

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on January 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Keren Ellis
Ray Whitaker
Carl Slaughter
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk
Jane Kurczak
Erin Kelley
Rusty Carlton
Liz Martin
Peggy Rennolds
Charles Huntley
David Rector
Karl Wachsmuth
Estelle Smith
Edward Smith
Rev. Yeatts
Frederick Dunn
John Clickener

The Board heard the candidates for Interim School Board Member.

Col. John Clickener mentioned that he is very interested in education and how it affects the county and its citizens.

Mr. Frederick Dunn mentioned that he has children in Essex Public Schools and wants to be involved in the education of children. He has a family member who is in education.

Mrs. Viola Golden was unable to be present due to illness.

Mr. Charles Huntley mentioned that he was a former educator in Essex County Public Schools. He also mentioned that he is familiar of the various types of problems that arise in education.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin mentioned that she has two children. Her daughter attended private school and her son currently attends public school. She has experience both sides of education. She is an administrator at the local hospital and understands the challenges that are involved with the business of education.

Mr. Bullis thanked the candidates for participating in the process.

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1-344.19	Personnel
2.1-344.20	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1	Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter 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. Slaughter, the Board appointed Elizabeth Martin to the Interim School Board position vacated by the death of Mary Gaskins for the Central District.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk