

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2012
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Garry Carter, Chairman
Robin Sydnor
Steven Kast
Allan Melton
Scott Diggs
David Hux
Beth Ann Wilson
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. Courtney Rawlinson, a senior at Poquoson High School (PHS), led the Pledge to the Flag, and Margaret McDevitt, a junior at PHS, gave an inspirational reading which was a quote from the movie, "Coach Carter," about our deepest fears.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Four students from Mrs. Lauren Osborn's 11th grade AP English Class, presented "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," by Ken Kesey. The students included Shelby Blevins, Aiden Selmer, Jacqueline Kopacki, and Margaret Northrup.

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 the budget, including the caboose bill which updates funding for the current year.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented updates on custodial services, maintenance, food service, plant operations, and transportation. He also reported that the Primary School gym floor was completed over the holiday break.

C. Instructional Update. Dr. Linda Reviea, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Support Services, provided information on instructional initiatives such as bullying, and the program of studies.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- B. Approval of Personnel Action (Enclosed)
- C. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property (Enclosed)
- D. Authorization to Accept and Expend Funds Received from Department Education for National Board Certified Teacher Bonus (Enclosed)
- E. Authorization to Change Appropriation to Reflect In-School Payroll (Enclosed)

Ms. Sydnor read the Consent Agenda as shown above, and recommended it be approved. Mr. Kast moved and Mr. Hux seconded. that the Consent Agenda be approved as read. The 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. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of the December Regular Meeting and Work Session (Enclosed). Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, that the minutes be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:1 Abstain

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

B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of Special School Board Meeting, January 12, 2012 (Enclosed). Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hux, 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, Abstain; Ms. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

C. Consideration of Approval of FY PCPS 2012-2013 Program of Studies (Reading File Enclosed). Dr. Parish presented the Program of Studies and recommended that it be approved. Ms. Sydnor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the Program of Studies 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 Request for Extended Field Trip to Czech Republic (Enclosed). Dr. Parish presented the request to the Board and recommended approval. Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hux, that the request be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

E. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for National School Counselors Week (Enclosed). Chairman Carter summarized the proclamation and requested motion. Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, 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, Mrs. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

F. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for Career and Technical Education Week at Poquoson City Public Schools (Enclosed). Chairman Carter summarized the proclamation and requested motion. Mr. Kast 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, Mrs. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

G. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for Bullying Prevention Month (Enclosed). Chairman Carter summarized the proclamation and requested motion. Mr. Diggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, 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, Mrs. Sydnor, Aye; Chairman Carter, Aye.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

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

- Dr. Parish. She will be focusing on the budget for next several meetings. The first public forum is scheduled for January 25 at PHS. We believe we will have to make a \$1 million cut again this year. If you are concerned, please contact our legislators. She attended a public hearing for the state senate regarding the budget. Thanked Council members for their continued support as we move through the budget process.
- Ms. Jasinski. Provided an update of activities at all four Poquoson schools.
- Mr. Hux. Thanked Mayor Hunt for being an advocate of PCPS during our budget crisis.
- Mrs. Wilson. Thanked Maggie McDevitt for her presentation.
- Mr. Diggs. Thanked Mrs. Osborn for what she is doing in the English classroom at PHS. It was great to see the kids doing this level of deep thinking. It is great to see the staff doing so much for students in the face of budget cuts.
- Mr. Melton. It's C&TE time of the year again. Tomorrow is the state CTE Advisory Committee Meeting. Really appreciate our hard working teachers in Poquoson.

- Mr. Kast. Was in Richmond today and visited with several delegates and senators. They say they are not hearing a lot from citizens about budget issues. They hear from city councils, school boards, staff etc., but not from citizens. Please contact legislators now with concerns about the budget. A belated Happy New Year to all, and he also thanked our hardworking teachers and staff.
- Ms. Sydnor. Band try outs were last week. Congratulations to all students who made the cut.
- Chairman Carter. Budget issue is huge, and there are lots of obstacles in our way. The board has 100% confidence in the superintendent and her staff to do the best job possible. The board truly appreciates all the hard work that everyone associated with Poquoson City Public Schools puts in to support our students.

XI. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board meeting to discuss the budget and the upcoming VSBA Legislative Conference. He also announced that the closed session is no longer needed and is being eliminated from the work session agenda.

There being no further business before the board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Garry Carter, Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date