

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Carl Slaughter
Larry Bullis
Keren Ellis
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
Wayne Lewis, Director of Student Services
Annette Thompson
Ron Largett
Veronica Donahue
Gina Powell
Vanessa Burns
Ernestine Fauntleroy
Antoinette Jones
Erin Kelley
Deborah Johnson
Joey Reinhardt
Valerie Taylor
Virginia Flaherty

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following was added to the agenda under action items:
Resolution for School Bond Refinancing

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ESSEX GIFTED PLAN

Dr. Melvin recommended extending the 2011-2012 Essex Gifted Plan (see attached).

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation.

VSBA DELEGATE & ALTERNATE

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved Mary Gaskins as Delegate for the VSBA annual convention.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved Keren Ellis as Alternate for the VSBA annual convention.

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOND REFINANCING

Dr. Melvin recommended the Board approved the resolution for school bond refinancing. This will lower debt service interest (see attached resolution).

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved the resolution for school bond refinancing.

SEPTEMBER 30TH ENROLLMENT

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that the enrollment as of September 30th was 1642 including prekindergarten and 1592 excluding them.

BLOCK SCHEDULING AT EHS

Mrs. Gross presented a powerpoint presentation on block scheduling at Essex High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Melvin reported that he attended a superintendent's conference in which the topic of the NCLB waiver was discussed. The State decided to put an application in for the waiver which will relieve Virginia from the AYP mandate.

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that the Parent Portal was launched, a new email system will be used by the division and café enterprise will start at each school.

BOARD'S REPORT

The Board had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1-344.7	Personnel
2.1-344.8	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7	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	4
NAY	0

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

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved students #10102011-IIC-1 & #10102011-IIC-2 to return to school on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the home schooled request of student #10102011-IID-1.

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

Chairperson

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on October 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.