

**POQUOSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – TO FOLLOW REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF POQUOSON COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

Present:

Christina Helsel, Chair  
Jonathan Ingram  
Timothy Goodale

Cameron Childress  
Cathy Everett

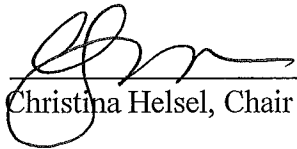
Christopher Burbage  
Arty Tillett, Superintendent  
Amber Brown, Deputy Clerk

Chair Helsel called the work session of the Poquoson City School Board to order at 8:01 p.m.

- I. Budget Presentation:** The Superintendent's proposed budget was distributed and discussed. The personnel needs at PPS were also discussed. A position was included for Special Education Coordinator and Behavioral Specialist to assist with special education and behavioral needs.
- II. Board Leadership:** The Board discussed selecting a Vice Chair. The decision was made to think it over and discuss it at the March meeting.
- III. School Safety:** Weapons Detection System was discussed. Carryover money funded ballistic shields for schools. Digital Mapping – "Collaborative Response Graphics" CRG was spoken about. – Digitally mapping school and creating overlays. This information will go to the police, dispatch, etc. This will allow first responders to locate areas quickly and can be used to navigate.
- IV. Anticipated Enrollment Increases:** An analysis of enrollment projections (2022-2027) was conducted by Weldon-Cooper of UVA. PCPS should expect an additional 125-185 students once construction has finished. Typically, 34 new homes in Poquoson yields 15 additional K-12 students. Mr. Tillett presented facilities options for growth. Next year should be okay. PPS could move resource classes out into trailers (band aid solution). Eventually add onto PES.
- V. Service Animals:** The need for a Service Animal Policy in PCPS was discussed. There is currently a request to bring a service animal next year. The Board reviewed ADA requirements and a sample policy. Clarification was requested if the policy can be limited to dogs due to space limitations and if schools are able to request hypoallergenic

dogs. The Board discussed the ability for parents of other students with severe allergies to opt out or request different placement.

There being no further areas to be discussed by the Board, Chair Helsel adjourned the work session at 9:27 p.m.

  
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Christina Helsel, Chair

  
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Amber S. Brown, Deputy Clerk

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