

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 15, 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. Deana Ball, junior at Poquoson High School, led the Pledge and Kasey Wilson, also a junior at PHS, gave the Inspirational Reading entitled "Hope is the Thing with Feathers," by Emily Dickinson.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. The Advanced Placement Environmental Science Class at Poquoson High School presented 3 public service announcements which they had produced, which illustrated the connection between the world's population of seven billion and Food Security, Global Status of Women and Girls, and Wildlife Habitat.

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 status of end-of-year funds, and the proposed voluntary retirement incentive program.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented a follow-up to the superintendent's December presentation regarding school security.

C. Instructional Update. Mrs. Amy Colley, Assistant Superintendent, presented proposed updates on the 2013-14 PCPS Program of Studies.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 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)
- E. Authorization to Change Appropriation (Enclosed)

Vice Chairman Sydnor read the Consent Agenda above. Mr. Kast made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whittaker, 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 PCPS 2013-2014 Program of Studies (Reading File Enclosed).

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

B. Consideration of Approval of Request for Extended Field Trip to Czech Republic (Reading File Enclosed).

Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the trip 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 of a One-Time Payment for a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (Reading File Enclosed).

Mr. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kast, that the Retirement Incentive Program 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.

E. Consideration of Approval of Proclamations for School Principal's Week, National School Counselors' Week and Career and Technical Education Month (Proclamations Enclosed).

Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melton, that the proclamations 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. Five individuals, including Shauna jCannella, 413 Joseph Topping Drive; Winter Smothermon-Rush, 11 Wainwright Drive; Andrea Sealey, 2 Lessies Drive; Lenora Garland, 16 Ferguson Street; and Kirstie Phillips, 247 Cedar Road, all of Poquoson, spoke on the school division's attendance policy.

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

- Dr. Parish. She thanked the parents who came out to speak. She also thanked Police Chief Bowen and the city staff for their assistance in our increased security efforts. She also reminded everyone to contact their legislators about funding for education, school safety, and other issues of concern. She announced a public forum on the budget to be held January 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Poquoson High School. She also reminded the audience that we are participating in a community food drive to fill the Army truck to benefit our local food pantry and that they may see the truck parked around the city, to include our schools.
- Ms. Spencer. Gave an update on past and upcoming activities of the schools.
- Mr. Hux. He complimented Mr. Bumbaugh and Mr. Spruill and the student members of the high school chorus and band for their joint Holiday concert.
- Ms. Wilson. She thanked her daughter who did the inspirational reading tonight. She also complimented Mrs. Hall for the innovations she brings to her AP class, as evidenced in the students' presentation tonight.
- Ms. Whittaker. She thanked the ladies who came to speak tonight on the attendance policy. She values public input and hopes to see more speakers in the future.
- Mr. Melton. He thanked Mrs. Hall and her class tonight for the wonderful student presentation tonight. He will be in Richmond next week for state CTE Advisory Committee meeting. He will also be attending the Maritime and Shipbuilding Day sponsored by Old Dominion University.
- Mr. Kast. He thanked the parents who came out tonight and for being so well prepared. He invited them to attend the budget forum later this month. He also thanked a very involved community for all of their hard work in support of the school division.
- Ms. Sydnor. She congratulated high school and middle school band members, a number of whom were selected for District Band. She reiterated what Dr. Parish said about the

budget and about contacting legislators. She wants everyone to understand that the voluntary retirements help keep the division from having to do layoffs.

- Chairman Carter. He thanked everyone in the community who works so hard to keep our schools safe. He reminded high school students to study!!! Parents, thank you for being interested enough to know what is going on and taking the time to prepare for and make the presentation here tonight. That speaks to the dedication of our tight-knit community and its uniqueness.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Carter announced that a work session would follow the Board Meeting to discuss the budget and the upcoming VSBA Legislative Conference. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Garry W. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date