

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 5, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Sharon Saunders
Gina Patterson
Barbara Coyle

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.1 Personnel
2.1-344.2 Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board returned to regular session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Essex County School Board had convened a closed meeting of this pursuant to an affirmative record vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE

AYES 5

NAY 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) of Essex County

There was no action taken.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond Whitaker, School Board Vice Chairman

Carl Slaughter, School Board Member

Liz Martin, School Board Member

Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk

Joseph Melvin, Superintendent

Annette Thompson, Director of Finance

Dashan Turner, Director of Student Services

Patrick DiSpirito, Principal of T.E.S.

Angela Gross, Principal of E.I.S.

Sinclair Harris, Asst. Principal of E.I.S.

Darnell Carter, Principal of E.H.S.

Mary Coggin

Jon Barnes

Ronnie Fones

Brad Hall

Russell Carlton

Jennifer Lyons

Shannon Bryant

Kristin Truax

Princess Blanding

Ernestine Fauntleroy

Valerie Taylor

Sharon Umphlette

Sheila Howard

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Carl Slaughter, seconded by Liz Martin, the Board approved the following:

September 10, 2012 Minutes

September 30, 2012 Financial Report

Monthly Claims

Use of Facilities Requests

Fund Raising Requests

Field Trip Requests

Personnel Action

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion by Carl Slaughter, seconded by Liz Martin, the Board approved the VDOE 2012-2013 Local Consolidated Application.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BI-MONTHLY PAYMENTS

On a motion by Liz Martin, seconded by Carl Slaughter, the Board approved the bi-monthly payments for accounts payable as presented by Annette Thompson, Director of Finance and Operations.

SEPTEMBER 30 ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dr. Melvin reported the enrollment for Essex County Public Schools as of September 30th. The enrollment for PK-12 was 1607, 51 of which are in PK. The total enrollment is approximately 20 less than this time last year.

COLLEGE READINESS

Essex High School Counselors, Ms. Shannon Bryant and Ms. Kristin Truax, presented a powerpoint presentation on college readiness. The presentation focused on the six components of college and career readiness; 1. College Aspirations 2. Academic Planning for College and Career Readiness 3. College and Career Exploration and Selection Process 4. College and Career Assessments 5. College Affordability Planning 6. Transition from High School Graduation to College Enrollment.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Bus Shop Supervisor, Ronnie Fones, gave an update on the transportation department. He stated that Essex County Public Schools currently has 37 regular buses, 2 special needs buses and 2 spare buses. The special needs buses make 2 runs per day, therefore, purchasing new buses, needs to be considered. Some school vehicles have close to 300,000 miles, as well as, extremely old snow removal vehicles and equipment. Dr. Melvin suggested that research to be done to determine if leasing vehicles will be more cost efficient.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Melvin asked Brad Hall, Maintenance Supervisor, to give an update on construction. Mr. Hall reported that the construction at Essex High School is going well and on schedule. He stated that the building of the auditorium and commons area is progressing well. Lighting and additional spaces have been added to the south parking lot. The new sewage system is near completion for operation. The roof of the vocational building is complete. Inspections are done by F&R Company through John Hancock, Structural Inspector. Mr. Hall thanked everyone for their patience during

school opening. He also stated that even though the focus is on the high school, the other 2 schools are not being neglected. Some projects were done at these schools over the summer, such as painting and blacktopping.

Dr. Melvin congratulated Tappahannock Elementary and Essex Intermediate on meeting all of the requirements for meeting average measurable objectives and being released from school improvement after 8 years.

Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk, presented the Virginia School Boards Association Academy Awards to board members, superintendent and clerks. The certificates and pins were in recognition of interest in becoming further educated in boardsmanship skills and curriculum issues through attendance at Academy programs.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The timeline for the Superintendent Search was read by the Deputy Clerk, Sharon Saunders.

School Board Vice Chair, Raymond Whitaker, stressed the importance in completing the survey. An acting superintendent will be in place by January 2, 2013.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

- 2.1-344.163 Personnel
- 2.1-344.164 Pupil Personnel
- 2.1-344.7.1 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board returned to regular session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Essex County School Board had convened a closed meeting of this date pursuant to an affirmative record vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted with Virginia law;

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VOTE

AYES: 3

NAY: 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) Of Essex County

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the appointment of Classified Personnel B-1.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the resignations of C-1 and C-2.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the appointment of coaches, F-1.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the appointment of substitute teachers listed.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved Pupil Personnel Home School Students listed.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Sharon Saunders

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.3 Personnel
2.1-344.4 Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board returned to regular session.

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VOTE

AYES 5

NAY 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) of Essex County

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the Resolution for School Boards Regarding Sequestration (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Sharon Saunders

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.5 Personnel
2.1-344.6 Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board returned to regular session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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VOTE

AYES 5

NAY 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) of Essex County

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Carl Slaughter
Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.7 Personnel (Superintendent Search)
2.1-344.7.1 Legal

The meeting will continue to November 12, 2012.