

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Present:

Christina Helsel, Chair	Timothy Goodale	Cathy Everett
Craig Freeman, Vice Chair	Cameron Childress	Arty Tillett, Superintendent
Jonathan Ingram	Shannon Martin	Dustie McCay, Clerk of the Board

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Helsel called meeting to order: 5:59 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND INSPIRATIONAL READING:** Alexis Peshehonoff, a junior at Poquoson High School and Student Representative of the Board, led the Pledge to the Flag and read two inspirational quotes fitting to going back to school.
- III. **ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:** There were none.
- IV. **RECOGNITIONS:** Kelly Purdie acknowledged the Martin Family for their donation of a Grand Piano to PCPS.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**
 - A. **Superintendent's Update:** Mr. Arty Tillett, Superintendent, gave an update on the opening of schools. He explained why teachers returned to school two days early for pre-service events, such as Spark Day. He also gave an update on extracurricular activities.
 - B. **Instruction Update:** Dr. Christine Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Support Services, gave an update on 2021-2022 SOL results highlighting scores were down throughout the state, PCPS is fully accredited, and provided comparisons. She explained the next steps in addressing unfinished learning.
 - C. **Finance Update:** Ms. Tara Woodruff, Executive Director of Finance, gave an update on audit work within the schools and School Board Office and student enrollment numbers. Chair Helsel asked about previous studies done on enrollment due to the new neighborhoods. Mr. Tillett advised the numbers have not changed but the size of Poquoson Primary School is a concern and will discuss at a later time.
 - D. **Operations Update:** Dr. Brandon Ratliff, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, gave an update on the Poquoson Middle School project, safety requirements, transportation, and air quality. Ms. Everett asked what the plan is for students with allergies. Mr. Tillett advised the school will accommodate a student with a medical note.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were none.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Dr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Ms. Martin, Aye;
Ms. Everett, Aye; Vice Chair Freeman, Aye; Chair Helsel, Aye

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. Consideration of Approval of Moving Second Reading of Changes to Policy Manual be approved.

Mr. Childress made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Consideration of Approval of Moving Second Reading of Changes to Policy Manual be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Dr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Ms. Martin, Aye;
Ms. Everett, Aye; Vice Chair Freeman, Aye; Chair Helsel, Aye

- B. Consideration of Approval of Proclamations for National School Lunch Week and Bullying Prevention Month be approved.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Childress, that the Consideration of Approval of Proclamations for National School Lunch Week and Bullying Prevention Month be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 7:0

Mr. Ingram, Aye; Dr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Ms. Martin, Aye;
Ms. Everett, Aye; Vice Chair Freeman, Aye; Chair Helsel, Aye

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

- **Mr. Tillett:** He thanked our staff in every department for hard work.
- **Miss Peshehonoff:** She gave updates from each school.

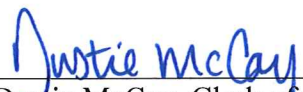
- **Mr. Ingram:** He thanked all teachers and staff for great opening to school year, PMS staff for getting school open, and gave information on the PEF race, and thanked Martin family for piano donation.
- **Dr. Goodale:** He is thankful for middle school project, and echoed sentiments.
- **Mr. Childress:** He thanked employees, bus drivers, Superintendent for getting school back open.
- **Ms. Martin:** She acknowledged Dr. Ratliff and his team for efforts on PMS project.
- **Ms. Everett:** She thanked the Martin family for the piano donation, Zack Baker the new Assistant Athletic Director for a job well done, and thanked teachers, administrators, paras, and staff and are supported by the Board. She thanked Dr. Ratliff for the PMS tour and efforts in getting PMS put together. She thanked IT department, specifically Josh Montalvo, for the amount of time they work. She acknowledged the hiring of a new SRO, Officer Curry. She thanked Becky Morrison at PHS.
- **Vice Chair Freeman:** He thanked the Martin family for the donation and teachers/staff for back to school.
- **Chair Helsel:** She echoed what Ms. Everett said. She thanked Melissa Bunting, PMS Principal, and wanted to remind the community of tomorrow's half day.

X. **MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW:** There were none.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Helsel adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Christina Helsel, Chair



Dustie McCay, Clerk of the Board



Date