

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Michelle Sheeler, Chairman
Christy Helsel, Vice Chair
Jeremy Jordan
Craig Freeman
Jonathan Ingram
Camron "CJ" Childress
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., and Marissa Woodruff, a Sixth Grader at Poquoson Middle School led the Pledge to the Flag and read an inspirational reading.
- II. STUDENT PRESENTATION. None
- III. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. None
- IV. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS.
 - A. Update on School Opening for 2021-2022. Mr. Arty Tillett, Superintendent, gave a presentation on Back to School for 2021-2022.
 - B. Mrs. Tara Woodruff, Executive Director of Finance, presented to the Board highlights of the CIP plan for FY22-FY27. She noted that the FY22 is being revised for two reasons. First, there are two projects that have been completed. PCPS utilized Coronavirus Relief Funds to cover the PHS Gym HVAC project to increase air quality in this area. Plus, the City was able to include the PMS Turf Field Replacement project in the PMS Modernization borrowing and this was just completed earlier this month. Second, we are including some additional items on this year's CIP as the City may be able to utilize some covid funds they are receiving along with other funds they have available. The additional items are: HVAC system for the primary school, Traffic Control Loop at PHS, and two conventional 77 passenger buses.
 - C. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on factors impacting Food Service for 2021. He also gave the Board a transportation update. He shared information on the national driver shortage. He also let the community know that PCPS is hiring bus drivers with a starting wage over \$16.00 per hour.
 - D. Instructional Update. Dr. Christine Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support shared a presentation on Instruction programs taking place in PCPS. She also provided information on professional development opportunities for staff. Brandon Ratliff, Ed.D., Director of Accountability, Student Achievement & Technology shared a presentation on VDOE Growth Assessments.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Approval of Minutes of August's Regular Meeting, Work Session, Closed Meeting, and Special Meeting *(Enclosed)*
- B. Approval of Financial Reports *(Enclosed)*
- C. Approval of Personnel Action *(Enclosed)*
- D. Authorization to Change Appropriation and to Accept and Expend Funds in Accordance with Attached Request *(Enclosed)*

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

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Vice Chair Helsel, Aye; Chairman Sheeler, Aye

VII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

- A. Consideration of Approval of PCPS Capital Improvement Plan for FY22-FY27 *(Reading File Enclosed)*.

Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ingram that the Capital Improvement Plan for FY22-FY27 be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Nay; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Vice Chair Helsel, Aye; Chairman Sheeler, Aye

- B. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Changes to Policy Manual *(Reading File Enclosed)*.

Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman that First Reading of Changes to the Policy Manual be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 5:1 abstain

Mr. Ingram, Abstain; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Vice Chair Helsel, Aye; Chairman Sheeler

Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Childress, that the Second Reading be waived and Changes to the Policy Manual be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 5:1 abstain

Mr. Ingram, Abstain; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Vice Chair Helsel, Aye; Chairman Sheeler

- C. Consideration of Approval of Proclamations for National School Lunch Week and Bullying Prevention Month *(Enclosed)*.

Mr. Ingram made a motion, seconded by Ms. Helsel, that the Proclamations be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Freeman, Aye; Mr. Jordan, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Vice Chair Helsel, Aye; Chairman Sheeler, Aye


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

- Mr. Tillett. He informed the Board that he is excited to start work on the PCPS Strategic Plan, which will begin in October with the help of K12 Insight.
- Mr. Ingram. He congratulated all PCPS staff for a successful start to the new school year. He thanked all staff for their hard work. He commented that he has received communication from parents on students having to wear masks in schools and would like to see this policy revisited in the near future. He shared that he feels masks wearing does hinder communication between students and teachers.
- Mr. Freeman. He thanked the teachers and staff for all their hard work and always going above and beyond.
- Mr. Childress. He thanked teachers and staff for the successful start of the school year. He thanked parents for their continued support to their students' teachers and schools.
- Mr. Jordan. He shared his excitement for the students to be back in school and them enjoying the social interaction with other students. He expressed his thoughts and prayers for our neighboring Newport News Division with the incident they had at one of their high schools. He thanked teachers and staff for all that they do each day. He thanked administrators. He also thanked PCPS bus drivers for going above and beyond with getting students to school and home each day.
- Vice Chair Helsel. She echoed Mr. Jordan's comments.
- Chairman Sheeler. She thanked Marissa for reading her inspirational message on kindness. She shared her excitement on Mr. Tillett's strategic plan that he will be presenting to the Board. She thanked bus drivers for all that they do.

IX. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. There were none.

X. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Sheeler announced that a Closed Session would follow the Board Meeting to discuss Personnel Matters. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.


Michelle Sheeler, Chairman


Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

Date: Oct 19, 2021