

BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA
Minutes
October 26, 2023

W. P. Ramsey Education Center

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, John Roberts, Wayne Flint, Mac Felts. Remote Participation - Lisa Kerr-vacation. Absent - Roy Mohler – daughter sporting event. Also present: Dr. Tony Francis, Dr. Gennifer Miller, Evan Cook, Addisen Roberts and Sandra Mohler.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Amended the Agenda to allow remote participation for a Board member. John Roberts made the motion to amend the agenda to allow remote participation for the meeting. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 5-0 vote.

RECOGNITIONS

October Senior of the Month – Landon Catlett

October Employee of the Month – Jeni Osorio

PRESENTATIONS:

FY 2024 Budget Update/pay bands – Major change to the budget will benefit employees. Employees will receive a 2% pay increase. We were able to move funds around to provide an increase for all employees. Teachers will receive almost the full 2% because we adjusted the pay bands. The amended budget will be presented at the next Board meeting.

All in Virginia Initiative – We have submitted our plan and are waiting for approval. We will receive \$515,760 over a 3-year period. We are using the funds over a 2-year period. This plan is divided into 3 categories –tutoring, Virginia Literacy Act and chronic absenteeism. \$230,371 will be spent on tutoring, \$40,947 will be used to purchase materials and supplies for the VLA curriculum and \$75,355 will be spent for two attendance specialists this year. In the 2nd year we will spend \$93,732 on tutoring and \$75,355 for attendance specialists. Funding covers grades 3-8 as mandated by the State. Students who scored between 400-450 passed the SOL, but are considered low proficient and are required to receive remediation services. These students will receive 3 hours of tutoring a week. Students who did not pass the SOLs will receive 5 hours of tutoring a week. Attendance Specialists will meet with students and families to discuss why the student is not coming to school. They will track students' time missed and make up time. Students can make up for time missed. This program started on Tuesday, which is the start of the new 9 weeks.

FY 2025 Budget Timeline – The Board received a copy of the timeline for the upcoming budget.

A survey will go out in November to staff and the Budget Committee will meet to go over the results. Will present the goals for the budget at the December meeting and go over the results from the survey. Timeline is contingent upon the State. Projections from the State are good, the economy is good, and revenues are up.

Welcome of Visitors – no comments.

Consent Agenda

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included Minutes from the September 28, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting, vendor and payroll bills. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. December School Board and Finance Meetings – Mac Felt made the motion to hold the next School Board meeting on December 5, 2023 and hold the Finance Committee Meeting on November 30, 2023. It was seconded by John Roberts and passed with a 6-0 vote.
- B. All-in-Virginia – John Roberts made the motion to approve the All-in-Virginia plan as presented. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.
- C. FY 2025 Budget Timeline – John Roberts made the motion to approve the budget timeline as presented. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Informational Items

- A. Policy Committee Report – no policy updates
- B. Finance Committee Report – Committee met Tuesday and approved all vendor and payroll bills. We are 25% through the school year and we have spent 18% of the budget.
- C. Additional School Board Reports – no additional comments
- D. Student Representative Report – Completed the 1st grading period. Winter Sports begin November 6th. Band will hold a Halloween concert. Academic awards on Nov 9th.
- E. Superintendent Report – Construction grant update – We have \$600,000 left to spend. Projects include - installing mini split units in the office, library, cafeteria and kitchen. Pave the playground at Enderly. Middle School – repair the gym floor, this will last another 5 yrs. Camera update security system at the Ramsey Center. Kling – pave the parking lot. Middle School – install 2 heating units and fans in the gym.
- F. Instruction Report – “One School, One Book” event will be held Thursday Nov 2nd. Activities were added for high school students. Hoping for a big turnout. Writing PD for K-11. K-11 students participated in the BV writing contest. Like to switch to a 10-point grading scale. We are currently at a 6-point grading scale. 95% of staff are in favor of changing the grading scale. Survey will go out to the parents next week. Will present a proposal to the Board and the December meeting. This will benefit our student’s GPA.
- G. Special Education/Nurse Report – Preparing for the Federal Monitoring. There will be a vaccination clinic at Rockbridge Area Health Center on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9am to noon. Narcan training was held on Oct 23, 2023 for Administrators, Admin Assistants, Nurses, SSOs, Athletic Director, Trainer and Weight Trainer.

H. Nutrition/Transportation/Maintenance/HR Reports – Transportation and Maintenance reports are in your packets. Safety audits will begin the week of Oct 30th. BVCPS will hand out candy at the Ramsey Center on Oct 31st.

John Roberts made the motion for Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to performance, appointments, new hires, resignations according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)}. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mrs. Kerr - yes

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mr. Flint - yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Mac Felts made the motion to approve Aaron Higginbotham as an Assistant Basketball Coach effective November 1, 2023 subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to accept Charles Fainter and David Smith as Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coaches effective November 1, 2023 subject to a successful background check. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept Lisa Clark as an Attendance Specialist October 30, 2023. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to hire Angela Burroughs and Crystal Camden as Academic Tutors effective November 1, 2023. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to accept the Roster for PMHS and PMMS Winter Sports Coaches as presented tonight Oct 26, 2023. It was seconded by John Roberts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to accept the resignation of Trinity Zollman effective October 2, 2023. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed with a 6-0 vote.

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

Teresa Ellison

Teresa Ellison, Chairman

December 5, 2023

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler, Clerk

12/5/2023

Date