

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 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  
Patricia 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. Eden Fullingim, Seventh Grader, Poquoson Middle School, lead the Pledge to the flag, and Victoria Herron, also a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, gave the inspirational reading, “Always Believe.”

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Students from Carmen Biddle’s classes at Poquoson Middle School gave an overview of the study of Forensic Science. Students included: Daniel Champ, Eden Fullingim and Victoria Herron, seventh graders; and Megan Saetre, Victoria Hutson and Andrew Girard, eighth graders.

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

IV. RECOGNITIONS.

A. Garry Carter, School Board Chairman, presented Rachel Mahler, a Poquoson High School junior, with a certificate recognizing her being named to the 2012 All-State Chorus.

B. Chairman Carter also presented a certificate to Nicholas Tafazoli, a Poquoson High School Senior, in recognition of his being named a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS.

A. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, presented an update on the status of the state budget in the General Assembly.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, gave an update on transportation, and plant operations.

C. Instructional Update. Dr. Linda Reviea, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Support Services, provided information on the POS, summer school, the imminent writing SOL, and preparations for spring testing.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Approval of Minutes of January Regular Meeting and Work Session (Enclosed)
- B. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- C. Personnel Action (Given to Board members just prior to the meeting)
- D. Authorization to Accept and Expend Funds Received from Department of Medical Assistance Support Services (2 Requests Enclosed)

Ms. Sydnor read the Consent Agenda as shown above, and recommended that it be approved. Mr. 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 Approval of Proclamation for National School Breakfast Week (Enclosed) Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the Proclamation 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. Thanked the members of the community who have been involved in our budget planning this year by recommending possible areas for adjustment. We are following actions of General Assembly very closely and are looking forward to seeing the final budget as it emerges. She reminded the community that the Superintendent's Proposed Budget will be coming out in March. There will be a public forum on the budget on March 27. She thanked the School Board members for their hard work all year long and all that they do to support our children. She announced that February is School Board Appreciation Month. It is also School Board Clerk Appreciation Month.

- Ms. Jasinski. She provided an update of activities at all four Poquoson schools.
- Mr. Hux. He wished Dr. Parish best wishes on her upcoming surgery.
- Ms. Wilson. She is wearing a New Horizons t-shirt which shows their new mascot; they are now the Night Hawks. Great things are happening at New Horizons this year. Also Youth Career Expo is upcoming and we have several students attending. Band fruit is on sale. A lot of wonderful teachers and bus drivers are retiring, and she wants to thank them for their commitment to our schools over the years.

- Mr. Diggs. Attended the Poquoson Education Foundation meeting last month and they are continuing the brick sales which have so far have made over \$19,000. The PEF hopes to raise \$45,000 this year to give to the schools through mini-grants and other purchases. Yesterday he attended an orientation at James Madison for the upcoming Freshman class. One of the two students who spoke to the incoming class was a former Poquoson High School student. That is a great testament to the caliber of students we are graduating.
- Mr. Melton. Enjoyed the Inspirational Reading tonight. Last week went to New Horizons and the students were very enthusiastic. Also attended state Career & Tech Ed meeting recently.
- Mr. Kast. Appreciated our School Board Clerk and wanted to know if Dr. Seuss is older than him? A member of the audience responded that Dr. Seuss is over one hundred years old.
- Ms. Sydnor. No comment.
- Chairman Carter. Attended the orientation for the current eighth graders who will be going to the high school next year. It was very well done and kudos were provided to Mr. Wright and staff for their efforts toward this project. Also attended the Special Education Advisory meeting which was fabulous; he learned a lot. Also, PEF is having a fund raiser on March 3; tickets are available on their web site, [www.pefva.org](http://www.pefva.org).

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board meeting to discuss the budget and the budget calendar, as well as District Accreditation. A closed meeting for the discussion of personnel matters (VA Code 2.2 3711(1)) will follow the work session. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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Garry Carter, Chairman

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Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

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Date