

**BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**

Regular School Board Meeting

5:00 P.M.

July 27, 2023

W. P. Ramsey Education Center

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Mac Felts, John Roberts, Wayne Flint and Roy Mohler. Absent: Lisa Kerr – knee surgery. Also present: Dr. Tony Francis and Sandra Mohler.

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

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by John Roberts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Welcome of Vistors – no comments.

Consent Agenda

Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included Minutes from the June 29, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting, vendor and payroll payments. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the PMHS Dress Code as presented. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.
- B. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- C. Mac Felts made the motion to approved the ESSER III Update. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.
- D. John Rice made the motion to approve the MOU Agreement. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.
- E. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the May VSBA Policies and Local Regulations Updates. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.
- F. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve having the School Board Retreat on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Ramsey Center from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Informational Items

Policy Committee Report – Clarification on Policy VSBA Updates. No new policies changes. Included in your packet is a VSBA Policy page. You can look over it at your convenience.

Finance Committee Report – Finance Committee met Tuesday, 100% of the school year is done and we have spent 93%. Approved all vendor and payroll payments.

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

Superintendent's Report

JLarc Letter. Report showing that Virginia is not spending enough on funding education for small school divisions. Rockbridge School Board drafted a letter to show their support for the JLarc study. Which recommends that the State increase funding for education. The Board has a copy of the letter in their packet. We can add our name to the letter. School Board Member agreed that we should add our name on the letter to show our support for additional funding for schools.

2023 Model Policies – This policy is from the Governor. We will talk more about transgender model policy during the Retreat. Vass did a presentation on this today. This replaces the 2021 Model policies. We did not adopt the 2021 policies after consulting with our attorney. The attorney felt like the VSBA policies covered what we needed at that time. These policies are different and I will consult the attorney to determine what is the best option for our division. I will give you an update at the Retreat.

Instructional Report – Dr. Miller is at the Safety Conference and she will give a report at the Retreat.

Sped/Nurse Report – A copy of SPED report is in your packet. Not a lot to add to that report. Had some students come back to school that were home-schooled. Like to provide a flu shot clinic for employees.

Maintenance Report/Transportation/HR

Nutrition has been busy feeding the community this summer.

Transportation – They have been successful in getting a new bus driver certified with a CDL license. Looking at bus routes for the upcoming school year.

Maintenance – The summer help has accomplished a lot of things this summer.

Pepsi Contract - Dr. Jones is working with Pepsi. Pepsi will provide soda machines for the division. Pepsi will give us 30% of all sales. Plan to install a machine at the Ramsey Center. Which will be stocked with sports drinks, muscle milk and protein bars. Water is also available.

HR – Still have a few positions open – 2 more teachers

Mac Felts 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 John Roberts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mr. Flint - yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Mr. Mohler - yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Donne Fretwell, Dawn Lampman, Madison Mahana and Gabriel Wise as teachers in the Buena Vista Public School system, for the school year 23-24, subject to a positive background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to hire Christian Larsen as a Long Term Substitute Teacher in the Buena Vista Public School system for the school year 23-24, subject to a positive background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to hire Jeni Osorio and Dorothy Hensley as Paraprofessionals effective school year 23-24, subject to an approved background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to hire Vanessa Cole as a Paraprofessional for the school year 23-24. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to approve the appointment of Kayleigh Harlow as the Assistant Cheer Coach for school year 23-24. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the appointment of Christina Blackmon as a Paraprofessional for school year 23-24. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to approve the appointment of Amanda Dollar as an Elementary Teacher for the school year 23-24. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the resignation of Ashley White effective July 13, 2023 and Crystal Camden effective August 10, 2023. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

Teresa Ellison
Teresa Ellison, Chairman

8-24-2023
Date

Sandra Mohler
Sandra Mohler, Clerk

8/24/2023
Date