

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Garry Carter, Chairman
Robin Sydnor
Steven Kast
Allan Melton
Gail Whittaker
Beth Ann Wilson
David Hux
Jessy Spencer, Student Representative
Jennifer Parish, Ed.D., Superintendent
Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, Clerk of the Board, Pro-Tem

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INSPIRATIONAL READING.

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Christy Audeh, a 7th grader at Poquoson Middle School, led the Pledge and Brody McDevitt, also a 7th grader at PMS, gave the Inspirational message.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Students from the Poquoson Middle School presented a summary of the book, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

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

IV. RECOGNITIONS.

A. Chairman Carter recognized Casey Crowther, a senior at Poquoson High School for her first place finish in the SkillsUSA state competition in esthetics.

B. Chairman Carter recognized Jennifer Seltzer for being named Newport News' Reading Council Teacher of the Year.

C. Chairman Carter recognized the Poquoson City Public Schools' four Teachers of the Year: Jennifer Seltzer, Poquoson Primary School; Esther Barnes, Poquoson Elementary School; Julie Lowery, Poquoson Middle School; and Lisa Dykes, Poquoson High School. He presented each with a gift.

D. Mr. Steve Yakshe, President of the Poquoson Kiwanis Club, recognized each of the Teachers of the Year with a monetary gift of \$250 each.

E. Chairman Carter announced that Jennifer Seltzer was the Poquoson City School Division's Teacher of the Year. He presented her with flowers.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. NHREC Update. Mr. Johnson, Executive Director of the New Horizons Regional Education Center, presented background on the center and its accomplishments, including being

the oldest and largest Regional Center; its 6 regional schools, and specialized education services. He also pointed out that the NHREC hosts the Governor's School for Science and Technology, and 23 programs for Career and Technical Education. In addition, the Center has mentored previous students who have excelled in New Horizons Regional programs.

B. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, presented an update on budget approvals for FY 14; the VRS Resolution; the Pay Plan for FY 14; and the FY 13 audit.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on summer planning; the USDA audit meeting with state officials; the School Bus Driver Rodeo, with 6 Poquoson City Public Schools drivers participating and one driver finishing in second place overall; implementation of the school bus run software in FY 13, and introduction of the FY 14 field trip module.

C. Instructional Update. In Mrs. Colley's absence, Dr. Cataldo presented her update on student achievement, assessments, and recognitions.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- B. Approval of Personnel Action (Enclosed)
- C. Authorization to Accept and Expend Revenue (Enclosed)

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

VOTE: 7:0

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

VII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of April Regular Meeting and Work Session. Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sydnor, that the minutes be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:1 ABSTAIN

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

B. Consideration of Approval of FY 14 Pay Plan. (Reading File Enclosed)
Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the pay plan be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

C. Consideration of Approval of VRS Employee Member Contribution Phase-In.
(Reading File Enclosed)

Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whittaker, that the VRS Employee Member Contribution Phase-In be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

D. Consideration of Approval to Increase Meal Prices for School Year 2013-2014.
(Reading File Enclosed)

Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hux, that the increase to meal prices be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT. There was none.

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

- Dr. Parish: She congratulated the Teachers of the Year and all teachers. She thanked the City Manager and City Council for approving the budget. She also thanked the Kiwanis Club and other groups for their continued support of the school division. She said farewell to Jessy Spencer as this will be her last full board meeting. She extended warm thoughts and sympathy to the victims of the Oklahoma tornado.
- Ms. Spencer: She gave an update on past and upcoming activities of the schools.
- Mr. Hux: He thanked the City Council for their financial support; and the Police Chief and the Police Department for their outstanding support of the school division. He thanked the parents who helped with After-Prom activities. He sent his compliments to Ray Quilles on his success at the Bus Rodeo.
- Ms. Wilson: She thanked the student representative for her service during the past year. She thanked the students of the Poquoson Middle School who did the presentation on "To Kill a Mockingbird."
- Ms. Whittaker: She thanked the student representative for her thorough updates of school activities during the past year. She reminded residents that this coming weekend was tax free for storm preparedness.
- Mr. Melton: He attended TNCC graduation, and will attend New Horizons graduation on June 6th. He will also be attending Career and Technical Educations meetings in June.

- Mr. Kast: He congratulated the Teachers of the Year, and the student representative for a job well done.
- Ms. Sydnor: She congratulated the Teachers of the Year. She also thanked the Kiwanis Club for their support and the student representative for her hard work.
- Chairman Carter: He commended the student representative. He also commended the Poquoson Middle School Band on their recent concert and thanked Mrs. Powell, band director, for her hard work with the students. He sent words of encouragement to students taking their SOLs, and thanked the City Council for their continued financial support.

XI. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board Meeting to receive an update on K-5 Balanced Literacy and to discuss the summer School Board Meeting schedule. The Work Session will be followed by a closed session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with VA Code 2.2 3711(1) and student discipline in accordance with VA Code 2.2 3711(A)(2). There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Garry W. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Bill Bowen, EDF, and Clerk Pro-Tem

Date