

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 17, 2023 – TO FOLLOW REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

Present:

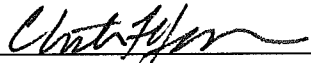
Christina Helsel, Chair	Cameron Childress	Arty Tillett, Superintendent
Jonathan Ingram	Shannon Martin	Amber Brown, Deputy Clerk
Timothy Goodale	Cathy Everett	

Chair Helsel called the work session of the Poquoson City School Board to order at 7:55 p.m.

- I. **Poquoson Athletic Hall of Fame:** Board members discussed having an Athletic Hall of Fame for former, current, and future PCPS athletes who have advanced to a professional league (MBA, NFL, etc.) Questions centered around who would be included and what the cutoff would be. Some members felt that alumni who may have played semi-pro should be included. Members stated that PHS recognizes athletes through the Golden Bull. More information was requested on how students are selected and what it is.
- II. **Staffing Trends:** Tracy Spence, our new Executive Director of Finance, will begin on February 7, 2023. Letters of Intent have gone out to staff members.
- III. **Calendar:** Six calendar options were presented: three with a start date prior to Labor Day and three with a start date after Labor Day. The main difference between each calendar centered around Winter Break. Calendar options were reviewed by a staff committee. The pre-Labor Day calendar starts with students and staff reporting back from winter break on January 2, 2024.
- IV. **Athletic Travel:** The Board has received several concerns regarding the switch from charter buses to school buses for athletic teams advancing to state competition. Due to the increasing number of teams making it to state-level competition, PCPS is unable to continue funding charter buses. A suggestion was made to purchase a larger charter-like bus for athletes; however, due to the overlapping VHSL competition dates, this option was not feasible.
- V. **Policy 6-5.10 – Instruction Materials with Sexually Explicit Content:** Policy 6-5.10 was reviewed with the School Board Attorney. Written notice to Parents will be given at least 30 days prior to the use of any instructional materials with sexually explicit content. Books housed in school media centers were discussed. This policy only applies to library books if used in a classroom lesson.

VI. Preliminary Budget Update: Budget is being developed. Tracy will be working closely with Janet Brown.

There being no further areas to be discussed by the Board, Chair Helsel adjourned the work session at 9:40 p.m.



Christina Helsel, Chair



Amber Brown, Deputy Clerk

2-21-23

Date