

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis
Carl Slaughter
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Joseph Melvin, Superintendent
Stephanie Bassett, Assistant Superintendent
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS
Angela Gross, Principal EIS
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Sharon Saunders
Anthony Walker
Dashan Turner
John Clickener
Jon Barnes
Denise Hammond
Erin Kelley
Jane Kurczak
Jennifer Lyons
Melissa Thompson
Wanda Reynolds
Gayle Dungee
Jacob Plummer
Sharon Robinson
Ernestine Fauntleroy

CLOSED SESSION

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

2.1-344.1	Personnel
2.1-344.2	Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.7.1	Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, 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 3

NAY 0

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

There was no action taken in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Clickener remarked on the excellent work of the staff in creating the new website, as well as his concern for an open budget development process and the process by which the superintendent's employment contract was extended. He made a FOIA request for the superintendent's original contract and the contract extension or new contract that was approved in June (see attached requests).

Mr. Plummer voiced his concern about the number of teacher vacancies.

Mr. Bullis informed him that eight positions have been filled and four positions are to be filled.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the consent agenda along with eight professional appointments, two classified appointments and one other appointment.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the home schooled student list. Mrs. Ellis voted nay.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the nonresident student list.

Mr. Bullis stated that on June 11, 2012 the Board voted 5 to 0 to extend the superintendent's contract by two years.

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Angela Gross as Principal of EIS and Princess Blanding as Interim Assistant Principal at EHS.

SCHOOL LUNCH FEES

Dr. Melvin presented the list of school lunch fees for the 2012-2013 school year for Board approval.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the school lunch fees for 2012-2013.

VSBA ALTERNATE

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved Keren Ellis as the VSBA Alternate Representative.

POLICIES GCDA & JHCD

Dr. Melvin presented policies GCDA and JHCD for the Board's approval.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board approved policies GCDA and JHCD.

CONVOCATION

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that convocation would be held on August 27th at Essex Intermediate School at 8:30 a.m.

CRISIS PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Turner informed the Board at the Crisis Plan had been updated with the exception of one provision that will be added (see attached).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Melvin informed the Board that he is looking forward to the opening of school and EHS will be ready inspite on the renovation work.

BOARD'S REPORT

Mr. Whitaker stated that he toured EHS and reported on the process. He mentioned the target date for completion is December 2014.

Mr. Bullis thanked Mr. Barnes for the updated website. He also stated that the retreat was a business meeting with updates and goals from each department. Legal updates were also presented by the school board attorney especially on FOIA information.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk