

BUENA VIST CITY SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA
SPECIAL MEETING
April 29, 2020
6:00 P. M.
WILFORD P. RAMSEY EDUCATIONAL CENTER

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members Present: Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, Lisa Kerr, Mac Felts, John Rice and John Roberts. Absent: Roy Mohler. Also in attendance - John Keeler, Kelly Linkenhoker, Sherrie Wheeler, Donna Frazier and Sandra Mohler.

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

Motion was made by Wayne Flint to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Welcome of visitors, parents, and community leaders and public comment.

Paula Charlton: I would like to offer my appreciation for everyone in the room tonight, that we made this far in the school year.

Action Item:

Lisa Kerr: On behalf of the Buena Vista City Public Schools, I would like to make the following motion. The School Board of Buena Vista City Public Schools approves the appointment and the contract of Anthony H. Francis as Superintendent. The appointment and contract are effective beginning July 1, 2021. It was seconded by John Roberts.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts-yes

Mrs. Kerr-yes

Mr. Flint-yes

Mr. Rice-yes

Ms. Ellison-yes

Chair Teresa Ellison introduced Dr. Tony Francis. He has 34 years of experience in public education in Virginia. He has served as a Teacher, Coach and Assistant Principal in Lynchburg City Public Schools. As well as a High School Principal and Director of Elementary and Secondary Education in Bedford County Public Schools. Since 2017, he has served as Director of Secondary Education and CTE for Bedford County Public Schools. We are delighted to have you with us and we welcome you to Buena Vista. Dr. Francis earned a Doctorate in Leadership studies from Lynchburg College. Masters of Education and

Education Leadership from Lynchburg College. Bachelor of Arts and Biology from Randolph Macon College.

Dr. Anthony Francis- I am excited and pleased to be appointed. It is such an honor. I am so impressed with Buena Vista. I looked at your education plan, and what Dr. Keeler has done here. Plan for COVID is second to none. There is a real passion here and a love for Buena Vista and the school system. One of the things I think is needed is the school system needs to be active in the community. That is what is so special about a community like Buena Vista. That is why I was drawn to Buena Vista, it fits my personality. Throughout my career, I like to develop positive relationships with students, parents, School Board Members and staff. I feel that it is so critical and that is what I see here in Buena Vista. I am looking forward to this and I hope to finish my career here in Buena Vista. I love this part of the country and I love the community pride here. I grew up about 40 miles from here and everyone knows the Buena Vista Fighting Blues. I had a chance to coach with Bo Henson who is a big member of this community. Education, arts and athletics mean something to this community. Coming in I am looking to build on the strengths. Things are in very good shape here and has solid programs. I want to learn about how things works. I want to work with the community, staff, central office staff and the School Board to really make this as great of a school division as we can. I had several interviews and one of the questions asked was – Who is the most important group, if you become Superintendent? My answer was the students. Next best thing we have is our staff. This is such a unique and special school community. “Go Blues”

Motion was made by Wayne Flint to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Teresa Ellison

Teresa Ellison – Chair

May 27, 2021

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler – Clerk

5/27/2021

Date