

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Garry Carter, Chairman
Robin Sydnor
Allan Melton
Gail Whittaker
Beth Ann Wilson
David Hux
Jessy Spencer, Student Representative
Jennifer Parish, Ed.D, Superintendent
Amy Colley, Assistant 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. Denver Crawford, a senior at Poquoson High School led the pledge, and Lauren Welborn, also a senior at PHS gave the inspirational reading, "Hold on to Your Dream," by Donna Levine.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Poquoson High School's Choral Group, In Da Pocket, led by instructor Scott Bumbaugh, performed "The Star Spangled Banner."

III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. An updated personnel action was given to the Board.

IV. RECOGNITIONS. None

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. SEAC Presentation. Ms. Shelly Ferlemann, Chair Person of the SEAC Committee, presented an update on past activities as well as the plans for the upcoming year. Meetings for the upcoming year are scheduled for October 11 and December 13 of 2012 and February 21 and April 11, 2013.

B. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, presented an update on Federal Jobs Bill funds and a proposed one-time employee bonus for this fall.

C. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on the new keyless entry system at PHS and PPS; new food service menus; and transportation.

D. Instructional Update. Ms. Amy Colley, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services, presented an update on the upcoming release of federal accountability data and PCPS' preparation for new SOL tests in English and science during 2012-2013.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of August Board Minutes, Regular and Work Sessions (Enclosed)

- B. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- C. Personnel Action (Enclosed)
- D. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property (Enclosed)
- E. Authorization to Accept and Expend Funds In Accordance with Attached Request (Enclosed)

Vice Chairman Sydnor read the Consent Agenda above. Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hux, that the consent agenda be approved as read. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

VII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consideration of Approval of the No Child Left Behind Grant for 2012-2013 (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the grant request be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

B. Authorization to Expend Federal Jobs Bill Funds for a One-Time Bonus for Poquoson City Public School Employees (Reading File Enclosed). Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whittaker, that the bonus be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

C. Consideration of Approval of Proclamation for Virginia Disability History and Awareness Month (October) (Enclosed). Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the proclamation be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Hux, Aye; Ms. Wilson, Aye; Ms. Whittaker, Aye; Mr. Melton, 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 everyone for the smooth start to the school year and is looking forward to a great school year. She thanked the Board for approving the bonus, and hopes to be able do more for employees in the future. She wanted to let community know that tonight an anti-bullying program called “Rachel’s Challenge” is being presented Poquoson High School, and is hopeful that a lot of parents will attend.

- Ms. Spencer. Gave an update on activities of the schools.
- Mr. Hux. Thanked everyone who has attended and sponsored “Rachel’s Challenge.”
- Ms. Wilson. Loved listening to “In Da Pocket,” they do a wonderful job. She gave a closing quote.
- Ms. Whittaker. Attended opening night of football season and it was wonderful. Please come out and support the teams this year.
- Mr. Melton. Thanked Steve Pappas and his team for getting schools ready on time, and the principals and their staff for all the safety drills. In Poquoson, student safety is our number one concern.
- Ms. Sydnor. She also appreciated the beautiful voices of members of In Da Pocket. Other sports (in addition to football) are going on in the school division also. Please attend as many as you can to show students your support.
- Chairman Carter. Congratulations and thank you on the smooth start for the new year. The PEF is holding its annual barbecue tailgate in early October. Please come out and support. Chairman Carter also asked Mr. Wright to thank the bullying committee at PHS for bringing in the “Rachel’s Challenge” presentation. This has truly impacted our students. The Board is going to try to attend the presentation tonight.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that the work session scheduled for tonight has been cancelled so that Board Members may attend the presentation, “Rachel’s Challenge,” at Poquoson High School. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Garry Carter, Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date