

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Steven Kast, Chairman
Gail Whittaker, Vice Chair
Wayne Holcomb
Jennifer Mosteller
Christy Helsel
Michelle Sheeler
Curtis Brown, Jr., Student Representative
Jennifer Parish, Ed.D., 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 Kast called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ethan Sneddon, an 8th grader at Poquoson Middle School, led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag; and Libbie Harper, a 7th grader at PMS, gave an inspirational reading, *The Starfish Story*.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Students at Poquoson Middle School shared a presentation on their U.S. History Project, "*Mystery Hangout*."

III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. None.

IV. RECOGNITIONS.

A. Chairman Kast recognized Summer Brown as the Senior of the Month

B. Chairman Kast presented certificates of recognition to three National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: Christy Audeh, Noah Dunn, and Jacob Lewis.

C. Chairman Kast recognized Poquoson High School as a W!SE Financial National Blue Star School.

D. Chairman Kast recognized Michelle Henderson and Michael Smith for receiving the National Blue Star Award for Poquoson High School.

V. PRESENTATIONS.

A. Financial Update. Ms. Tara Woodruff, Executive Director of Finance, presented an update on the Federal Impact Aid Program. She informed the Board that Impact Aid is one of the federal funding sources included in the PCPS budget. She made the Board and public aware that the 2017 Impact Aid Form will be sent home with each student tomorrow, October 18, and needs to be completed and returned to the student's school by October 25, 2017.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on food service sharing that September 29th was recognized as Feed Virginia Day of Action in which PCPS participated. In the area of Safety, he shared that PCPS has been awarded \$46,779 as part of the security grant; this will help to add additional access control points, as well as more camera points. He stated that the state wide earth quake drill is scheduled for October 19 at

10:19 a.m. He also made the Board aware of the PES bus evacuation drill being held tomorrow morning, at which all schools will have completed this requirement for the fall.

C. Instructional Update. Dr. Antonia Fox, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services, presented the School Board with an instructional update. As part of the instructional update, Dr. Fox provided an overview of the Advanced Placement (AP) and SAT data.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT. Terri Shambach addressed the School Board regarding bullying within PCPS.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Approval of Minutes of September's Regular Meeting and Work Session (*Enclosed*)
- B. Approval of Minutes of Closed meeting held on October 5, 2017 (*Enclosed*)
- C. Approval of Financial Reports (*Enclosed*)
- D. Approval of Personnel Action (*Enclosed*)
- E. Authorization to Change Appropriation and to Accept and Expend Funds in Accordance with Attached Request (*Enclosed*)
- F. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property (*Enclosed*)

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

VOTE: 5:0

Ms. Mosteller, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Ms. Sheeler, Aye; Vice Chair Whittaker, Aye; Chairman Kast, Aye

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for School Psychology Week (*Enclosed*)

Ms. Whittaker made a motion to approve the Proclamation for School Psychology Week; Ms. Helsel seconded, and a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5:0

Ms. Mosteller, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Ms. Sheeler, Aye; Vice Chair Whittaker, Aye; Chairman Kast, Aye

- B. Consideration of Approval of the Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant (*Reading File Enclosed*)

Ms. Mosteller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sheeler that the Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant be Approved, and a vote was taken.

VOTE: 5:1 abstain

Mr. Holcomb, Abstain; Ms. Mosteller, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Ms. Sheeler, Aye; Vice Chair Whittaker, Aye; Chairman Kast, Aye

C. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Changes to Policy 7-5.11, Local School Wellness Policy (*Reading File Enclosed*)

Ms. Mosteller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whittaker, that the First Reading of Changes to Policy 7-5.11 be moved to Second Reading. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Holcomb, Aye; Ms. Mosteller, Aye; Ms. Helsel, Aye; Ms. Sheeler, Aye;
Vice Chair Whittaker, Aye; Chairman Kast, Aye

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

- Dr. Parish: She thanked Ms. Shambach for coming out this evening and told her that she looks forward to talking with her in the coming days. She shared with the community that the next presentation on school consolidation will be televised after the Board meeting and will be posted on our division website by tomorrow morning. She thanked those who have been providing input throughout the process and she encouraged them to continue to do so. She reminded parents that November 7 and the afternoon of November 10 are parent/teacher conference days and encouraged parents to schedule their conference times. She recognized Gwen Lee, Military Liaison with Joint Base Langley-Eustis, in the audience; who is always very helpful with joint projects related to our military students.
- Mr. Brown: He presented an update on past and upcoming activities at each of the individual schools.
- Mr. Holcomb: No comment.
- Ms. Mosteller: She congratulated students and staff who were recognized, and student presenters for this evening. She thanked Ms. Shambach for coming out and speaking this evening. She stated that bullying is a serious offense and should not be tolerated and we should all do our part to make sure our schools are a safe haven for students.
- Ms. Helsel: She echoed Ms. Mosteller's comments. She also thanked Ms. Shambach for coming out to speak. She shared that they rarely get parents coming out to speak, and she appreciates that she did.
- Ms. Sheeler: She thanked Ms. Shambach for coming to speak. She shared that they are very concerned about bullying issues.
- Ms. Whittaker: She thanked Ms. Shambach for coming out to speak on this issue. She shared that bullying is a topic that she has brought up at so many meetings, and she doesn't know how to fix it. She stated that this is her last year on the Board, but will keep working on this bullying issue and the Board will not stop hearing from her upon her last meeting in

June. She stated that she is very serious about this issue and would be willing to go to Richmond if needed.


- Chairman Kast: He thanked Ms. Shambach for coming out this evening. He recognized Mr. Jordan for receiving the 40 under 40 Business Leaders Award, which is why he was absent that evening. He thanked Gwen Lee for attending the Board meeting, and appreciates all of her work and help in serving our military families.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Kast announced that a work session would follow the Board meeting to discuss School Consolidation, Instructional Data and New Matters by the Board. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Kast adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Steven Kast, Chairman



Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

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Date