

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met at Essex School Board Room on April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Gail Pope, Superintendent
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk
Angela Gross, Principal EIS
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES
Fontella Calhoun, Assistant Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Mary Coggin
Jon Barnes
Gina Powell
Anthony Walker
Dashan Turner
Denise Hammond
Jacob Plummer
John Clickener
Jennifer Lyons

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Denise Hammond voiced her concern about the loss of "Other Leave". Dr. Pope stated that according to the school board attorney the regulation was discriminatory. The leave must be offered to everyone not just licensed personnel. Mr. Bullis thanked Mrs. Hammond for her concern.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Perkins Grant (Item I – Consent Agenda)

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the consent agenda (see attached).

ADOPT PROPOSED 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Turner presented a 179 day calendar which means schools will be operating at 990 hours.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the 2013-2014 school calendar.

HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Pope presented a high school improvement plan (see attached).

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the high school improvement plan.

WEARING SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR SPORTS EVENTS

This was tabled until the May meeting.

SCHOOL FOOD BUDGET

Mrs. Thompson asked the Board to approve the school food budget of \$759,640.00 (see attached). She also stated that a food service consultant would be giving a report at the May meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the school food budget.

PROPOSED STEM ACADEMY AT NNTC

Mr. Todd Davis presented a powerpoint presentation on the proposed STEM Academy at the Northern Neck Technical Center.

SPECIAL ED. ANNUAL PLAN

Dr. Walker presented the annual special ed. plan for the Board to review (see attached).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pope stated that all schools are gearing up for SOL testing.

BOARD'S REPORT

Mr. Whitaker commended the schools for their efforts in helping children.

Mr. Bullis thanked the Board for their support at the Board of Supervisors meeting. He also thanked Dr. Pope for producing a needs base budget.

Mrs. Martin asked that parents and teachers attend the public hearing on April 29, 2013.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- 2.2-3711(A)(1) Personnel Matters
- 2.2-3711(A)(3) Legal Matters

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and 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 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	4
NAY	0

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

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the retirement of Elaine Bartholomew effective at the end of the school year.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, 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 April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis, Chairman
 Ray Whitaker
 Carl Slaughter
 Kim Hodges, Clerk
 Scott Burckbuchler, Superintendent
 Lorena Watrous

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.2-3711(A)(1) Personnel Matters
2.2-3711(A)(3) Legal Matters

REGULAR SESSION

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

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VOTE

AYES 3
NAY 0

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

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board appointed Lorena Watrous as Assistant Superintendent of Essex County Public Schools.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Terry Carson as a substitute teacher.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, 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 April 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Ray Whitaker, Vice Chairman
Carl Slaughter
Keren Ellis
Liz Martin
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Dashan Turner
Anthony Walker
Annette Thompson

CLOSED SESSION

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

- 2.2-3711(A)(2) Student Matters
- 2.2-3711(A)(3) Legal Matters

REGULAR SESSION

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

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VOTE

AYES 4
NAY 0

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

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the recommendation to let student #20130429-1 return to school with special education services provided.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the recommendation to let student #20130429-2 return to school with counseling from FAPT and Intercept.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk