

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Carl Slaughter
Larry Bullis
Keren Ellis
Mary Gaskins
Ray Whitaker
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Stephanie Bassett, Assistant Superintendent
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS
Angela Gross, Assistant Principal EHS
Andrea Roane, Principal EIS
Robert Lukacevic, Assistant Principal EIS
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES
Fontella Calhoun, Assistant Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Sharon Saunders
Ron Largett
Deborah Johnson
Erin Kelley
Denise Hammond
Kay Carlton
Valerie Taylor
Ernestine Fauntleroy

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Gaskins, the Board approved the consent agenda.

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND RESOLUTION

Dr. Melvin asked the Board to adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital projects for school purposes and to consent to certain issuances (see attached).

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved the above request.

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Regular Session

SUPPLEMENTARY & CENTRAL OFFICE EVALUATION DOCUMENTS

Dr. Melvin presented supplementary and central office evaluations documents for counselors, librarians, psychologist, reading specialist and central office personnel for the Board to approve.

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the supplementary & central office evaluation documents (see attached).

SCHOOL OPENING

Dr. Melvin thanked the teachers and staff for opening on time in spite of the hurricane.

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that he and Mr. Whitaker rode the school bus on the first day.

He mentioned that 1560 students were enrolled plus 44 preschoolers.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Bassett and the principals reported on SOL's and this year's strategies.

Mr. Dispirito, Ms. Roane and Mr. Carter all gave powerpoint presentations on their strategies and goals for the 2011-12 school year.

Mr. Whitaker commented the administration for their presentation and delivery.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Mr. Whitaker stated that he enjoyed the chance to ride the school bus on the first day of school. The Board thanked all for their efforts in getting school opened.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Whitaker, 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	Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Gaskins 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

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

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved the home school requests for students 09122011-IID1 & 09122011-IID2. Mrs. Ellis voted nay.

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

Chairperson

Clerk/Deputy Clerk