

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 19, 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
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. Madison Deaver, a Second Grader at Poquoson Primary School, led the Pledge and Kelsie Insley, also a Second Grader at PPS, gave the Inspirational Reading entitled “Quotes by Dr. Seuss.”

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Mrs. Kim Pohto, music teacher at Poquoson Primary School, led second grade students in a presentation entitled “Percussion in Reading.” The students played various percussion instruments as Mrs. Pohto read the story *Mortimer*, by Robert N. Munsch.

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

IV. RECOGNITIONS.

A. Brian Lopatic, Poquoson Art League, recognized the art teachers in Poquoson City schools and presented each teacher with a check to use in her school’s art department.

B. Chairman Carter presented plaques to high school students Ross Graham, Athena Summa, Brandon Sklute, Jacob Schwarting, and Changchang Li who excelled in Wrestling, Swimming, Band, and DECA, respectively. Kirsten White and Zackary Sever were unable to attend. He also recognized Derrick Wallis, an 8th grader at Poquoson Middle School who is a finalist in the Military Child of the Year national competition.

C. Chairman Carter then recognized Dr. Jennifer Parish for being named as Region II Superintendent of the Year.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Financial Update. In the absence of Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, Dr. Jennifer Parish, Superintendent, presented an update on the PCPS budget.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented update on maintenance, safety, transportation, and food service.

C. Instructional Update. Mrs. Amy Colley, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services, presented an update on fine arts' events and integration in all of our schools.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing was held on the Superintendent's recommended FY 14 Operating Budget. No one appeared to discuss the proposed budget.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of the February Regular Meeting and Work Session
(Enclosed)
- B. Approval of Financial Reports (Enclosed)
- C. Approval of Personnel Action (Enclosed)
- D. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property (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: 7:0

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

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Revision of Employee Health Benefits (Enclosed).

Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the revision 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.

B. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Recommending Stephens Office Supply for VSBA Business Honor Roll (Enclosed)

Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whittaker, that the resolution 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.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT. There was none.

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

- Dr. Parish: She thanked the board for her recognition though she gave credit to the staff

and community. She also thanked staff for their hard work on the budget. She pointed out how the recognitions done this evening highlighted how fortunate Poquoson is to have the level of quality and successes of the students which truly makes a difference for the school district. She mentioned that Spring Break is only two weeks away and she hoped that everyone enjoys the break and comes back ready to work hard toward the end of the school year.

- Ms. Spencer: She gave an update on past and upcoming activities of the schools.
- Mr. Hux: He thanked the Poquoson Education Foundation and those who contributed to the dinner/dance fundraiser for an excellent event.
- Ms. Wilson: She enjoyed the student presentation very much, and congratulated Dr. Parish on her accomplishment.
- Ms. Whittaker: She echoed congratulations to Dr. Parish and thoroughly enjoyed the student presentation.
- Mr. Melton: He agreed with Ms. Colley who, during her presentation, pointed out how important the arts are in the development of Poquoson's children. He plans to attend the art fair at Poquoson Primary School tomorrow night.
- Mr. Kast: He added his congratulations to Dr. Parish.
- Ms. Sydnor: She attended the HRETA meeting at WHRO today, along with Dr. Parish. They received an update on implications of the pending public education bills on the Governor's desk, specifically the proposed grading of schools. It was very sobering and presented some very challenging obstacles for the future.
- Chairman Carter: He congratulated Dr. Parish and assured her that the Board and the SBO staff assisted in her recognition.

XI. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board Meeting to discuss the budget. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Garry W. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date