

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Present:

Christina Helsel, Chair
Jonathan Ingram
Timothy Goodale

Cameron Childress
Cathy Everett

Christopher Burbage
Arty Tillett, Superintendent
April Firth, 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:** Chair Helsel welcomed April Firth as the new Clerk of the Board. There were none.
- IV. **RECOGNITIONS:** Kelly Purdie recognized Evelyn Weimert as February Senior of the Month, Avery Nunnally-Brooks, Lauren Romanelli, Abigail Smith and Zaynah Weems on their All-State Choir Placements, Page Yarbrough, Blair DuVal, Students of Biology II, Students of Introduction to Culinary Arts and Patrick Nelson for their contributions to Poquoson High Schools Giving Garden Project.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**
 - A. **Instruction Update:** Ms. Amber Brown gave an update on PHS's Health Textbook, SOL testing and National & State Average NAEP Scores. She spoke about the Virginia Literacy Act, resources for our children, CTE Month, as well as the Major Clarity Platform. She gave an overview of VTSS and students social and emotional well-being.
 - B. **Financial Update:** Ms. Tracy Spence gave an overview of the State Calc Tool error and what happens in FY23. She spoke about FY24 Budget Highlights and gave an update on the Budget timeline.
 - C. **Operations Update:** Dr. Brandon Ratliff gave an update on PPS HVAC, PPS roof, recruiting and hiring, Policy 6-5.10 Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content and the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.
- 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 January's Regular Meeting, and Work Session
- E. Approval of Superintendent to Sign a Contract with HVAC Vendor for Poquoson Primary School

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

VOTE: 6:0

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

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. Consideration of Approval of the Proclamation for National School Breakfast Week and Career and Technical Education Month be approved.

Ms. Everett read the proclamation for National School Breakfast Week. Dr. Burbage read the proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month.

Mr. Ingram made a motion, seconded by Dr. Burbage, that the Consideration of Approval of the Proclamation for National School Breakfast Week and Career and Technical Education Month be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0

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

- B. Consideration of Approval of 2023-2024 Academic Calendar be approved.

Dr. Goodale made a motion, seconded by Ms. Everett, that the Consideration of Approval of 2023-2024 Academic Calendar be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 5:1

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

- C. Consideration of Approval for the Adoption of Policy 6-5.10, Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content be approved.

Mr. Childress made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goodale, that the Consideration of Approval for the Adoption of Policy 6-5.10, Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content be approved. Vote was taken.

VOTE: 6:0


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

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

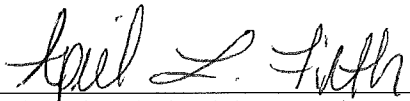
- **Mr. Tillett:** He shared that it was National Board Clerk Appreciation Week and presented a gift to April Firth along with Chair Helsel. He stated that it is also School Board Appreciation Month and welcomed new school board member Dr. Burbage. He presented the board with a gift and thanked board members for a sometimes-thankless job and expressed his gratitude. He was asked by Jean Rae who handles our Impact Aid work to talk about what it is and how it benefits our school system. He stated we are about 17 people short from accessing this money and to please fill out information if you have not done so. He thanked Janet Brown for being the interim Director of Finance.
- **Miss Peshehonoff:** She gave an update on each school.
- **Mr. Ingram:** He congratulated Ms. Weimert on Senior of the Month, members of PHS All-State Choir and thanked teachers and staff for everything that they do.
- **Dr. Goodale:** He also congratulated the PHS All-State Choir and gave thanks to the faculty and students involved in the Giving Garden. It's a great project. As a biologist he loves to see that science education applied in real life. He recognized Jared Goodson for his wrestling state title.
- **Mr. Childress:** He seconds sentiments and likes to see students excited when they are growing, pulling stuff, and cooking it. Thinks the Giving Garden is a great program. To see that an Eagle Scout built the garden boxes makes it that much better.
- **Ms. Everett:** She thanked teachers and administration. She stated that their jobs are hard and sees they are harder than she thought they were. It was nice to see Ms. Brown. She is proud of the students mentioned tonight and states we have excellent students. Thanks to Mr. Tillett for being in the schools and visiting classrooms.
- **Dr. Burbage:** He congratulated Evelyn Weimert on Student of the Month and the PHS All-State Choir Group. He recognized Page Yarbrough and Blair DuVal for their work with the Giving Garden. He thinks it's a great opportunity and is looking forward to taking a look at it.
- **Chair Helsel:** She welcomed Dr. Burbage to the board. She stated she thinks she finally got her hearing back from battle of the classes. It's great to see our kids back to normal and doing field trips and events like this. She thanked our staff and everything they do.

X. MATERIAL FOR BOARD REVIEW: There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Helsel adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Christina Helsel, Chair



April Firth, Clerk of the Board

3-21-23
Date