

REGULAR MEETING of the NOTTOWAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**January 9, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Bill Outlaw, Jamie Higgins, Clive Pettis, Jimmy Fowlkes and Shelli Hinton

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Tameshia V. Grimes, Superintendent; Amy Eberly, Director of Finance; Dr. Joan Dooley, Direction of Exceptional Education; Marcia Martin, Director of Instruction, Grants and Testing; Charlotte Wood, Clerk; Donna Wade, Deputy Clerk; Jane Geyer, NMS Principal; Reggie Wilson, NHS Principal; Candace Barnette, NHS Assistant Principal; Dr. Chandra Lewis, NIS Principal; Dr. Carrie Gravely, BPS Principal; Lloyd Page, CPS Principal.

Agenda Item #1A – CALL TO ORDER / MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Grimes opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD

- A. Election of Board Chairman. Dr. Grimes opened the floor for nominations.
 - i. Nomination was made by Outlaw for Hinton to preside as chairperson. Second was made by Higgins.
 - ii. Nomination was made by Fowlkes for Pettis to preside as chairperson. No second. Motion failed.
 - iii. Dr. Grimes closed the floor for nominations
 - iv. Dr. Grimes asked for the vote on the motion for Shelli Hinton to preside as chair. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- B. Election of Vice-Chairman. Chair Hinton opened the floor for nominations.
 - i. Nomination was made by Fowlkes for Pettis to preside as vice-chairman. No second. Motion failed.
 - ii. Nomination was made by Outlaw for Higgins to preside as vice-chairman. Second was made by Pettis.
 - iii. Chair Hinton closed the floor for nominations
 - iv. Chair Hinton asked for the vote on the motion for Jamie Higgins to preside as vice-chair. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- C. Appointment of Clerk, Charlotte Wood, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Fowlkes made the motion. Pettis made the second, all in favor.
- D. Appointment of Deputy Clerk, Donna Wade, Accounts Payable Manager. Fowlkes made the motion. Pettis made the second, all in favor.
- E. Set School Board Meetings of 2020. Outlaw made the motion. Pettis made the second. All in favor
- F. Authorization of the Superintendent and Designee to take certain actions during the 2020 year. Discussion: Outlaw asked if will we have one or two designees identified by name. Also, with line item transfers, are there amount limits or open ended? Dr. Grimes answered – Marcia Martin is the designee. Fowlkes asked for the line item transfers be made after informing the school board. Outlaw made the motion with the changes voiced. Fowlkes made the second. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.
- G. Bonding of the Superintendent, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Payroll Clerk. Outlaw made the motion. Pettis made the second, all in favor.

Agenda Item #3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hinton asked if there was a motion to approve the January 9, 2020 agenda. Pettis made a motion. Outlaw seconded the motion, all in favor.

Agenda Item #4a - AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. School Highlights – NMS – “Math Explosion.” Mrs. Martin introduced Mrs. Geyer, staff and NMS students who discussed the program.
- B. Virginia School Principals’ Appreciation Week – January 19-25, 2020 by Dr. Grimes. Mr. Pettis recognized Dr. Lewis and Mrs. Craig for a perfect audit.

Agenda Item #4b – PUBIC HEARING – Chairman

Budget Hearing

Input for the 2020-21 Budget – Dr. Grimes. The PowerPoint was shown highlighting the Division’s guiding principles/goals for 20-21; Dr. Grimes summarized budget updates: Areas of Focus, Student Demographics, Free/Reduced Lunch Status, Special Education, ADM, Composite Index, Governor’s Proposed Budget, VRS Rates, Considerations.

Open Public Hearing:

- 1. Sonny Abbott, District 3 Resident

Close Pubic Hearing

Agenda Item #5 - DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None.

Agenda Item #6 - CONSENT AGENDA:

Pettis offered a motion to approve the consent agenda. Fowlkes seconded the motion, all in favor.

- A. Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2019
- B. Financial Report: December 31, 2019
- C. Payrolls: December 15 & 31, 2019
- D. Monthly Warrants
- E. Budget Adjustments: A10, A11, A12

Agenda Item #7 ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Appointment of a School Board Member to the Governor’s School Joint Board. Fowlkes made the motion that Shelli Hinton be appointed to serve. Outlaw seconded, all in favor.
- B. Appointment of School Board Members to the Amelia Nottoway Technical Center Joint Board. Pettis made the motion that Outlaw and Higgins be appointed to serve the remaining terms January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021; and for Fowlkes to serve a 2-year term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. Higgins seconded. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- C. Appointment of a School Board Member to serve as VSBA Delegate. Pettis made the motion that Shelli Hinton be appointed to serve. Higgins seconded, all in favor.
- D. Appointment of a School Board Member as VSBA Alternate Delegate. Pettis made the motion that Outlaw be appointed to serve. Higgins seconded, all in favor.

- E. Appointment of a School Board Members to serve on the Policy Review Committee. Pettis made the motion Outlaw and Fowlkes serve. Higgins seconded, all in favor.
- F. Renewal of the VSBA Policy Contract. Pettis made the motion to approve. Outlaw seconded. Discussion was made. Mr. Outlaw asked what are standards of quality? Dr. Grimes answered that they are requirements we must meet. Does this relate to the NCPS policy manual? Dr. Grimes answered yes. Outlaw has concerns about using VSBA policies. Dr. Grimes explained the policy format. All in favor.
- G. Approval of Resolution declaring Blackstone Intermediate School buildings obsolete. Pettis made the motion to approve. Fowlkes seconded. All in favor.
- H. Approval of the Blackstone Intermediate School Property Agreement between Nottoway County School Board and the Town of Blackstone. Discussion: Outlaw made a motion to approve with additions. Pettis seconded. Discussion: Outlaw number 3 add a School Board representative; and in number 5 add a School Board representative. All in favor.
- I. Approval to accept VA Preschool Initiative Provisionally Licensed Teacher Incentive Program Application by Marcia Martin. Outlaw made a motion to accept. Pettis seconded. All in favor.

Agenda Item #8 NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- A. First Reading of the of the 2020-21 School Calendar by Marcia Martin. Discussion was made. Dr. Grimes explained it was a calendar committee's requests.
- B. First Reading of File: BDDH-R – Public Participation at School Board Meetings by Dr. Grimes.

Agenda Items #9 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Lead Teacher Report. An update was presented to the board by Marcia Martin and lead teachers.
- B. Establishing a Budget Committee. Outlaw requested this committee. Outlaw would like this to be an action. 2-3 committee members to have valuable input in the budget. The budget would be enhanced input. Pettis made a motion to establish a Budget Committee. Fowlkes second. All in favor.
- C. Nottoway County School Board By-Laws and Operating Procedures. Outlaw provided a draft. Outlaw believes this will provide guidance as the board moves forward. Would like input from the board.
- D. School Resource Officers. Outlaw requested this topic. Outlaw stated that this was discussed during the campaign process. We have 5 schools and 3 building areas. Dept. of Criminal Justice handles hiring. There is a grant; 4-year program. Outlaw feels the board needs to seriously consider SROs. Hinton asked if the grant is first come first served. Outlaw answered yes, but that there are proprieties. Hinton is inspired by the relationships that are built. Fowlkes has seen good and bad. Outlaw feels that we make an application for the minimum of 3 SRO. Dr. Grimes said DJS does have a model to work from. Higgins states in his opinion you have to have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 and is definitely in support. Outlaw stated that the grant will support only 1 SRO for each school. How do you want to proceed? Dr. Grimes stated that the board would state what would like to do and the superintendent would carry it out.

- E. Letter from Town of Crewe regarding NHS graduation conflicting with Crewe Homecoming by Dr. Grimes. Dr. Grimes will pledge moving forward that we will keep Crewe Homecoming date in mind. No objection from the board.
- F. Student Liaison Report by Abdullah Negm, alternate liaison.

Agenda Item #10 MATTERS OF SCHOOL BOARD INTEREST

- A. VSBA Capital Conference – January 13, 2020
- B. VSBA New Chair/Board Member/ Superintendent Orientation, Richmond Marriott – January 14, 2020
- C. School Board Leadership Team Development Meeting, 8 a.m. – 12 noon, at SBO – January 24, 2020
- D. School Board Budget Work Session, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., at SBO – January 24, 2020 (tentative)
- E. Joint Board meeting with School Board and Board of Supervisors – February or March, 2020 (date to be determined)
- F. Second Public Hearing on the Budget at the regular SB meeting – February 13, 2020
- G. School Board Work Session – March 25, 2020 (tentative)
- H. Future Agenda Items
- I. Other – none

Agenda Item #11 CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Higgins offered a motion pursuant to section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia that the Board convene a “Closed Meeting” for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

- A.1 The consideration of personnel for one (1) resignation (1 instructional assistant/bus driver) and employee performance;
- A.2 The consideration of a student disciplinary matter;
- And
- A.7 The discussion of probable litigation as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A.1; A.2 and A.7

Pettis seconded. All in favor.

B. Higgins made a motion for the current calendar year, 2020, the clerk of the board be permitted to attend closed sessions of the board for the purpose of taking minutes. The invitation may be suspended for any part of any closed session meeting where the board wishes to have a board-only executive session. Those minutes will be maintained in a confidential closed file accessible only to board members unless the board determines otherwise for any particular minutes or minute entry.”
Pettis seconded. All in favor.

Agenda Item #12 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Higgins offered a motion that the Board return to “Open Meeting” and certify by recorded vote, that to the best of each Board Member’s knowledge, with the exception of discussion of exit interviews and an update on the HR position, only public matters lawfully exempted from “Open Meeting” requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and identified in the motion authorizing the “Closed Meeting” were heard, discussed, or considered in the “Closed Meeting”.

Outlaw seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Outlaw, Higgins, Pettis, Fowlkes, Hinton

NAYS: None

Motion passed by a 5:0 vote

Agenda Item #13 ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent's Personnel Agenda.

Higgins offered motion to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Agenda. Fowlkes seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Outlaw, Higgins, Pettis, Fowlkes, Hinton

NAYS: None

Motion passed by a 5:0 vote

Agenda Item #14 ADJOURNMENT

Hinton offered motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Outlaw seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Shelli Hinton, Chairperson

Date

Charlotte D. Wood, Clerk