

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Garry Carter, Chairman
Robin Sydnor
Steven Kast
Allan Melton
Scott Diggs
Beth Ann Wilson
David Hux
Kellie Jasinski, Student Representative
Dr. Jennifer Parish, Superintendent
Dr. Linda Reviea, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Pat McDowell, Clerk of the Board

- I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INSPIRATIONAL READING. Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Jordan Duty, 5th Grader at Poquoson Elementary School, led the pledge; and Gracie Carter, also a 5th Grader at PES, gave the inspirational reading, “I Am a Dancer.”
- II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Students from the Poquoson Elementary Art Club presented the “outdoor bottle top art” they had made from recycled bottle tops.
- III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. None
- IV. RECOGNITIONS. None
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS
 - A. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, presented an update on cost of benefits and insurance for employees. While rates across the state have increased annually from 10 – 15%, Poquoson has been able to hold the rate to 4.5%. The annual open season for benefits enrollment/change has been moved to the spring (versus the fall in previous years) this year to help employees get enrolled earlier.
 - B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, gave an update on food service, specifically the Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010.
 - C. Instructional Update. Dr. Michael Cataldo, Supervisor of Curriculum, Assessments and Technology, provided information on Standards of Learning, specifically the new rigorous math standards and the fact that the State Superintendent has warned everyone that she is concerned that new SOL tests will result in many schools no longer being accredited.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes of March Regular Meeting and Work Session (Enclosed)
 - B. Approval of Minutes of March Special Meeting (Enclosed)
 - C. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
 - D. Personnel Action (Enclosed)
 - E. Authorization to Accept and Expend Funds as Outlined in Attached Requests (2 Requests Enclosed)

Ms. Sydnor read the Consent Agenda as shown above and recommended that it be approved. Allan Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kast, that the agenda be approved as read. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

VII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consideration of Minutes of March Public Hearing (Enclosed). Ms. Sydnor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton that the minutes be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:1 Abstain

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Abstain.

B. Consideration of Approval of Proposed Increase to Meal Prices for SY 2012-2013 (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the meal prices be approved as presented. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

C. Consideration of Approval of the Perkins Grant, School Year 2012-2013 (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, that the Perkins Grant be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

D. Consideration of Approval of the Special Education Plan, 2012-2013 (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kast, that the Special Education Plan be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

E. Consideration of Approval to Adjust the Calendar, Making June 14, 2012 the Last Student Day of School, and Making May 25, 2012, a School Holiday (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, that the adjustment to the calendar be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

- F. Consideration of Approval of Proclamations for:
- National School Nurse Day (Enclosed)
 - Teacher Appreciation Week (Enclosed)
 - Military Child Month (Enclosed)
 - Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week (Enclosed)

Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, that the 4 proclamations be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Hux, Aye, Ms. Wilson, Aye; Mr. Diggs, Aye, Mr. Melton, Aye; Mr. Kast, Aye; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

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

- Dr. Parish. Reminded community that accreditation team from AdvancED will be here next week to review our schools. The team will report out to the School Board on Wednesday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. The reaccreditation process meets requirement in our long range plan to have our district accredited by this group. The joint City Council/School Board meeting will be April 23. Thanks to everyone for their hard work this spring.
- Ms. Jasinski. She reported on ongoing activities at all four schools.
- Mr. Hux. No comment.
- Ms. Wilson. The band is going to perform at Disney next week. Enjoyed Jordan Duty wanting to be a 4th grade teacher.
- Mr. Diggs. Appreciated presentations this evening. The staff does a wonderful job of explaining all of the ongoing activities and requirements necessary to keep the School District first class.
- Mr. Melton. Reported on the many activities concerning Career and Tech.
- Mr. Kast. He reported last month about how impressed he was with how community and folks are supportive. Have received lots of comments, including some from those not so supporting. He appreciates all of comments, good and bad.
- Ms. Sydnor. No comment.
- Chairman Carter. Attended SHAB this week. The Student Services Department does an excellent job with this committee. The presentations tonight were very informative and provided lots of challenges for the board. We are confident the staff will come through for our students.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board meeting to receive updates on budget, exam committee, and the accreditation visit, as well as to discuss progress on identifying the next Student Representative to the Board. In accordance with VA Code 2.2 3711(1), a Closed Session will follow the work session to discuss personnel matters. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Garry Carter, Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date