

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Michelle Sheeler, Chairman
Jeremy Jordan
Craig Freeman
Jonathan Ingram
Camron “CJ” Childress
Timothy Goodale
Madeline Hatok, Student Representative
Arty Tillett, Superintendent
Christine Hill, PhD, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support Services
Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

- I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. Chairman Sheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Madeline Hatok, a junior at Poquoson High School led the Pledge to the Flag and read an inspirational reading.
- II. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. None
- III. RECOGNITIONS.
 - A. Chairman Sheeler recognized Mason Forrest as the Senior of the Month.
 - B. Mr. Tillett recognized Mr. Steve Pappas for his years of service with PCPS.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS.
 - A. Superintendent’s Update. Mr. Arty Tillett, Superintendent, gave an update on COVID cases and vaccination clinics. He gave a presentation on the ViSSTA program, which will support screening testing of COVID with the aim of catching cases early and stopping further transmission. He shared that PCPS has hired a COVID Response Coordinator. He also shared that PCPS is continuing to work through the application process with the VDOE for available grant monies to fund and build summer academies, after school homework clubs, activity buses, food, transportation staffing and tutors.
 - B. Mrs. Tara Woodruff, Executive Director of Finance, presented on the budget calendar for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023 budget process. She shared with community members that they are encouraged to attend the Public Budget Hearing on March 15, 2022. Input can also be provided through Let’s Talk, which can be accessed through the PCPS website.
 - C. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on the Poquoson Middle School Renovation & Modernization project. He shared with the Board some current pictures of the inside of the construction site.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT. Robin Zeman, from Tabernacle United Methodist Church, spoke to the Board about youth activities available in Poquoson and to encourage families to take advantage of these programs available through Tabernacle.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA.
 - A. Approval of Financial Reports (*Enclosed*)

- B. Approval to Accept to Change Appropriation and to Accept and Expend Funds in Accordance with Attached Request *(Enclosed)*
- C. Approval of Personnel Action *(Enclosed)*
- D. Approval of Minutes of October's Regular Meeting and Work Session *(Enclosed)*
- E. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property *(Enclosed)*

Mr. Jordan read the Consent Agenda above. Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman, that the Consent Agenda be approved as read. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Chairman Sheeler, Aye

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of the Clerk of the Board *(Reading File Enclosed)*.

Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jordan for approval for Dustie McCay to be Clerk of the Board from November 17, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Nay; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Chairman Sheeler, Aye

- B. Consideration of Approval of Superintendent's Request to City Council for use of Carryover Funds

Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Childress that the Proclamation be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Chairman Sheeler

IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR OTHER MATTERS BY SCHOOL BOARD AND/OR SUPERINTENDENT.

- Mr. Tillett. He recognized Mrs. Reimers for her years of service with PCPS, and wished her well as she moves on to a new position in New Kent.
- Miss Hatok. She presented an update on past and upcoming activities at each of the individual schools.
- Mr. Ingram. He congratulated Mason Forrest on being the PHS senior of the month. He thanked Mr. Pappas on his fourteen years of service with PCPS and wished him all the best in his retirement. He recognized Mrs. Reimers for her service to the Board over the last seven years.

- Mr. Goodale. He thanked both Mr. Pappas and Mrs. Reimers for their service to PCPS. He shared how much he appreciates all the teachers and staff for their hard work each day and hopes the bonus will help in some way. He spoke on how the Board is always looking for solutions to help better our schools, and to our retain teachers. He welcomes ideas and suggestions on how the Board can support PCPS schools.

- Mr. Freeman. He congratulated all of the fall sport teams on making it to Regionals and States. He congratulated Field Hockey on playing for the state championship for three years in a row, and being this year's state runner-up. He thanked Ms. Zeman for coming out and speaking to them. He thanked the teachers, and shared that the Board is very appreciative of their hard work. He congratulated Mr. Pappas on his retirement. He recognized Mrs. Reimers for her service to the Board. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.


- Mr. Jordan. He thanked everyone who was in attendance at the Run with the Bulls fundraiser. He shared that there was an excess of 165 participants at the race, with close to 60 sponsors, which made the event one of the largest annual run events. He shared that 100% of the proceeds comes directly back to Poquoson schools. He thanked the Kiwanis Club for all their support of this event. He thanked the PEF Board for all their hard work and support that they give our schools. He wished Mr. Pappas and Mrs. Reimers best of luck in their next adventure.

- Mr. Childress. He congratulated Mason Forrest as the senior of the month. He also congratulated Poquoson's fall sports teams. He wished Mr. Pappas and Mrs. Reimers the best of luck. He thanked Mr. Tillett for all he has done through these trying times. He thanked Ms. Zeman for her service working with children, and for coming out to speak and making the community aware of the activities available for the youth. He thanked the teachers and staff for all their hard work.

- Chairman Sheeler. She shared that she is sorry to see Mr. Pappas leave, but wishes him well in his retirement. She recognized Mrs. Reimers for her seven years as being the Clerk of the Board.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.


Michelle Sheeler, Chairman


Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

Date: 12-14-21