

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Present:

Christina Helsel, Chair  
Jonathan Ingram  
Timothy Goodale

Cameron Childress  
Shannon Martin  
Cathy Everett

Arty Tillett, Superintendent  
Dustie McCay, Clerk of the Board

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Helsel called meeting to order: 6:00 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 an inspirational quote.
- III. **ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:** There were none.
- IV. **RECOGNITIONS:** Kelly Purdie recognized Robert Brown as December Senior of the Month and Patrick Nelson as January Senior of the Month, Maddie Hatok as the 2022 VSBA Exhibitors Scholarship Recipient, Varsity Field Hockey for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state championship, Michael Smith and Ami Smith as W!SE Gold Star Award recipients, PHS as a National Blue Star school, and Teachers of the Year- Morgan Shepard (PPS), Kathryn Chapman (PES), Allison Croll (PMS), Becky Morrison (PHS), and Division Teacher of the Year – Becky Morrison. PEF members Sharon Harper and Sherry Harper presented the teachers of the year with a brick on honor walk at PHS. Additionally, PEF also gave Becky Morrison a check. Kiwanis Club members Angie Emmett and Charlie French presented teachers of the year with a recognition letter and check.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**
  - A. **Superintendent's Update:** Mr. Arty Tillett invited Kevin Smith from Participate Learning to give information on a dual language emersion program. He presented the history of the organization and explained partnership offerings. He gave an overview of the program and explained how instruction is delivered along with the benefits and outcomes of the program. Mr. Tillett introduced Amber Brown as the new Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.
  - B. **Instruction Update:** Ms. Amber Brown gave an overview on the program of studies procedures for modification. She explained the proposed changes and the next steps. She also gave an update on the textbook adoption for health textbooks at PHS.
  - C. **Operations Update:** Dr. Brandon Ratliff gave an update on PPS HVAC, PPS roof, PMS modernization, and purchase of two new vans for staff and students use. He explained what the carryover funding was used for.

**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 November's Regular Meeting, Work Session, and Closed Meeting
- E. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property

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

VOTE: 6:0

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

**VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- A. Consideration of Approval of the Secondary Program of Studies for the 2023-2024 School Year be approved.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Everett, that the Consideration of Approval of the Secondary Program of Studies for the 2023-2024 School Year be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

- B. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of School Board Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Board be approved.

Mr. Ingram made a motion, seconded by Mr. Childress, that the Consideration of Appointment of Deputy Clerk of the Board be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

- C. Consideration of Approval of Textbook Adoption be approved.

Ms. Everett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goodale, that the Consideration of Approval of Textbook Adoption be approved.

Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

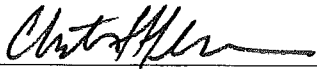
Mr. Ingram, Aye; Dr. Goodale, Aye; Mr. Childress, Aye; Ms. Martin, Aye; Ms. Everett, Aye;  
Chair Helsel, Aye

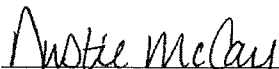
**IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR OTHER MATTERS BY SCHOOL BOARD AND/OR SUPERINTENDENT:**

- **Mr. Tillett:** He thanked Dustie McCay for her service to PCPS and welcomed April Firth as the new Clerk. He also welcomed Amber Brown as Assistant Superintendent, George Yeager for coming back to assist at PES in Dr. Barbara Wood's absence and acknowledged Kristen Lamm for stepping up to the principal position in Dr. Barbara Wood's absence.
- **Miss Peshehonoff:** She gave an update from each school. She recognized the wrestling team and scholastic team and 11 students who made district band. She thanked Ms. Dustie for all her help.
- **Mr. Ingram:** He congratulated awardees and Dustie for service.
- **Dr. Goodale:** He congratulated awardees, PEF, and Kiwanis.
- **Mr. Childress:** He thanked Dustie. He welcomed April and Amber. He congratulated the awardees. He thanked Mr. Tillett for pushing bonuses.
- **Ms. Martin:** She welcomed Ms. Brown. She thanked PEF and Kiwanis. She recognized awardees. She thanked Mr. Smith for saying to be prepared globally. She thanked Arty for advocating for teachers and students. She wished Dustie good luck.
- **Ms. Everett:** She echoed sentiments. Welcomed new hires. She thanked Dustie for her help. She acknowledged Lexi for her questions.
- **Chair Helsel:** She acknowledged Lexi for speaking on her ideas and thoughts. She echoed sentiments. She mentioned recognitions of former students that made it to MLB.

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Helsel adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Christina Helsel, Chair

  
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Dustie McCay, Clerk of the Board

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