BUENA VIST CITY SCHOOL BOARD

BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

School Board Members Present: Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, Lisa Kerr, Roy Mohler, John Roberts and Allen Felts. Absent: John Rice. Also present: Tony Francis, Gennifer Miller and Sandra Mohler.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence was observed.

Chairman Ellison proposed that we amend the agenda as follows:
1. Move presentation Mitigation Update before the Welcome of Visitors.
2. Add Action Item – Mitigation Update
3. Add Closed Session

Motion was made by Mac Felts that the Board approve the Agenda with the corrections as noted.
Second: Wayne Flint   Motion passed by a 6-0 unanimous vote

Presentations:

Mitigation Update

Senate Bill 739 became a law on 2-16-2022. We now have a new law Senate Bill 739, which states that by March 1, 2022, all schools must comply with the provision to make masks optional for students per parent request. It only applies to students in K-12 and it does not supersede Federal mandate concerning public transportation. That includes school buses, which remains in place until March 18, 2022. The federal mandate may be amended. Keep in mind - regarding our 5-day quarantine, if a student tests positive, they can return to school on days 6-10 if they have no symptoms but they must wear a mask. Senate bill 739 does not change that. If the students decide not to wear a mask, they would return on day 11. If we go with Senate Bill 739, we would eliminate contact tracing. We would use 10% positive cases to determine outbreak. We have never hit the 10% positive cases. Running 8-9 positive cases a week for the last month for the division. Visitors would still have to wear a mask when inside the building. Teachers and staff and any adult would be required to wear a mask. The Department of Labor and Industry have been mandated by Executive Order 6 to bring back a recommendation within 30 days to the Governor. That timeframe is ending soon. They may change the requirement that staff must wear masks while indoors.

My recommendation is to make masks optional for students on February 21, 2022 due to Senate Bill 739 being law and the decline of COVID and positivity rate in Buena Vista.

Public Comments - No comments

Action Item:

Wayne Flint made the motion to amend the school division mitigation plan to make masks optional for students beginning February 21, 2022 and to suspend contact tracing on the same date. These actions taken to be in compliance with Senate Bill 739. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Wayne Flint made the motion that we go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to performance, new hires and appointments according to {State Law §2.2-3711 (A) (1)} It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and pass by a 6-0 vote.

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

The certification was read and the Board was polled.
Mr. Felts – yes
Mr. Roberts - yes
Mrs. Kerr – yes
Mr. Flint – yes
Mr. Mohler- yes
Ms. Ellison – yes

Motion was made by Lisa Kerr to approve the appointment of Emma Marcum to a full time Paraprofessional position at Kling effective April 4, 2022 from her current position as a Substitute. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion to hire April Cullen as a Custodian at PMHS effective February 21, 2022. No background check will be necessary since there was a non-expired one on file. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion to hire Austin Forthsyth as an JV Assistant Baseball Coach effective April 22, 2022 pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Teresa Ellison   *March 24, 2022*
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Teresa Ellison, Chair   Date

Sandra Mohler   *March 24, 2022*
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Sandra Mohler, Clerk   Date