

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Garry Carter, Chairman
Michelle Sheeler, Vice Chair
Christy Helsel
Wayne Holcomb
Craig Freeman
Jonathan Ingram
Cassidy Spakes, Student Representative
Arty Tillett, Superintendent
Antonia Fox, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services
Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

- I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cassidy Spakes led the Pledge to the Flag and read an inspirational poem.
- II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. The PCPS CTE Department shared a video on students' CTE projects.
- III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. There were none.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS.
 - A. Recognition of the PHS Senior of the Month, Lauren Messerschmidt, by video presentation.
- V. PRESENTATIONS.
 - A. School Reopening Plan Update. Mr. Arty Tillett, Superintendent, gave a presentation on the progress of the opening of schools.
 - B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on the PMS modernization project.
 - C. Instructional Update. Dr. Antonia Fox, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services, gave a presentation on SOL testing.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT. Kristen Jones, 84 Browns Neck Rd, spoke on students returning to regular, live learning; Andrew Dowd, 85 Lodge Rd, reopening schools; Ren Hinchey, 1083C Poquoson Ave, restarting the arts; Theodore Imbasciani 19 Dryden Dr, reopening of schools; Triscia Dascher, 114 Whitehouse Dr, 6 feet recommendation and reopening of schools.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA.
 - A. Approval of Financial Reports (*Enclosed*)
 - B. Approval of Personnel Action (*Enclosed*)
 - C. Authorization to Change Appropriation and to Accept and Expend Funds in Accordance with Attached Request (*Enclosed*)

D. Approval of Minutes of January's Regular Meeting and Work Session (*Enclosed*)

Ms. Sheeler read the Consent Agenda above. Ms. Helsel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Mr. Holcomb seconded and a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Holcomb, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Vice Chair Sheeler, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

A. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for National School Breakfast Week and Career and Technical Education Month (*Enclosed*)

Mr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the Proclamations; Mr. Freeman seconded, and a vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Holcomb, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Vice Chair Sheeler, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye

IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR OTHER MATTERS BY SCHOOL BOARD AND/OR SUPERINTENDENT.

- Mr. Tillett: He was happy to share that February is School Board Appreciation Month and he did express his appreciation to the Board members for the work that they do, and all that they do for our students and staff.
- Ms. Spakes: She presented an update on past and upcoming activities at each of the individual schools.
- Mr. Freeman: He thanked the speakers for coming out and sharing their comments. He shared with the Board that he agrees with Ren's comments on the need for the arts in schools. He congratulated the boys basketball team. He suggested that the athletes that are signing to play in college be given a signing ceremony.
- Mr. Ingram: He congratulated the senior of the month, Lauren Messerschmidt. He thanked the Speakers for their comments. He thanked the CTE students for sharing their projects.
- Mr. Holcomb: He shared a personal story in reference to COVID in his law firm. He thanked parents for their continued patience and shared that the Board is moving through this as fast as they can for the safety of all.
- Ms. Helsel: She agreed with Mr. Holcomb's comments. She shared that she too wants to get all kids back in school full time as safe and as fast as possible. She thanked the PCPS staff for having an 85% rate of vaccinations. She thanked the speakers for their comments.

- Ms. Sheeler: She thanked the speakers for bringing their heartfelt concerns to the Board. She shared that the Board really does want to get kids back in school. She thanked Cassidy for her inspirational message. She thanked Dr. fox and Ashley Reyher for leading the ongoing contact tracing efforts.

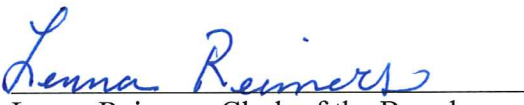
- Chairman Carter: He thanked the speakers for coming out and speaking to the Board. He shared that the Board has had an obligation to make decisions that affects the entire community over the past ten months. He said that the Board will continue to do their best that they can possibly do on making decisions for the entire population of Poquoson. He thanked Mrs. Reimers for her service to the School Board as Clerk of the Board.

- MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board Meeting for a Budget Presentation for FY22, and any New Matters by the Board. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Garry Carter, Ed.D., Chairman



Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

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Date