

**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.

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 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

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met at Essex School Board Room on May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present:	Ray Whitaker	Lori Beckwith
	Keren Ellis	Cathy Sershen
	Carl Slaughter	Wanda Reynolds
	Gail Pope, Superintendent	Tammy Hodges
	Kim Hodges, Clerk	Florence Pollard
	Angela Gross, Principal EIS	Maria Byrd
	Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES	Jill Young
	Fontella Calhoun, Assistant Principal TES	Hannah Swann
	Princess Blanding, Asst. Principal EHS	Legend van de Ende
	Scott Burkbuchler	Cole Bristow
	Annette Thompson	Silas French
	Mary Coggin	Travis Scheinder
	Jon Barnes	Elliott Watkins
	Gina Powell	Claire Wilmore
	Anthony Walker	Louisa Magee
	Dashan Turner	Jennifer Lyons
	Denise Hammond	John Clickener
	Jacob Plummer	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lyons formally invited the Board to the eighth grade graduation.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Move Informational Item A to after Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND PRESENTATION

Hannah Swann, Legend van de Ende, Cole Bristow, Silas French, Travis Scheinder, Elliott Watkins and Claire Wilmore performed a skit for the Board.

The Board thanked the students for the performance.

ADOPT SPECIAL ED. ANNUAL PLAN

Dr. Walker asked the Board to adopt the Special Ed. Annual Plan.

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adopted the Special Ed. Annual Plan.

ADOPT MATH TEXTBOOKS

Dr. Pope asked the Board to adopt the math textbooks (see attached sheet).

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adopted the math textbooks.

APPROVED RIF POLICY

Dr. Pope asked the Reduction in Force (RIF) policy be approved (see attached policy).

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the RIF policy.

VSBA INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mrs. Thompson presented the VSBA insurance renewal for Board approval (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the VSBA insurance renewal.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mrs. Thompson presented additional appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 – Federal Reimbursements; \$50,000.00 – School Food Purchase).

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved asking the Board of Supervisors for the above additional appropriations.

REPORT ON FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS

Mrs. Lori Beckwith presented a powerpoint presentation giving an overview of the financial and operational status of the food service department. She also conducted interviews with food service staff. As a result of her findings, she mentioned several ways in which the food service department can save money and follow guidelines closer.

EHS CHANGE OF BELL SCHEDULE

Ms. Blanding stated that EHS would move from a 7 block schedule to an 8 block schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pope presented a sheet on the budget.

Mr. Whitaker stated that he supports the efforts of Dr. Pope in developing the budget.

WEARING SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR SPORTS EVENTS

Mrs. Ellis suggested that students wear safety equipment for sports events and asked the Board to consider a policy reflecting such.

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Mr. Whitaker stated that he attended TES and EIS awards ceremonies.

Mrs. Ellis thanked Dr. Pope for her leadership.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, 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)(2) Student Matters

2.2-3711(A)(3) Legal Matters

REGULAR SESSION

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VOTE

AYES 3

NAY 0

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On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board appointed the following personnel:

Derek Mills, EIS Civics
Rebecca Lyall, EIS Pre-Algebra
Tracy Fulks, EHS Chemistry
Denise Pauze, EHS Librarian
Brian Risley, EIS Math

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the following resignations:

Tammy Cole, EHS Ag.
Sharon Chancey, EHS Algebra I & II
Sara Vasko, EIS History
Ellen Shifflett, EHS Special Ed.
Ann Hartso, EIS Math

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the following retirement:

Janice Tyndall, TES Special Ed.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board did not approve the superintendent's recommendation to expel student #05132013-IIB1.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved student #05132013-IID1 to be home schooled. Mrs. Ellis voted nay.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, 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 May 16, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Ray Whitaker
Karen Ellis
Liz Martin
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Gail Pope, Superintendent

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis 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

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VOTE

AYES	3
NAY	0

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

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the 2013-2014 School Budget in the amount of \$16,272,368.00 (\$14,452,267 – Regular Fund; \$759,640 – School Food Fund; and \$1,060,461 – Grants).

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendations to eliminate 3 special ed paraprofessionals, eliminate 3.5 positions paid for through SIG grant, eliminate 2 positions at TES and 1 PE position at EHS, eliminate 1 central office position, reduce instructional material lines at each school by \$5,000, reduce textbook lines at each school by \$20,000 and cutting the athletic department by \$15,000.

The Board asked to be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda in June to one again request funding for a salary increase for employees.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met at the Essex County School Board on May 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Bullis, School Board Chairman
Raymond Whitaker, School Board Vice Chairman
Keren Ellis, School Board Member
Gail Pope, Superintendent

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Ray Whitaker, seconded by Keren Ellis, the Board went into closed session for the following:

2.2-3711(A)1 Personnel Matters

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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VOTE

AYES: 3

NAY: 0

ABSENTIA: 0

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

On a motion by Ray Whitaker, seconded by Keren Ellis, the Board approved the appointment of Angela Mosley as Principal of Essex High School.

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Ray Whitaker, seconded by Keren Ellis, the Board returned to open session.

On a motion by Ray Whitaker, seconded by Keren Ellis, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk