

BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA
Budget Public Hearing
5:00 P.M.
May 25, 2023

W. P. Ramsey Education Center

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Mac Felts, John Roberts, Wayne Flint. Remote participation: Lisa Kerr work related. Absent: Roy Mohler – family activity. Also attending were Aniyah McCoy, Dr. Tony Francis, Gennifer Miller, and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Mac Felts and pass a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to approve remote participate for Lisa Kerr. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote. Mrs. Kerr participated by phone for the rest of the meeting.

Recognitions

Senior of the Month – May – Aniyah McCoy June – David Lawhorne

Employee of the Month – will be recognized at the June meeting.

Teachers of the Year – Enderly – Sara Hayes Kling – Peggie Poulakis PMMS – John Armstrong

PMHS – Carlie Owen

Division Teacher of the Year – Peggie Poluikis

Presentations

Senior Class of 2023 – Mark Wheeler

A total of 82 seniors will received their diploma Saturday. 50% will attend a post-secondary, 49% of the 50% will attend a 4-yr university, 51% will attend a 2-yr college or trade school and 50% other. At the Award Ceremony, over \$13,000 was given out from the BV Scholarship fund.

Computer Science Program – Melissa Coleman

There will be a Computer Science Leader at each school. They report progress & requirements at monthly faculty meetings. They provide additional computer science instruction in the classroom. Recognized Terri Flint and Hannah Borgerding for their efforts in the Computer Science Program. They did a great job. Remind the kids to be a good citizen as well as a good virtual citizen. Remind them to think before you post.

Gifted Plan Update – Melissa Coleman

I am now fully endorsed for gifted program. It's been a long time. We are finally catching up with testing. COVID really put us behind. 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades and part of middle school students testing has been completed. As a result, 9 new students were identified for gifted services. We had several students participate in a writing contest and they did really well. Students placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, we have some

very talented writers. Dual enrollment and governor's school serves as gifted for high school students. They earn college credits.

Title 1 – Denise Fitzgerald

\$338,532.00 – Kling and Enderly are Title I schools. Working on towards increasing Math and Reading SOL scores. Working to engage more parents. Budget is as follows-\$273,337.06 for salaries and benefits, \$15,000 for site licenses, \$50,192.94 will be spent on instructional materials and supplies. This year we were required to reach out to Private schools in the area. If a student leaves and attend a private school, we have to reach out to see if the private schools are interest in receiving Title I funding. All 3 private schools declined Title 1 funds.

Title II – Denise Fitzgerald

\$42,986.46 – We use needs assessments to determine how we use the funds for professional development. Focus on all instructional staff and administration staff to increase to help in their growth. Evaluations are important in determining professional development opportunities. \$7,000 will be spent in our teacher mentor program, \$25,409.46 will be used for tuition for classes, testing fees, teacher recruitment, professional development, training, workshops and conferences. \$2,000 will be used for travel expenses and \$7,841.50 will be used for professional materials and supplies.

Title IV – Denise Fitzgerald

\$22,015.67 –will be used for dual enrollment classes and for field trips for students to visit universities and colleges.

Title V – Denise Fitzgerald

\$25,315.36 will be used for our one school one book event and dual enrollment for students.

Title III – Lisa Clark

\$1,084.42 – use to support English as a Second Language learners. Right now we have 3 students. Set goals for students to increase their growth in the English language. Focus on speaking and writing. Use money to translate documents for parents.

Superintendent Designee – Dr. Francis is recommending Dr. Miller and Juli Gibson to be his designee when he away from the office. Dr. Miller is the primary and Juli Gibson is the secondary designee.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Update

COVID was downgraded from a pandemic in May. The requirements and regulations have changed because of that we need to update our opening plan since we still have ESSER funds. We will continue to work closely with the Department of Health and CDC. Continue to monitor any type of illness, offer support & monitor social emotional and behavior health issues. Prevention strategies include – promote vaccinations, Ventilation - VDH is providing us with new air purifiers for all of our rooms. Will include filters for 2 years. Wash hands, stay home when you are sick. Get tested. We will continue to clean and disinfect daily. Enderly has a new HVAC system, which will help with ventilation issues. Everything is back to normal – in person. Sara Kelly collects data to see if we have any hotspots. The plan will be posted on the website for 30 days for public feedback.

2023-2024 Budget Update

The City approved their budget, they gave us level funding. They didn't approve the additional \$215,261.00 we asked for. Tyson Cooper and Melvin Henson voted against the City budget. Based on that, we balanced the budget and you have a copy before you. Kept the 5% increase and the pay bands. We had to cut the guidance counselor, medial position and reduce some funding for health care. We have ESSER II funds available to spend. We plan to use ESSER II funds to make up for the funding cut from the health insurance line. The grant will be amended to allow for this change. If the State passes their budget and we get additional funding & a salary increase of 7%, we will have to adjust salaries. Also have to issue new contracts. School Board members had a question about the guidance position. We need an additional guidance counselor at the high school. If you approve the budget tonight, we will issue contracts tomorrow.

Welcome of Visitors – No one had comments.

John Roberts made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting, vendor and payroll payments. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the February VSBA Policy Updates. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- B. John Roberts made the motion to reschedule the June School Board and Finance Meetings. School Board Meeting will be held on June 29, 2023 and the Finance Meeting will be held on June 27, 2023. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- C. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented by Dr. Francis. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- D. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Title 1 Part A, II, IV and V grants. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- E. John Roberts made the motion to approve the Title III grant. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Informational Items

Policy Committee Report –We have May VSBA updates. A Policy Meeting will be scheduled in June.

Finance Committee Report – Finance Committee met Tuesday, all vendor and payroll payments were approved. We are 83% through the school year and we have spent 70% of our budget.

Additional School Board Reports – No additional reports at this time.

Student Representatives – SOL testing is done. Tomorrow is the Senior Breakfast and Senior Walk. Graduation walkthrough at Cameron Hall at 11:00 am. Final exams are May 30th and 31st. Last day of school is May 31st. Softball and baseball are playing in Region C quarter finals tonight. Tennis team won the regular season but lost in the Region C quarter final. Addison Roberts will play in single tournament

next Monday and Addison and Sadie Mays play in the doubles tournament. Track – 6 members qualified for the State meet on June 2nd at JMU.

Superintendent's Report – No increase from the City. We received level funding.

School Board Members Attendance policy – We now have a new requirement that we have to record the reason why a school board member misses a meeting. Please send Mrs. Mohler email if you are unable to attend.

Instructional Report – SOL testing are finished. PMHS made huge gains. Celebrated Teacher appreciation week. We will be going to a new assessment software for teachers called Mastery Connect. Teachers like the program. Administrative training & retreat will be held June 5th, 6th & 7th. Teacher evaluation are almost done. Doing a lot of interviews. Training on the Literacy Act continues for Reading Specialist.

Sped/Nurse Report – A hard copy of both reports are in your packets. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Juli Gibson.

Maintenance Report/Transportation/HR

Maintenance – We applied for a VDOT grant to put in a new sidewalk. The cost of the project was \$2.2 million and we would need to fund 20%, which is \$300,000. We cannot afford this. Mr. Tyree said maybe there is something the City could do to help. He will look into it.

Wayne Flint made the motion to go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to performance, appointments, new hires, resignations and retirements according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)} It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed 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 (remote)

Mr. Flint - yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Heather Knick as a custodian for Buena Vista City Public School System, effective May 30, 2023 subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Kenneth Camden as a Part-time Custodian for Buena Vista City Public School System, effective May 30, 2023 pending a satisfactory background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Nathan Williams as a Summer Nutrition worker for the Buena Vista City Public School System, effective for the months of June, July and August subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Margret Patterson as an Exploratory Teacher, effective 2023-2024 School Year, subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 5-0 vote. John Roberts sustained from the vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Grace Biegler as a Teacher for the Buena Vista City Public School System, effective the 2023-2024 School Year, subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Jessica Hayes as a Part-time CCEIS Coordinator/RTI Teacher for the Buena Vista City Public School System, effective 2023-2024 School Year, subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Mark Landis as a Teacher for the Buena Vista City Public School System, effective 2023-2024 School Year, subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the appointment of Melanie Beard and Alyssa Sewell as Co-Site Coordinators for the 21st Century After School Program, effective June 1, 2023. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the appointment of Hannah Marcum as the VPI Aide effective 2023-2024 School Year. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the appointment of Kayleigh Harlow as the Media Aide effective the 2023-2024 School Year. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the appointment of Hannah Bouchelle as a Teacher effective the 2023-2024 School Year. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the appointment of Teresa Roberts as Title I Instructional Coach effective 2023-2024 School Year. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote. John Roberts sustained from the vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the resignations of Hannah Borgerding, Chris Floyd and Katie Kirby effective June 1, 2023. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 6-0 vote.

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

Teresa Ellison
Teresa Ellison, Chairman

June 29, 2023
Date

Sandra Mohler
Sandra Mohler, Clerk

6/29/2023
Date