

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 20, 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/Deputy 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. Wyatt Helsel, First Grader, Poquoson Primary School, led the pledge; Brooke Martin, also a First Grader at PPS gave the inspirational reading.
- II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Students from Mrs. Tori Freeman’s first grade class at Poquoson Primary School gave a presentation of “*I can Read with My Eyes Shut*” by Dr. Seuss.
- III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. None
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- A. Debbie Scott, member of the Poquoson Art League presented checks to the art teachers from each of the Poquoson Schools for use in furthering art studies for our students.
- B. Garry Carter, School Board Chairman, presented Bernard Wright, principal of Poquoson High School, a certificate recognizing PHS with the Virginia Department of Education’s Virginia Index of Performance Award.
- C. Chairman Carter also presented Jeffrey Ogburn, a Poquoson High School senior, with a certificate recognizing his being named the Virginia AA State Wrestling Champion in the 126-pound category.
- D. Chairman Carter presented a certificate to Brandon Sklute, a Poquoson High School sophomore, for being selected to the Virginia All-District Band.
- E. Chairman Carter presented Zackary Sever, a Poquoson High School senior, a certificate for winning first place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing series event at the DECA State Leadership Conference. Chairman Carter also presented Dillon Smith, also a Poquoson High School senior, a certificate for placing second in the Human Resources category at the DECA State Leadership Conference.
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS
- A. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, gave a presentation on the state and local budget processes.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, gave an update on transportation regarding a training program for bus drivers, and plant operations including the recent Tornado drills. He also noted the work that maintenance staff will conduct during Spring Break.

C. Instructional Update. Dr. Linda Reviea, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction and Support Services, provided information on several instructional initiatives in the division.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of February Regular Meeting and Work Session (*Enclosed*)
- B. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- C. Personnel Action (Enclosed)
- D. Authorization to Accept and Expend Funds as Outlined in Attached Requests (3 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 Authorization for Superintendent to Execute a Contract with Service Solutions Corporation to provide Custodial/Janitorial Services to PCPS (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the authorization 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. She expressed sympathy for Pat McDowell for the loss of her husband. She reiterated the budget information Mr. Bowen presented. She anticipates bringing recommendations to the School Board for the additional days built into the calendar provided that we do not use them for inclement weather. She also wished all a restful and enjoyable Spring Break.
- Ms. Jasinski. At PPS, one of Poquoson's public librarians ate breakfast with and read to students. Many readers in the community read in classes during the "Read Across America" program. At PES, students raised almost \$4000 through the Jump Rope for Heart activity and raised \$400 from candy-grams; all for the American Heart Association. They are also participating in Pennies for

patients. At PMS, students raised almost \$2000 for the American Heart Association. The school is also celebrating March Madness and is having an Art Festival after school this week. At PHS, the band received a superior rating at the state festival. They also had a student-faculty basketball game. Spring sports are in full swing. Our choirs received awards at a recent competition. PHS students won awards at the recent Tidewater Science Fair.

- Mr. Hux. He thanked PEF for the wonderful fundraising events that they sponsored to support our schools.
- Ms. Wilson. She commended the PPS student readers. She also hoped everyone has a restful Spring Break.
- Mr. Diggs. He thanked the primary school presenters. He thanked the Art League for their support of the arts in our schools.
- Mr. Melton. He reported on the Youth Career Expo in which PHS students recently participated. He also enjoyed watching a recent PHS athletic event.
- Mr. Kast. He sent his condolences to Mrs. McDowell and noted that Dr. Parish may have jinxed us on the inclement weather days.
- Ms Sydnor. She reported on the SHAB meeting held early in March. She appreciated the work that each school is doing to promote wellness activities. She thanked PES for inviting her to read.
- Chairman Carter. On behalf of the School Board he extended condolences to Mrs. McDowell. He expressed appreciation to the School Board staff for their work in the budget development process. He also noted how well our students are doing overall, thanking teachers and parents. He also wished everyone a good Spring Break.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board meeting to receive the superintendent's proposed budget for 2012-2013, as well as to discuss the process for selecting a School Board Student Representative for FY13. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Garry Carter, Chairman

Linda G. Reviea, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Date