

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 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. Gunnar Phillips, 4th Grader at Poquoson Elementary School, led the Pledge and Ren Hinchey, also a 4th Grader at PES, gave the Inspirational Reading entitled “Follow Your Dream,” by Amanda Bradley.

II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. Michelle Williams, Spanish teacher at PES and four of her students, presented “Educreations and Spanish.” The four students included Gunnar Phillips, Ren Hinchey, Jarret Easley, and Kayla Bernas.

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

IV. RECOGNITIONS. Chairman Carter presented a plaque to high school students Rachel Mahler and Denver Crawford for being named to the All State Chorus.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Financial Update. Mr. Bill Bowen, Executive Director of Finance, presented information on Sequestration and the upcoming FY 14 budget.

B. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented updates on transportation, food service, plant operations, and security.

C. Instructional Update. Mrs. Amy Colley, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services, presented an update on fall course selection, summer school, kindergarten orientation, SOL writing tests, Odyssey of the Mind, and the Tidewater Science Fair.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of Minutes of the January 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. Melton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kast, 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 Proclamation for National School Breakfast Week (Enclosed).

Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the proclamation 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.

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

- Dr. Parish indicated that General Assembly has been busy with a plethora of bills relating to education, two of which are still in the Assembly and causing great concern. First is the A to F bill which will result in schools being assigned a single great despite the complexity of the work that is done in schools. Educators and others hope it will be defeated. The other bill is the School Opportunity Bill, or school take-over bill which would result in local dollars being given to a State board. She thanked Delegate Helsel for opposing both of those bills on the floor. She also thanked the School Board for all they do for the division in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. She also recognized the School Board Clerk as it is also School Board Clerk Appreciation Month.
- Ms. Spencer. She gave an update on past and upcoming activities of the schools.
- Mr. Hux. He reminded everyone that Poquoson Education Foundation will be holding its Third Annual Dinner Dance on March 2 at the Poquoson Yacht Club. Please see the PEF web site for ticketing and sponsorship information.
- Ms. Wilson. She enjoyed the student presentation tonight – the Spanish Class. It is

rewarding to see the students using their technology. She thanked Chairman Carter and Mayor Hunt for jointly writing a letter to our delegates about the current education bills and funding coming from the General Assembly.

- Ms. Whittaker. She gave kudos to the YMCA for their after-school program at Poquoson Primary School. It is an excellent program. There is a tornado drill on March 12 and hopes all schools will be participating. She also reminded families to do the same at home.

- Mr. Melton He thanked the School Board Clerk for all she does for Board, He thoroughly enjoyed the video that was part of the Student Presentation.

- Mr. Kast. Thanked Ren Hinchey for his autograph, and expressed appreciation to the Clerk for all she does. He also thanked the students who gave a great presentation.

- Ms. Sydnor. No comment.

- Chairman Carter. He thanked all of the students who are doing so much for the community through their community service activities. It is always so impressive to hear what all they are doing. He thanked Dr. Parish and her staff as well as staff at the schools for being so fiscally responsible in saving funds for possible future cuts.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. None.

XI. 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 6:48 p.m.

Garry W. Carter, Jr., Chairman

Patricia McDowell, Clerk of the Board

Date