Dr. Keeler asked Denise Fitzgerald to come forward. She has been working for our school system for 44 years. She has served as a classroom teacher and a Pals teacher. She has also received her Master's Degree. She has been helping Mrs. Linkenhoker in her transition to the Principal of Enderly. We are Enderly strong because of Mrs. Fitzgerald. We have another surprise tonight, another Reading Specialist. Lauren Fauber please come forward. She has served as a classroom teacher, Pals teacher and has received her master's degree. You have also been instrumental in helping Mrs. Linkenhoker transition to Principal of Enderly. She is also working on her Administrator's License. She is helping children who are behind catch up. We do an outstanding job in helping kids catch up.

Volleyball Team - Dr. Keeler called Chloe Persinger and Grayson Shields to come forward. These girls are two of our Seniors. He acknowledged each for their awards and accomplishments in Volleyball.

Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams - Dr. Keeler called them all to come forward. This group of kids have won six straight championships in six years. This is a record for Parry McCluer. He told of each teams accomplishments. Coach Poluikis praised what the kids had accomplished and thanked them for their dedication to their team.

School Board Recognition - Dr. Keeler asked Mrs. Baker to come forward. When you run for school board you don't do it for the money you do it for the kids. She has been on the board for four years. He thanked her for her service and Mr. Flint presented her with her plaque.

Enderly Education Presentation - Enderly's principal, Mrs. Linkenhoker, spoke on what the children were learning and how they were learning it. The children presented different examples of projects and how they learned to do the project and what the project reflected. We want our children to be amazing individuals. We have the word Ubuntu on the back of our shirts which comes from an African tribe. In South Africa when someone does something wrong they are taken in the center of the village and surrounded by his tribe for two days and they speak of all the good that they have done. The unity in this ritual to encourage the person to reconnect with their true nature. We are because of what we are together and we are stronger because we are

together. We have had 95.25% attendance since August. In the past weeks we have had 100% attendance in third and fourth grades. She read the goals of the schools. A several groups of students gave different presentations of what they are doing. The students were told by staff why they were important.

Parry McCluer Middle School - Mr. Haynes class played several tunes on their recorders. They have only had these several weeks and are learning quickly.

2020-2021 Budget Updates - Dr. Keeler gave updates on the budget. It will be later this month before we know anything. We are waiting on these amounts. We are hearing 7% raise. Our obstacles are health insurance. We know that we will have to go up on the premium. Our loss experience is up. I should have something to tell you in January. The other thing we are looking at is our local funding. The City has not been doing well and I don't know how that is going to affect us. Dr. Keeler said that Democrats tend to open up their pocket books to public education.

Public Comments

Mrs. Baker read the opening statement on the agenda advising what the public could and could not do during public comments. She also told 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 minutes and payment of bills. This motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present voted yes.

Action Items

School Board Reorganization Meeting /Date - Dr. Keeler said that we need to set a date in January for this. After a short discussion the date of January 2, 2019 was chosen. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. A motion was made by Ms. Ellison to approve the Reorganization Meeting Date and the motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present vote yes.

Mid-Year Retreat - After a short discussion a meeting date of January 25, 2020. They will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Ramsey Center. A motion was made by Ms. Ellison to approve the Mid-Year Retreat Meeting Date and the motion was second by Mr. Rice. All other board members present vote yes.

Information Items

Policy Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

Finance - Mr. Flint said the committee met Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and reviewed all the bills and payroll at this time we are 41% into our budget and have spent 38% of our budget.

Student Representatives – Mr. Kerr said that this is the busy time of the year. Break time coming. We have been having a Spirit Day and dress up. We had a tree decoration for all the classes. We have a gingerbread house contest. The Hero's Breakfast is tomorrow. They will be taking donated old clothes and tearing them in pieces and making dog clothes and selling them Monday thru Wednesday and donating the proceeds to the local SPCA. The last day before our winter break we will be having Reindeer games and a Pep rally. Ms. Secrist gave an update on all the sports going on.

School Board Reports - Ms. Ellison got an email this week about the Valley Regional Meeting. It is in April and will be in Waynesboro. Art projects should be ready for this. All the projects going on at the Ramsey Center have been wonderful. We have great students and teachers. There were no other additions school board reports from members.

Superintendent's Report - If we must close or delay tomorrow it will be announced. Budget information coming out soon. January 6th & 7th is the Vass VASBO Winter Conference in Richmond. January 8th there will be a Blues Education Foundation Meeting at 5:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office. January 9th is the School Board Reorganization Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Superintendent's Office.

January 13th there will be a Teacher Workday and No School for Students. January 13th & 14th there will be a VSBA Capital Conference in Richmond. January 14th there will be Orientation for New School Board Members in Richmond. January 14th the Third Grading Period Begins. January 20th will be a Professional Development Day. January 21st there will be a Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office. January 23rd there will be a School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Ramsey Center. Possible new program for PMHS starting the 2020-2021 school year for LPN's. Possible new program for PMHS starting 2020-2021 school year for Teachers for Tomorrow students earning a 2-year certificate from Dabney S. Lancaster Community College for childcare.

Instruction Report - Ms. Wheeler said she had been busy doing Projects. We have given out a lot of books. This is a good thing for the kids.

Special Education and Nurse Report – Both reports were included in your packet. We are still in 19% of kids with IEP'S. We are not the only ones. New programs we have implemented are working.

Transportation and Maintenance – Dr. Keeler said that they are still looking for used vans. Mitch Harrison showed him a government site that you can buy vehicles at a reasonable price. The biggest problem we have is leaks. Kling has the most. Lisa Clark said that the last few rains they haven't had problems. She thinks the last people that worked on the roof may have found the problem.

MR. FLINT MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AS IT RELATES TO APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL ALL ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) AND PERSONNEL MATTERS NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC MATTERS ALL ACCORDING TO {STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) AND FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ACCORDING TO STATE LAW § 2.2-3711 (A) (3). MR. RICE SECOND THE MOTION. ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES.

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

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

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

Mrs. Kerr made a motion that we accept the resignation of Robin Burch effective November 1, 2019 and her last day of employment will be November 15, 2019. Mr. Flint second the motion. All other board member present voted yes.

Mrs. Kerr made a motion that we accept the resignation of David Austin effective December 12, 2019 as a custodian at Parry McCluer High School. Mr. Rice second the motion. All other board member present voted yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we hire Ashley Falls as a paraprofessional with Buena Vista City Schools pending a satisfactory background check as needed. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board member present voted yes.

Mrs. Ellison made a motion that we approve Patsy Ogden and Nancy Canipe as Nutrition workers with Buena Vista City Schools pending a satisfactory background check as necessary. The motion was second by Mr. Flint. All other board member present voted yes.

Mr. Flint made a motion that we authorize Dr. Keeler to proceed with the sale of school property with the advice of our Real Estate Agent. Mr. Rice second the motion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ellison and second by Mrs. Kerr. All other members present voted yes.

Broke Baker, Chairman

Mary Buchanan
Clerk of School Board