

BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

W. P. RAMSEY EDUCATIONAL CENTER

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Teresa Ellison, Roy Mohler, Wayne Flint, John Rice, Mac Felts, Lisa Kerr and John Roberts. Also attending were John Keeler, Donna Frazier, Sandy Mohler, Kelly Linkenhoker, Sherrie Wheeler, Trevor Tomlin and Cloey Mazingo.

Meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence was observed.

Need to amend the Agenda and add the following under recognitions. C. School Board Appreciation Month and D. State Championship Basketball team. And add E. Superintendent Search under Presentations. Wayne Flint made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. It was seconded by Mac Felts. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

RECOGNITIONS:

Talen Roberts is the Senior of the month for February, 2021. Senior of the Month. Talen is the 76th senior to be chosen. Talen is the son of John and Teresa Roberts of Buena Vista. Talen has a 3.2 GPA and has earned 7 college credits through Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. Member of the National Honor Society. Talen has earned 3 silver metals for achieving A-B honor roll. He participated in Teachers for Tomorrow and mentored at Enderly Heights Elementary School. Talen is a member of the basketball and football teams. Talen was selected as the 3WZ athlete of the week this year. Talen enjoys fishing and loves to hang out with his friends and family. Talen is a member of the Buena Vista Baptist Church. Talen plans to attend Dabney S. Lancaster Community College for one year to complete his general studies. Then he plans to transfer to a 4-year college or university.

Hope Williams and Pam Conley are the February 2021 Employees of the Month. They are co-directors of our School Nutrition program. Since March, 2020 School Nutrition has served over 176,539 meals to our students. Thank you Hope and Pam.

February is School Board Appreciation Month. Like to recognize our School Board. Students made a video showing their appreciation for our School Board. The Board received gifts from the schools. Each member of the Board, Clerk and Deputy Clerk received a certificate of appreciation from the VSBA.

2021 Basketball State Championship team – Each member of the team received a certificate recognizing their accomplishment of winning their first State Championship. We are very proud of this team.

Presentations:

2021-2022 Budget Update – We have not received the House or Senate’s budget. Looking for a 3% raise, but the House is thinking of including funds for a 5% raise for teachers. Governor does support a 5% Sales tax has been good this year. No VRS increase and no health insurance increase right now. Looking to hire additional staff – a new Pre-K teacher, First grade teacher, Spanish teacher and an SPED elementary teacher. Looking to add new nursing program for 11/12th grade provide by Dabney. Dance class which has already started and an Athletic trainer class. Total cost is \$384,000. We give a raise for everyone. Confident that we can do a 3%. ESSER II funding, we looking to see what is going to happen next. What have we learned from Covid-19? Where do we need more support for teachers and students? Would like to find funds for 3 Student success coaches, additional PD for staff, summer school funding, instructional materials/furniture as needed, additional ventilation equipment for PMHS.

Feasibility Update

Found out that the land beside PMHS would not be suitable. Would have to put in a new road would be more than a ½ mile long. Have to run water and sewer lines. It would cost at least 4.3 million dollars to put in water/sewer line and a new road. We could use this 4.3 million somewhere else.

Learned that building on the High School site would save on parking spaces as the existing parking lot can be used. Opens up additional options at the High School site – Tarp football field, cafetorium, auxiliary gym, new shop area at PMHS and fix some of the issues that the High School presently has. 15 people went to John Kerr Elementary to see what our school could look like and everyone had positive comments about the visit.

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Calendar committee presented 3 calendar options. 78% of the staff preferred Calendar Option B. Options A & B have School starting in August. Option C has school starting after Labor Day. Moved spring break up a week in all options for SOL reasons. Each calendar has 180 instructional days. Most of the staff like having PD days at the beginning of the school year. Gives them time to get their rooms set up and get ready for students.

Summer School

KESs & EHES sessions and times – for rising 1st and 6th grades

Session 1 - June 14 – 25 - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session 2 - July 12 – July 23 - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session 3 - August 2 – 6 – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Rising Kindergarten Academy

Best enrichment camp:

Session 1 – June 14 – 25 – 12:00 am – 5:00 pm

Session 2-July 12 – 23 – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

August 2-13 – Open to all students who want to attend. Will provide an opportunity for students to get a jumpstart on the new school year. Help address learning gaps with targeted interventions for select students. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Transportation will be offered. All student is invited to attend. BVCPS is offering every student the opportunity to expand and refine their learning by providing summer learning through engagement and enrichment for ALL students.

Health screenings will continue each day. 10 students per classroom. Transportation will be offered for all students. A summer school help line will be available Monday-Thursday to help support technology and academic concerns.

Middle and High School-

PMMS – 4-day in-person option only – June 7 – July 2 - 8:30 am – 11:30 am – 4-week program
Rising 7th and Rising 8th graders. Recommended for any student in danger of retention or failing a course and any “at risk” students. No more than 3 missed day or NO CREDIT RECEIVED. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

PMHS – credit recovery - 5-days, virtual only through APEX June 7 – June 25 - 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – 3-week program

PE/Health/Drive’s Education – 4-day in-person option only - June 7 – July 23 – 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (vacation week of July 4th) 6-week program. Rising 9th or 10th grade students who wishes to complete this credit during the summer. Limited PE activities outside of the school building.

Rising 9th - 12th graders. Focus on credit recovery – all virtual through APEX. Daily Supervision by Apex instruction coordinator. Daily student check-in at 9:00 am. No more than 3 missed daily check-ins or no credit received. Students must attend daily check-ins and complete all daily assignments to received credit for that day. Quizzes and test will be proctored in person.

Registration for all BVCPS students will begin April 12 and will be filled in 1st come 1st served basis.

Superintendent Search

Update on the search

30 inquiries received, there were 23 full applications

Experience:

3 current/former superintendents

3 assistant/associate/deputy superintendents

8 central office administrators

5 principal/building level administrators

4 other

11 men and 12 women

18 Virginia applicants

5 out-of-state applicants: AR, CT, OH, TN, WV

The School Board will be conducting interviews for the position of superintendent from March 1 to March 15. These interviews will be held in accordance with the code of VA section 2.2-3712.

Welcome of Visitors, Parents and Community Leaders and Public Comment – no comments.

Consent Agenda

Minutes for Special Called Meetings – February 3, 2021 and February 17, 2021

Minutes for Regular SB Meeting-January 28, 2021

Payment of bill – vendor payments – 193,040.12 and payroll payments-759,190.87

Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by John Rice. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Action Items

March 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm was set for the Budget Workshop

Called Meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the construction matter.

Motion was made by Mac Felts and seconded by Wayne Flint. Passed by a vote of 7-0

Informational Reports

Policy Committee Report-no new policies

Finance Committee Report-met Tuesday, approved bills. We are 58% through the budget year and expenditures are at 51%.

Student Representative's Report-student representatives gave an update on the activities happening at PMHS.

Additional School Board Reports – No reports

Superintendent's Report – I have asked our Northwestern account broker to attend our March 25th meeting. We have a new broker – want him to introduce himself to give us an update on the account. One payment left on our bus lease. Looking to purchase some more bus next spring. We got 2 cars from the City. Spring Break April 5-9, 2021. New City Manage start March 15, 2021. End of the 3rd grading period. February 26, 2021 – 2nd dose of the Covid-19 vaccine 8:00 am at PMHS gym.

Instructional Report -

Fridays are being used for remediation "fix-it Friday" across the Division. Interims distributed February 23rd. end of the 3rd 9-week March 26, 2021

Testing

Kes-MAPS, PALS and F& P

EHES-MAPS, PALS, F& P and SOLS May 3-21st.

PMMS- SOLS May 3-21st.

PMHS-writing March 15-26, SOLS May 3-21st.

Administrative walkthroughs – March 2nd at KES, March 4th at PMMS, March 9th at EHES and March 16th at PMHS.

Special Education/Nurse Report – report was given to the Board

Transportation/Maintenance Report – 50% of meals are being delivered by Transportation. Friday is food delivery day, students receive 5 days' worth of breakfast and lunch and a gallon of milk.

Maintenance- Jimmy is busy checking roads for weather conditions. Air quality will be big. We have made a dent at the elementary and middle schools. Will need additional funding for the high school.

Wayne Flint made the motion to go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of performance of personnel as it relates to performance and resignations and retirements according to

{State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)} and for the discussion of acquisition and disposition of real property according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (3)}. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Wayne Flint to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Certification was read and the Board was polled.

- Mr. Felts – yes
- Mrs. Kerr – yes
- Mr. Flint - yes
- Mr. Rice - yes
- Mr. Roberts - yes
- Mr. Mohler - yes
- Ms. Ellison – yes

Lisa Kerr made the motion to accept the resignations of Daniel Kosogof and Stacey Funkhouser effective June 2, 2021. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Roy Mohler to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Teresa R. Ellison

Teresa Ellison, Chairman

3-25-2021

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler, Clerk

3-25-2021

Date