

The Buchanan County School Board in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., met in the Main Office in Slate Creek, Virginia.

PRESENT: Mr. Clarence Brown, Jr., Chairman
 Mr. Wayne Deskins, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Scotty Owens
 Mr. Willie Sullivan
 Mr. Heath Harrison
 Mr. Robert K. Bevins
 Mr. Austin Crumpton

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Larry K. Ashby	Division Superintendent
Mrs. Patricia Rowe	Clerk of the Board
Mrs. Pebbles Burgess	Attorney

Mr. Clarence Brown, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He commented that he believed we had a successful start of the new school year. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Brown to have prayer prior to starting the meeting. Mr. Brown asked everyone to stand for the prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Discussion and Approval of
 1. Board Agenda

Mr. Sullivan asked to add the consideration of two substitute custodians in the “Classified Personnel” section. Mr. Bevins asked the Board to address cell phone usage during Board Meetings. He stated that he felt cell phone usage should not be allowed during meetings. This item was added to the agenda in “Other - #10”.

Mr. Owens asked to add as “Other - #11” – Superintendent’s Position.

With those additions, the agenda was approved.

2. Minutes

The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

2. Delegations

BEA – Mr. Preston Hibbitts, BEA President, was not in attendance.

Public

1. Joyce Anderson – Aide Contracts

Mrs. Anderson spoke about a person who previously worked as a time sheet aide who got called back to work with a contract. She had questions about why some aides were awarded contracts and others were not. Mr. Sullivan commented that he was aware that, at one time, aides were awarded contracts after working five years, but that policy had been done away with. He also stated that, as a finance committee member, he would see that this situation was addressed at the next finance committee meeting. Mr. Owens stated that he felt that all aides should be treated fairly.

2. Stephanie Smith Justus – Closed session

3. Pat Skeens

Ms. Skeens spoke about her grandson, who is autistic, being separated from his aide of nine years. She asked for the consideration of the Board. Mr. Ashby told Ms. Skeens that the situation needs to be addressed at the school level with the appropriate personnel in consideration of the child’s best interest.

3. Discussion and Approval of Payroll and Invoices

Mr. Brown asked for a motion for approval of the payroll and invoices. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Deskins.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Harrison Yes

Mr. Bevins No

Mr. Bevins stated he voted “no” due to not having enough time to look them over

Mr. Crumpton Yes/with exceptions

Mr. Owens before voting, Mr. Owens asked about payments for contracted services. Mrs. Rowe answered that contracted services were a part of Special Education and were first approved by Mrs. Fletcher. He asked that we keep an eye on these costs.

Vote -Yes

Mr. Deskins Yes

Mr. Sullivan asked if the custodians he mentioned earlier would be limited to 29 hours per week. Mr. Ashby and Mrs. Rowe answered “yes”.

Vote – Yes

Mr. Brown Yes

Result: 6 (Y); 1 (N) – Mr. Bevins

Warrant numbers 82110 through 82259 and 143004 through 143215 were issued from the School Operation Fund. Warrant numbers 1120 through 1122 were issued from the

Textbook Fund. The total amount spent for the month of August 2014 was \$2,465,799.87

1120	W.W. Grainger	\$536.74
1121	Patterson Dental Supply	\$583.80
1122	Brenntag Mid South	\$798.45

82210	Pete Marcum	\$482.85
82211	Delta Dental	\$206.34
82212	Met Life	\$129.34
82213	Blick Art Materials	\$98.69
82214	VSBA	\$200.00
82215	Void	\$0.00
82216	Dominion Office Products	\$1,595.94
82217	Lowe's	\$358.00
82218	Dominion Office Products	\$279.27
82219	Andy Clifton	\$44.00
82220	Bettina Clifton	\$53.60
82221	Bobbie Helton	\$91.00
82222	Kelly Mackey	\$338.88
82223	Rita Breeding	\$55.80
82224	Appalachian Power	\$17,455.90
82225	Appalachian Wireless	\$192.39
82226	AT&T	\$323.51
82227	BVU	\$13,905.50
82228	MCI	\$31.87
82229	PSA	\$5,158.60
82230	Void	\$0.00
82231	The Hartford	\$13,362.42
82232	Time Warner Cable	\$215.41
82233	Va. Assoc. of Counties	\$28,734.00
82234	Verizon	\$506.92
82235	CDW	\$2,408.00
82236	Lowe's	\$129.00
82237	AT&T	\$241.03
82238	Cintas	\$72.20
82239	Great America Financial Ser.	\$1,948.74
82240	Hungate	\$329.00
82241	Interactive Achievement	\$28,140.00
82242	PSA	\$212.08
82243	Tara Keen	\$6.75
82244	Verizon	\$98.92
82245	Buch. County Public Schools	\$2,454.25
82246	Douglas Equipment	\$49.08
82247	Horizon	\$4,145.00
82248	Kansas State Bank	\$3,239.19
82249	Verizon	\$215.55
82250	Paul A. McClananhan	\$2,234.01
82251	VA Employment Commission	\$2,128.73
82252	Ink Technologies	\$51.00
82253	BWB Enterprise	\$9,409.03

82254	D&P Text	\$2,756.00
82255	Void	\$0.00
82256	Quill	\$7,847.97
82257	Subway	\$2,250.84
82258	CDW	\$1,765.00
82259	Dominion Office Products	\$1,049.65

Mr. Brown allowed an additional speaker, Mrs. Connie Looney, to address the Board regarding her daughter's aide. Mr. Brown assured Mrs. Looney that the situation would be evaluated by the appropriate personnel at the school.

Personnel

1. Professional

There was some discussion about approving individuals separately or as a group. On the recommendation of Mr. Ashby, Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve all professional personnel items. Mr. Owens asked that the medical leave for Melinda Skeens be addressed in closed session. Mr. Sullivan amended his motion to exclude the medical leave. Mr. Bevins commented that he did not know anything about the individuals being hired. Mr. Owens asked about the total number of new hires. Mr. Ashby and Mrs. Rowe stated that new hires were approximately thirty-eight, while fifty individuals in total had left the school division for various reasons, including the forty retirees. As the motion for approval of all Professional Personnel items had been made by Mr. Sullivan, the motion was seconded by Mr. Deskins. The vote was unanimous – all “yes”.

Approval August 20, 2014**Transfer Name/Current School**

Kathryn Elswick, HHS Band
Tina Bowman, TVH Sp. Ed.

New Hire Approval

Sarah Edwards, Band
Jessica Rae Deel, PK-6
Krystina Gillenwater, Health & P.E.
Michael Mullins, Math
Avery DeShannon Barton, PK-6
Carlie O'Quinn, PK-6
Tonya Poteet, Librarian
Hollie Chaney, Special Ed.
Sarah Boeren, Health & P.E.
Amanda Burke, Pre-K
Rhonda Jessie, Middle School Math
David Barton, Biology
Veronica Douglas, 2nd
Desiray Brown
Brittany Cline, Kdgt.
Rhonda Edwards, 1st
Mary Beth Fuller, Civics
Sharon Hall, Middle Math
Eric Harrison, 4th
Stanley Harrison, Sp. Ed.
Donna Palmer
Jennifer Hess, Lang. Arts
Jennifer Miller
Molly Breanna Stiltner
Foster Brad Wardlaw, Sp. Ed.
Amber Yates

Updated 8/14/14

Additional Approval 8/20/14
Daniel Nuckles, Substitute Custodian, Council E/M
Derek Vandyke, Substitute Custodian, Council High

Transfer to:

Grundy High Band
Riverview E/M Sp. Ed

Assigned School

Hurley High
Twin Valley E/M
Twin Valley E/M
Grundy High
Council E/M
Twin Valley E/M
Grundy High
J. M. Bevins E.
Riverview E/M
Twin Valley E/M
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Twin Valley E/M
Hurley E/M
J. M. Bevins
Grundy High
Twin Valley E/M

2. Classified Personnel

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve two substitute custodians, Daniel Nuckles and Derek Vandyke, pending the results of background checks and in-service requirements.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Crumpton. The vote was unanimous – all “yes”.

Other

1. Elgin Report

Mrs. Sherry Fletcher, Elementary Supervisor, reported on the Elgin Reading Program and the scores by school.

Mr. Owens asked about reasons for variations in scores. Mrs. Fletcher explained that the scores could be broken down to determine possible reasons for improvement or lack of improvement.

Mr. Bevins asked Mrs. Fletcher if final SOL results are available. Mrs. Fletcher stated that summer testing impacts overall SOL scores for the previous school year. Mr. Ashby asked that Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Taylor provide final results as soon as possible.

2. VSBA – Electronic Meetings Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the second reading of the VSBA – Electronic Meetings Policy. Mr. Crumpton seconded the motion. The resulting vote was unanimous – all “yes”.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS

Except as provided hereafter, the School Board shall not conduct any meeting wherein the public business is discussed or transacted through telephonic, video, electronic or other communication means where the members are not physically assembled.

I. Quorum Physically Assembled

A School Board member may participate in a meeting through electronic communication means from a remote location that is not open to the public:

1. If, on or before the day of a meeting, the School Board member notifies the chair of the School Board that he or she is unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency or personal matter and identifies with specificity the nature of the emergency or personal matter, and the School Board
 - a. approves the member's participation by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting and
 - b. records in its minutes the specific nature of the emergency or personal matter and the remote location from which the member participated.

In deciding whether or not to approve a Board member's request to participate from a remote location, the Board shall not consider the identity of the member making the request or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

If a Board member's participation from a remote location is disapproved, such disapproval will be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

Such participation by a School Board member shall be limited each calendar year to two meetings or 25 percent of the meetings of the School Board, whichever is fewer; or

2. if a School Board member notifies the School Board chair that he or she is unable to attend a meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance and the School Board records this fact and the remote location from which the member participated in its minutes.

A School Board member may participate in a meeting by electronic means pursuant to this section only when:

- a quorum of the School Board is physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location; and

- the School Board makes arrangements for the voice of the remote participant to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

II. Quorum Not Physically Assembled

The School Board may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Va. Code § 44-146.17, provided

- the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, and
- the purpose of the meeting is to address the emergency.

If it holds a meeting pursuant to this section, the School Board shall

- give public notice using the best available method given the nature of the emergency contemporaneously with the notice provided members of the School Board;
- make arrangements for public access to the meeting;
- make available to the public, at the time of the meeting, agenda packets and all materials, unless exempt, that will be distributed to members of the School Board and that have been made available to the School Board's staff in sufficient time for duplication and forwarding to all locations at which public access will be provided;
- record minutes of the meeting in accordance with Policy BDDG Minutes; and
- record in the minutes votes taken by name in roll-call fashion.

The nature of the emergency, the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting.

III. Reporting

1. If the School Board meets by electronic means, it shall make a written report of the following to the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science by December 15 of each year:

- the total number of electronic communication meetings held that year
- the dates and purposes of the meetings
- a copy of the agenda for each meeting
- the number of sites for each meeting
- the types of electronic communication means by which the meetings were held
- the number of participants, including members of the public, at each meeting location
- the identity of the members of the School Board recorded as absent and those recorded as present at each meeting location

- a summary of any public comment received about the electronic communication meetings
- a summary of the School Board's experience using electronic communication meetings, including its logistical and technical experience

2. At any meeting at which any member of the School Board participates electronically, the School Board will make copies of the public comment form prepared by the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council available to the public.

Adopted: August 20, 2014

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3708, 2.2-3708.1, 2.2-3710.

Cross Ref.: BDDG Minutes

3. VSBA Hot Topic Convention

Mr. Sullivan advised the Board of the upcoming VSBA Hot Topic Convention in October. He also stated the he would like for Board Members to consider attending the Annual Convention in November if our finances will allow it. Mr. Owens reminded Board Members that he had attended the Annual Convention last year at no cost to the school division. Mr. Sullivan asked that information regarding details of upcoming VSBA functions be provided after closed session.

4. Mr. Sullivan provided a report from the Finance Committee resulting from meetings on July 31st and August 19th. He stated that the goal was to get the twelve month professional salaries on scale, and that goal was attained. Mr. Sullivan also explained that some maintenance salaries were discussed. He advised Board Members that the Finance Committee would be meeting on a regular basis. Mr. Owens commented that he found it unusual that he had asked for salaries to be looked at numerous times, but he was not asked

to take part and be involved in this Finance Committee. Mr. Sullivan answered that Mr. Owens was appointed to a previous committee for the purpose of looking at salaries, but nothing was done. Mr. Owens said he felt he had not gotten cooperation from Mr. Brown in working together on the previous committee. Mr. Brown commented that he felt the current Finance Committee had done an excellent job and should remain as is. Mr. Owens stated that he did not want to be involved in the current committee.

5. Field Trip Policy – First Reading

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the first reading of the Field Trip Policy subject to legal review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. The resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

6. Bob Presley Resolution

Motion to approve – Mr. Sullivan

Second – Mr. Owens

Roll Call Vote – all “yes”

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MEMORIALIZING VICTOR "BOB" PRESLEY**

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014, Victor "Bob" Presley, a former teacher in the Buchanan County School System and former member of the Buchanan County School Board, passed away at 81 years of age; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Presley was born in Buchanan County, Virginia on January 30, 1933, graduated from Council High School, and served his Country for two (2) years in the United States Army; and,

WHEREAS, after his years of service, Mr. Presley attended East Tennessee State University to receive his degree in education and returned to Council High School where he taught for twenty two (22) years; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from his teaching career, Mr. Presley was elected to the Buchanan County School Board where he served for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County School Board recognizes Victor "Bob" Presley for his invaluable contributions to the education of the children of Buchanan County, his years of dedicated service as an elected member of the Buchanan County School Board, and his years spent serving our Country in the United States Army.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:

The Buchanan County School Board expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Victor "Bob" Presley for their great loss, and remembers Victor "Bob" Presley for his commitment to teaching, and for the passion and dedication he provided for our community under his years of service to the Buchanan County Schools.

This Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Buchanan County School Board held on August 20, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

Clarence Brown, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Wayne Deskins, Vice Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Scotty Owens, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Willie Sullivan, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Heath Harrison, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Robert K. Bevins, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Austin Crumpton, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes;	<input type="checkbox"/> No;	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain;	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Clarence Brown
Clarence Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patricia Rowe
Patricia Rowe, Clerk of the Board

7. Cobra Open House

Mr. Sullivan commented on the success of the recent Open House held at Council and thanked all of those involved.

8. Update on Riverview Elementary Middle School DMME Project

Mr. Ashby provided information to Board Members on energy upgrades and informed everyone that the Board of Supervisors had approved Phase II. Mr. Owens asked for clarification of several points on the original DMME loan. Mr. Ashby confirmed that the \$2.3 million DMME loan included chillers for several schools as well as the gas conversion at Riverview. Mr. Ashby also stated the conversion should be completed before cold weather this fall.

9. Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Owens shared information that he obtained at the recent VSBA Superintendent's Evaluation Workshop in Charlottesville. He explained the new model effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Owens offered to meet with Board Members individually to discuss this. He also had information on the new guidelines to be copied and distributed.

10. Cell Phone Usage

Mr. Bevins expressed that he felt it was disrespectful for Board Members to use cell phones during Board Meetings. No action was taken.

11. Superintendent's Position – Closed Session

Before closed session, it was decided that next month's meeting would be on September 25, 2014 at 5:30.

Mrs. Burgess stated the items to be discussed in closed session –

- 1) Ms. Justus (Coaching)
- 2) Medical Leave

- 3) Finance (Personnel)
- 4) Superintendent's Position
- 5) Pending Litigation

Motion for closed session was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr.

Harrison. The vote was all "yes" except Mr. Bevins who voted "no".

The motion to come out of closed session was made by Mr. Bevins and seconded by Mr. Crumpton. The resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

The motion to certify closed session was made by Mr. Bevins and seconded by Mr. Harrison. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Bevins	Yes
Mr. Crumpton	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes
Mr. Deskins	Yes
Mr. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Brown	Yes

The motion to approve the Medical Leave was made by Mr. Crumpton and seconded by Mr. Harrison. The vote was unanimous-all "yes".

The motion to approve the hiring of Joseph Whitt as music teacher was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Harrison. The resulting vote was all "yes", except Mr. Bevins who abstained.

Mr. Owens noted for the record that he had no further comment for open session on the Superintendent's Position.

Mr. Brown confirmed the next meeting date as September 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Brown declared the meeting adjourned.

Clarence Brown, Jr.
Chairman of Board

September 25, 2014
Date

ATTEST:
Patricia B. Rowe
Clerk of the Board

September 25, 2014
Date

Approved 9/25/14 Board Meeting