

Buena Vista School Board
Buena Vista, Virginia

Called Meeting
Ramsey Center
October 22, 2020
6:00 P M

School Board Members in attendance: Chairman Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, Lisa Kerr, Roy Mohler, Mac Felts and John Roberts. Dr. Keeler, Kelly Linkenhoker, Sandy Mohler, Sherrie Wheeler and Donna Frazier.

Audience via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Teresa Ellison. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Wayne Flint to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Mac Felts. All Board Members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Recognitions

October Senior of the Month - Trevor Tomlin.

Trevor is the son of Brooke Tomlin and Donald Schley. Trevor is in his second year at Jackson River Governor School. At the end of this year, Trevor will graduate with an Associate's degree from Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, in addition to his high school diploma. At this time Trevor is ranked first in the senior class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the president of the senior class. He is the student representative on the School Board. He is the president of the Project Lit Club with Mrs. George. Trevor is a member of the cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams. He is the captain for all teams. He was a member of the State champion indoor track team last year. He runs long distance and relay events for indoor and outdoor track teams. Trevor mentored with Mrs. Frazier last school year and helped her with her AP class. He also assisted staff members in mitigating technology issues throughout the year. Outside of school, Trevor has a part-time job at Southern Inn. After school, Trevor plans to attend a 4-year university to major in biology on a pre-med track where he eventually hopes to work in a trauma center. He recently received news that he is a Quest Bridge National College Match finalist, which means he is in the running for a full four-year scholarship to some of the top colleges and universities in the nation!!!!

October Employee of the Month - Tammy Stinnett and Brandi Wheeler. Tammy and Brandi works in the Transportation Department. They are responsible for fogging the buses twice a day. They also clean all of the cars inside and out. They are one of the reasons we are able to remain open and preventing the spread. We cannot slip up, we cannot take a day off from cleaning. The safest place for our kids is at school with all of our social distancing, wearing masks. I know I speak for everyone when I say "Thank you."

Presentations

Superintendent's Goals for 2020-2021 – I have three goals this year.

- 1) Continue to lead the Division through the pandemic by focusing on health and safety, providing support for the well-being of all students, staff, and ensuring the continuity in learning, setting high expectations for student achievements, and maintaining the budget stability. Continue to get feedback from staff and parents. Continue to work with our Health Department to monitor the situation in the community. Provide a safe and health school environment. Continue to be proactive in our communication with City Council to find the best use of Federal stimulus money. We have received \$236, 000 in Federal funds. Most of it is contingent upon on how it is spent. Has to be spent, received and paid for before the end of Dec 31, 2020. We have a committee helping with this and I think we are going to get there. Pick up some things that we need.
- 2) Promote a shared vision within the community, School Board and City Council to encourage a strong focus on excellence in education in Buena Vista. It's more important than ever to talk about what it is to be a Blue.
- 3) Work to secure a plan to for a new PK – 7 grade School that will offer a safe and secure learning environment where students, staff and families can continue the Buena Vista tradition of excellence in academics and provide a sense of pride for our community for many years to come. I have never served in a school division with so much pride as there is in Buena Vista. That pride has to carry us over the next step and into the next 50 years. Something we can feel good about. Remember where we came from and appreciate what we have.

I look forward to the challenges and I appreciate working with you for the rest of the year. These goals will be Action Items for next month's meeting.

Superintendent's Budget Schedule for 2021 – 2022

We have set up a committee call the Core Committee to help with budget concerns with budget spending. Help with decisions on how the money should be spent. We have several grants now that need to be spent before the end of the year. We are in good shape in getting what we need and within the time limits of the grants.

- 1) Federal CARES Act Relief: Original CARES Allocation
- 2) Coronavirus Relief Fund – has to be spent quickly
- 3) Cares/GEER Funding
- 4) Coronavirus Relief Fund – Awarded to BVCPS through Buena Vista City Council – received two \$50,000 allocations. We purchased a Bus with these funds.
- 5) Community Grant - \$20,000 these funds are tied in with the City's grant and has stringent regulations on how to spend the funds. Narrow window to spend the funds, will use on technology and hotspots.

2021-2022 Budget Process

- December 2020 School Board meeting – Superintendent will present the 2021-2022 Budget Goals and priorities.
- January 2021 School Board meeting –
 - Presentation of the BVCPS 2021-2022 first draft budget

- We will then schedule necessary Budget Work Sessions, as needed, throughout February and March.
- If possible, the Superintendent will discuss the governor's projected budget for schools.
- Budget hearing for the Public – March 2021
- Approval of the 2021-22 BVCPS Budget – March 25, 2021.
- Send the School Budget to City Council – March 26, 2021.

The Superintendent's Budget Advisory Council will meet again this year. Monthly meetings beginning Dec 8, 2020 through March 9, 2021. All meetings will be held via google meet or in the superintendent's office at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Ellison – Welcome of Visitors, Parent and Community leaders and public comments. No comments.

Consent Agenda

Need a motion to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the minutes for the September 24th meeting and payment of the bills – vendor payment in the amount of \$151,627.48 and payroll payments in the amount of \$766,885.02. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Roy Mohler. All Board members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Action Items

Organizational Chart 2020-2021 - Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Organizational Chart. It was seconded by Wayne Flint. All Board member present voted yes.

Board Reorganization Meeting – Motion was made by Wayne Flint to set the date for January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Training Room for the Reorganization Meeting. It was seconded by Roy Mohler. All Board members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Regional Alternative Educational Center Authorization – Authorization for Kelly Linkenhoker to sign in place of Dr. Keeler if necessary. Motion was made by Wayne Flint. It was seconded by Roy Mohler. All Board members present voted yes. No opposed. Motion carries.

Information Items

Finance Committee Report – Finance Committee met this Tuesday. Reviewed all payments of bills. Approved payment of bills and payroll. 25% into the Budget year and we have spent 22% We are in good shape so far.

Policy Committee – no polices at this time.

Additional School Board Reports – no report at this time.

Student Representatives Report – Junior Ring Ceremony was held. Earthquake and lockdown drills were held. Seniors had to apply for Early Action/Early Decision Admissions. Academics – End of the 1st Nine weeks. Writing SOLs were given for 11th grade. New attendance policy began – 1st block google meets. November 2 – 6 Student Work Showcase. Teachers display student’s work on lockers, throughout the school to showoff out students. Fix-It Fridays to help students who need help. These students report to school on Fridays from 8:30 to 3:00 or until their missing/failing work is corrected. Students meet with the teacher for an hour and then report to a lab-like setting where they work on their missing assignments. Arts showcase at the Ramsey Center in December for PMHS and PMMS. Spirit Week for Red Ribbon Week. Door decorating contest for 3rd block classes. Athletics – Basketball, Indoor track and Wrestling teams are still conditioning. Football weight lifting. Football is selling Blues Cards and Wrestlers are taking Krispy Kreme orders. Ribbon Week promote drug free.

Superintendent’s Report – Like to comment the High School for Fix-it Friday. This is new. Adjustment to help students adjust to the new schedule. 2nd chance to be successful. Report cards go out Nov 10th. New report card format. Parent teacher conferences Nov 12 3:00 – 7:00 and Nov 13-8:00 – noon. Virginia School Board Association Convention will virtual this year Nov 18-20, 2020. Finance Meeting Nov 24th 5:00 Superintendent’s office. Thanksgiving break Nov 25-27th. School board meeting Dec 10th. Winter Break Dec 23 – Jan 4th. School Board Reorganization meeting Jan 4, 2021. BVCPS has received \$20,000 Community Grant, \$118,000 in CARES funding and \$136,000 in CRF funding.

Instructional Report – Fridays are being used for remediation “Fix-it Fridays” across the division to make-up assignments, tutoring, and individual academic coaching for students. Administrative walkthroughs continue – round 2, PMHS Nov 19, PMMS Oct 28, KES Oct 21 and EHES Nov 12. YMCA begins October 19th, currently have 6 students from Kling that are transported to EH: KES Family bingo Oct 20, EHES trick-or-treating 3-5 Oct 27, PMMS Fall Festival Oct 29, PMHS Red Ribbon Week Celebrations. Continuing PD offering for teachers and staff. Engage teachers in training for purposeful, engaging and intentional curriculum planning and pacing. Provide intervention programs for all students and address academic, social, or emotional gaps and needs.

Special Educational Report – 18 eligibility meetings for students referred for special elevations. Began ATHLOS a web-based special education log for services provided virtually. Purchased through CARES funds. Provide ongoing support to school principals for student and staff concerns. Provide support for Special educators to maintain IEP and eligibility timelines per federal/state regulations. SPED

Nurses Report – Our students and staff are doing well following the health and safety protocols each day giving us a healthy environment. COVID related issues, concern, questions, Zoom meetings with the Health Dept. continue to consume a good amount of my time each day. Required hearing and vision screenings will begin next month. Our annual staff flue clinic was held Oct 16th and a little over 70 vaccines were provided to staff and their families.

Maintenance/Transportation Report – Working to spend grant funds for things that we need to ensure that the schools have what they need to maintain a clean building. Everyone is working

together. Staff is stepping up to make sure the buses and cars are clean. We applied for the Washington and Lee Community grant again this year. Waiting to hear back. We were approved for FEMA funds. Working on that.

Blues Foundation sponsored a Golf Tournament. We had 12 teams and we cleared between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Wayne Flint made the motion to go into closed session for consideration of personnel matters, personnel appointments, resignations and personnel performances {State law 2.2 3711 (A) (1)} and discussion of acquisition of real property and disposition of real property according to {State Law 2.2 3711 (A) (3)} and the discussion of student matters {State law 2.2 3711 (A) (2)}. It was seconded by Mac Felts. All Board members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Mac Felts to adjourn the closed session. It was seconded by Roy Mohler. All Board Members present voted yes.

The certification was read and the Board was polled.

Mr. Felts – yes

Mrs. Kerr – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mr. Mohler – yes

Mr. Flint – yes

Mrs. Ellison – yes

Lisa Kerr made a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Poe as an employee of BVCPS effective 10/16/2020, It was seconded by Mac Felts. All Board members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Lisa Kerr made a motion to accept the retirement of Lisa Bolen from BVCPS effective 11/1/2020. It was seconded by Wayne Flint. All Board member present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Lisa Kerr made a motion to hire Alexis Anderson as a long term sub for BVCPS effective 10/26/20. It was seconded by Wayne Flint. All Board members present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Mac Felts made a motion that the Board instruct Dr. Keeler to pursue the acquisition of a professional commercial appraiser on the middle school property location on 23 and 24th Street, Magnolia and Chestnut Ave. For the purpose of determining value. It was seconded by Wayne Flint. All Board member present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Lisa Kerr made a motion to accept the request for religious exemption for student 102220-1. It was seconded by Mac Felts. All Board member present voted yes. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Need to set a date for a Special Called meeting to discuss perusing a Feasibility Study. Nov 5th or Nov 12th at 6:00.

Wayne Flint made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr. All board members voted yes. No one opposed.

Meeting is adjourned.

Lisa B. Kerr
Lisa Kerr Vice Chair

12-10-20
Date

Sandra Mohler
Sandra Mohler Clerk

12/10/20
Date