

POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 24, 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
Timothy Goodale
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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PRESENTATIONS.

A. Update on School Opening for 2021-2022. Mr. Arty Tillett, Superintendent, gave a presentation on Health Mitigation Strategies for 201-2022.

B. Instructional Update. Dr. Christine Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Support shared information on Open House days and times for families to attend. She also informed families of the virtual option available for Open House. She presented information on Elementary Reading Instruction (K-5). She showed the Board how the Division website has been updated on curriculum and instruction. Dr. Hill advised that she will be providing teachers and administrators with a curriculum and instruction Newsletter.

C. Mrs. Tara Woodruff, Executive Director of Finance, presented to the Board the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funding plan. She explained the purpose of the funding, which is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools, plus address the impacts of COVID-19 by addressing students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

D. Operations Update. Mr. Steve Pappas, Executive Director of Operations, presented an update on the PMS modernization project, team rooms and new turf being installed on the field.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT. Brandon Call, 13 Bayview Dr spoke on mask mandate; David Jellison, 23 Terrace Dr spoke on mask mandate; Alicia Darouse, 56 Pasture Rd spoke on exemptions to masks; Doug Macloud of Poquoson spoke on transgender policy; Dave Dean of Poquoson spoke on COVID mandates.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA.

A. Approval of Financial Reports *(Enclosed)*

B. Approval of Personnel Action *(Enclosed)*

C. Authorization to Change Appropriation and to Accept and Expend Funds in Accordance with Attached Request *(Enclosed)*

D. Approval of Minutes of June Regular Meeting *(Enclosed)*

E. Approval of Minutes of July Special Organizational Meeting *(Enclosed)*

Ms. Helsel 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: 7:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Goodale, 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 Health Mitigation Strategies for 2021-2022

Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Helsel that voting on the Health Mitigation Strategies for 2021-22 be tabled for another meeting. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:1

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

B. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of Deputy Clerk of the Board (*Reading File Enclosed*).

Ms. Helsel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodale that Dr. Hill be approved as Deputy Clerk of the Board. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

C. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Changes to Policy Manual (*Reading File Enclosed*).

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

VOTE: 7:0

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

D. Consideration of Approval of Authorized Signature in Absence of Division Superintendent (*Enclosed*).

Mr. Jordan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Helsel that Dr. Hill be approved as Authorized Signature in Absence of Division Superintendent. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

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

E. Consideration of Approval of 2021-2022 Calendar Adjustments *(Reading File Enclosed)*.

Ms. Helsel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman that Adjustments to the 2021-22 Calendar be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Mr. Goodale, 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. No Comment.

- Mr. Ingram. He thanked the Kiwanis Club for hosting the breakfast for new PCPS teachers. He thanked Tabernacle United Methodist Church for sponsoring the breakfast. He thanked the speakers who came out to share their comments.

- Mr. Goodale. He thanked the speakers who came out to share their comments. He shared that he looks forward to serving on the Board.

- Mr. Freeman. He thanked the speakers who shared their comments with the Board.

- Mr. Jordan. He welcomed the new teachers and administrative staff to Poquoson. He shared that he is looking forward to the upcoming school year, even with the challenges that will have to be faced. He spoke on how pleased he was on how PCPS handled last year's school year, and how we were the only school division that had young children in school at least a couple of days a week at the start of the school year. He also shared that he is excited to have athletics starting soon.

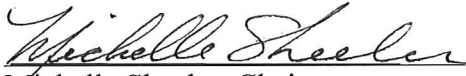
- Mr. Childress. He shared that he is a new Board member and has noticed how passionate the teachers, staff, administrators and Board members are about education. He is looking forward to serving on the Board.

- Vice Chair Helsel. She echoed Mr. Jordan's comments. She thanked the speakers for coming out to share comments. She is excited about the new field and ready for sports to begin.

- Chairman Sheeler. She welcomed Dr. Hill as the new Assistant Superintendent. She welcomed the two newest Board members, Dr. Goodale and Mr. Childress. She read a statement to the community on the Oath that Board members take when appointed. She thanked Brad King, Division Attorney, for his attendance at the meeting and his continued support and advisement. She spoke in reference to everyone working together for the betterment of Poquoson students and their education. She thanked the speakers that came out to share comments and for all the people who wrote emails, Let's Talk, and letters.

IX. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW. There were none.

X. ADJOURNMENT. Chairman Sheeler announced that a Closed Session would follow the Board Meeting. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.


Michelle Sheeler, Chairman


Lenna Reimers, Clerk of the Board

Date: 8-21-21