

COVINGTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

August 12, 2019

The Covington City School Board held its regular meeting at Edgemont Primary/Jeter-Watson Intermediate School on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

Tamala Preston, Chair
Bert Baker, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Arritt
Erika Hunter
Tonya Jones

Superintendent Melinda Snead-Johnson was present as were Shannon Fuhrman, Director of Instruction and Technology; Derek Cantrell, Principal of CHS; Rob Bennett, Principal of JWIS; Cynthia Morgan, Principal of EPS; and Rebecca Irvine, Clerk.

Mrs. Preston called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS/DELEGATIONS

Ashley Leonhart, TAP Head Start Home/Visitor Coordinator, addressed the Board to discuss programs available to assist area families and how to promote these programs in the community.

Tara Brewster, CHS Girls Basketball Coach, addressed the Board regarding the team trip to Florida, December 18 – 23, 2019. Mrs. Brewster noted that approximately \$8,000 has been raised toward the cost of this trip, and the cost for each student is \$1,410. Approximately twelve students and ten chaperones will be attending. Some discussion ensued, and Mrs. Snead-Johnson asked Mrs. Brewster to present updates at each monthly School Board meeting prior to the trip.

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Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Arritt, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 13th, May 30th, June 10th, and July 8th, 2019.

FINANCE

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board unanimously approved (4) invoices totaling \$400,210.97.

The Board reviewed expenditures allocations from JWIS and EPS and the division-wide budget analysis through July, 2019.

SMART GOALS UPDATE/STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that she has met with Mr. Arritt, and he is formulating his goals to intersect with the division's strategic plan. Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that any Board members with revisions to their goals can give them to her.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Baker asked for an update on implementation of the MUNIS financial/accounting system. Ms. Irvine noted that the school division utilizes MUNIS to process payroll and accounts payable, but has not implemented the MUNIS Purchase Order system. Staff access to MUNIS system has been beneficial for quick availability of financial data. The addition of Tracy Persinger in the Central Office has been a valuable help to more fully utilizing MUNIS.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLANS

As required by law, each principal was present to review crisis management plans for their respective schools. Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Morgan presented the plan for JWIS and EPS, and Mr. Cantrell presented the plan for CHS. The Board commended principals and staff for their efforts to ensure student safety.

VSBA MEDIA HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Snead-Johnson presented Mr. Jerome Johnson from the Virginian Review and Mr. Jerry Clark from the Alleghany Journal with the 2019 VSBA Media Honor Roll certificates approved at the July regular monthly School Board meeting.

DISCUSSION/OTHER NEW BUSINESS – SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Preston commended staff for the wonderful 10th anniversary celebration ceremony at JWIS/EPS on August 5th and thanked the media for its coverage of this event. She also commended staff for student orientation events held at all schools.

COMMITTEE & JOINT BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Arritt noted that the Committee on Joint School Services traveled to Richmond on July 26th to meet with staff of the Virginia Department of Education and state legislators. The joint committee continues to meet monthly.

The JRTC Joint Board of Control will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at noon.

Mrs. Preston noted that the Jackson River Governor's School has six students from CHS for the first semester.

Mrs. Hunter commended staff and students for a successful band camp.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that school started last Thursday, and new school schedules are working smoothly for students. She thanked maintenance and custodial staff for their hard work to ensure a successful school opening.

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Substitute training was held on July 29, 2019.

On August 5, 2019 professional development training was provided to include legal issues associated with social media, safety in the workplace, and child abuse reporting. Threat assessment training was postponed for a later date.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson thanked the media for their coverage of the anniversary celebration and school openings.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that current enrollment on the third day of school is 955. The number of non-resident student applications is 209 with 184 accepted at this time.

Preliminary accreditation results should be published this week with all school fully accredited. Mrs. Snead-Johnson commended students and staff for their hard work.

Community Eligibility Participation (CEP) is again available in all schools providing meals to students at no cost.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson also presented The Alleghany Foundation and The Greater Alleghany School Health Consortium Annual Report. This is the final report. The division has full-time nurses in all schools this year.

Robert's Rules of Order were presented to all Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, the Board unanimously approved an executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss matters in relation to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel.

Upon a return to open session at 8:50 p.m., the Board agreed to certify the closed session under the Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-3711 (A) (1) Personnel with a roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Arritt, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel appointments:

Lowe, Ruth	Techer (Special Education – EPS/JWIS) (retro to 7/30)
Rowe, Rebecca	Food Service Worker (retro to 7/30)
Tyree, Mary	JV Volleyball Co-Coach/Stipend (1 year only)
Woodward, Leigh Ann	JV Volleyball Co-Coach/Stipend (1 year only)
Givens, Susan	Title I PALS Tutor (Per Diem on Instructional Days)
Burns, Amanda	Title I Family Engagement Coordinator/EPS (stipend)
Ballard, Alexis	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Bennett, Vanessa	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Bess, Kara	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Crawford, Wayne	Substitute Teacher/Aide

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Farist, Kaylie	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Fisher, Rose	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Fuhrman, Richard	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Givens, Susan	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Godfrey, Dora	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Graves, Betty	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Hall, Deanna	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Hanna, Clara	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Helmintoller, Whitney	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Jones, Deborah	Substitute Teacher/Aide (retro to 8/5)
Jordan, Romania	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Lockhart, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher/Aide
May, Karen	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Morris, Jody	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Morrisette, Eugenia	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Nickle, Kimberly	Substitute Aide
Petrosky, Lisa	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Rodgers, Deborah	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Smith, Rachel	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Wallace, Genelda	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Gibson, Kathy	Substitute Food Service Worker
Reynolds, Jeanette	Substitute Food Service Worker
Jefferson, George	Volunteer – Assistant Football Coach
Smith, Bobby J.	Volunteer – Assistant Football Coach
Morgan, Chris	Volunteer – Assistant Football Coach

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Tamala Preston, Chair

Rebecca Irvine, Clerk

