

**The Bath County School Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. following a Closed Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at Millboro Elementary School.**

**PRESENT:**  
**Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Chair**  
**Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Vice-Chair**  
**Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member**  
**Mrs. Catherine D. Lowry, Board Member**  
**Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member**  
  
**Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Division Superintendent & Clerk**  
**Mrs. Patsy Chestnut, Secretary to the Superintendent**

Mr. Secoy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. **17-18: 234**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

**On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board (5-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. to consider the resignation, retirement and appointment of personnel, to review student discipline report, and to consider an employee matter and a parent concern. 17-18: 235**  
**CLOSED MEETING**

**On motion by Mrs. Grimm at 7:06 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (5-0 vote-roll call) that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed; and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered. 17-18: 236**  
**CERTIFICATION OF**  
**CLOSED MEETING**

**Mr. Secoy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. 17-18: 237**  
**CALL TO ORDER FOR**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the agenda as presented. 17-18: 238**  
**APPROVE OR**  
**AMEND AGENDA**

**Mr. Kes Phillips said he thought the School Board meeting should have been on the regularly scheduled night (April 3) and not moved to (April 4) to accommodate the school schedule. He thought the meeting should have been held last night and said it appeared the Board doesn’t want public to attend. 17-18: 239**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Mrs. Hirsh said the VSBA Business Honor Roll Certificate would be mailed to Mike Keyser at BARC Electric Cooperative.
- B. Mrs. Hirsh recognized Melinda Hooker, BCHS Band Director, as she received the SSS (System + Spirit = Success) Leadership Guild’s Teacher of the Year and Leadership in Education, Founder’s Choice Award. This award is presented annually by the SSS Leadership Guild, a prestigious and selective music leadership organization.
- C. Celebration of the Arts 2018 – Alleghany County, Bath County and Covington City Public Schools participated in the event held at BCHS on March 23. Celebrating the Arts in the Alleghany Highlands featured artwork, choral music, and instrumental music from over 400 K-12 students.
- D. Six FBLA members competed at the Blue Ridge Regional level, two students placed in five events and two qualified to compete on the state level in Reston, VA on April 13-14, 2018. Mrs. Hirsh said students will not be attending the state level competition due to prior commitments.) Sponsor – Jane McMullen

Qualified for State

<b>Gabrielle Reed</b>	Journalism	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>Kendall Gwin</b>	Business Communication	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

Other Participants

<b>Cole Nelson</b>	Accounting
<b>Kendall Keyser</b>	Parliamentary Procedures
<b>Karleigh McMullen &amp; Isabella Ryder</b>	Management Decision Making Team

**17-18: 240  
GOOD NEWS IN  
BATH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Hirsh commended Mr. Whittington, Auto Mechanic teacher and committee members for their assistance and support in accreditation of the Mertz Automobile Technician-Training program. Mrs. Hirsh presented certificates from the ASE Education Foundation to committee members, Roy Burns, Glen Lowry and Brad Starcher.

**On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the consent agenda as presented:**

**17-18: 241  
APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Minutes**  
March 6, 2018 Regular Meeting and March 12, 2018 Called Meeting/Budget Work Session.
- **Claims**  
An overview of expenditure summary for March 2018 and a reconciled revenue report were provided for Board review. General Fund Payroll - 73124-73135, 73140-73151, Bills – 73136-73139, 73152-73223, Direct Deposit – 2307-2310. Food Service Payroll – 11144-11147, 11148-11151 - Bills – 11152-11158 – Direct Deposit –2307-2310.
- **Reports**  
Attendance  
February 2018 ADM: BCHS 207.2, MES 123, VES 188.27 for a total of 518.47.  
Cafeteria, February 2018  
Maintenance, March 2018  
Transportation, March 2018

Miss Dressler was not present.

**17-18: 242  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT – MARY  
DRESSLER**

Mrs. Hirsh previously shared the Auto Mechanics program accreditation during Good News. The Mertz Automobile Technician-Training program attained the level of excellence recognized by the ASE Education Foundation. The program met the strict industry standards required for accreditation in Maintenance and Light Repair.

**17-18: 243  
MERTZ AUTO  
MECHANICS PROGRAM  
ACCREDITATION**

Mrs. Hirsh presented an end of year activities calendar for board members.

**17-18: 244  
END-OF YEAR  
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) acknowledged **the resignation Kim Smith**, BCHS Food Service Manager, and authorized the superintendent to fill the position.

**17-18: 245  
ACTION FOLLOWING  
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) accepted the **retirement request of Keith Lindsay**, VES Physical Education teacher, effective at the end of the school year.

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Steve Gardener** as boys volunteer soccer coach.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (3-2 vote, Secoy, Ryder opposed) approved the appointment of **Leo Priddy** as girls volunteer soccer coach.

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the appointment of **Elizabeth Carrington Robertson** as a substitute teacher.

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the following overnight field trips as presented:

**17-18: 246  
CONSIDERATION OF  
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

- KidWind National Championship (VES/BCHS), May 7-11, 2018, Chicago, IL
- National BETA Conference (BCHS), June 16-22, 2018, Savannah, GA
- 2018 Band Camp (BCHS), July 22-26, 2018, Grace Bible Camp, Goshen, VA

**On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (5-0 vote) approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of VSBA policies AA, AC, AD, CBD, CBG, EA, EB, EBCB, EC, EEAB, GCB, GCBB, GCL, GCN GCPB, GDQ, IGBE, IIAE, IIBD, IKF, LC-E, and LI.**

**17-18: 247  
VSBA POLICIES – 2<sup>ND</sup>  
READING**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **approved submission of 2018-19 Perkins Plan for Career & Technical Education as presented.**

**17-18: 248  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT  
2018-2019 PERKINS  
PLAN FOR CTE -  
DR. PERRY**

Mrs. Hirsh said Bath County Public Schools received notification of distribution of National Forest Receipts pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FERC) for Federal FY2017. Mrs. Hirsh said the funds would be used for dock repairs at MES and other maintenance projects.

**17-18: 249  
CONSIDER REQUEST  
FOR APPROPRIATION**

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mrs. Lowry, the Board (5-0 vote) **authorized the superintendent to request an appropriation from the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$47,894.43 to the Maintenance Category.**

Informational items for Board members included: Bath County Public Schools Activity Funds Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2017, VSBA Meetings and Conference April to July 2018 Calendar, and the VSBA Policy Page (#163, March 2018). Mrs. Hirsh received a site plan for the parking lot project and said bids are expected to be released on Friday.

**17-18: 250  
ITEMS FOR  
BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Kes Phillips spoke regarding the poor condition of the baseball field and said it is a disgrace to the county. He said it needs to be repaired and is a safety issue. He also said we are losing baseball and girls basketball coaches after this year. Baseball repair has been moved to 2020 and he asked the Board to take action before someone gets hurt. He urged the Board to think about coaches when replacing P. E. teacher, Keith Lindsay.

**17-18: 251  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mrs. Lowry**

- Thanked everyone for their assistance in getting ready for the Celebration of the Arts program. Commended Mr. Scott Reese for his assistance to the BCHS band program. Congratulated Mrs. Hooker on another reinforcement of her passion and accomplishments.
- Addressing the budget, she invited anyone in doubt to step into the schools to see that their money is well spent. Believes staff is greatly underpaid for the work they do with our students. Can't ignore the passion and expertise of everyone in the school system. We don't have wants in our budget, only needs. Everyone needs to advocate for our kids.
- Speaking of KidWind, said she is a proud of her son, team members and sponsors for their accomplishments in Roanoke and all the way to New Orleans last year. No doubt they will take Chicago by storm as well. Donations may be sent to BCHS or VES. Approximately \$15,000 is needed to fund the trip. Some parents are planning to go and are paying their own way. Any remaining funds will be kept in a line item in the budget for future trips. As a parent who plans to attend, she is advocating for 515 students and their safety on the trip.
- Thanked all those attending the meeting.

**17-18: 252  
ITEMS BY  
BOARD MEMBERS**

**17-18: 252 (Con't.)  
ITEMS BY  
BOARD MEMBERS**

**Mrs. Grimm**

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.
- Excited that Mrs. Hooker was recognized as SSS Leadership Guild's Teacher of the Year.
- Great principals and staff in our school system. Proud to represent Bath County Schools.
- Thanked Mr. Whittington, Mr. Burns and all others for their accomplishments in the Mertz Auto Mechanics program accreditation. Kids, including her son, are passionate about the program and very excited.

**Mr. Ryder**

- Hopes everyone is safe on their field trips.
- Would like to see the baseball field repair done right and done once and it needs to be done, sooner is better.

**Mr. Burns**

- Approached by quite a few people about the tragedies that have been happening in public schools recently and in the past. He has heard comments such as – how much is a life worth? How much are my children worth to me? A young lady told him that our goal as a school board, above all, should be safety for all children. He said recent changes to our crisis management plans are complete and teams are in place throughout the school system. There is no price on a child's life because they are priceless. He cautioned the Board not to allow fear to allow us to be pushed, guided and led astray. If we make plans or provisions in fear, we might make the wrong decisions. The only thing we can do is access the situation, strategize, plan and act. To implement actions, we must have funds and unfortunately we don't have an unlimited supply of money. Concerned that all bodies in this county are not unified.
- Excited about the good news in our school system. Kudos to everyone in the school system who support our students and promote their profound successes in regional, state and national competitions. Impressed with the state of the art 20<sup>th</sup> century learning students are experiencing at Bath County Schools.
- Apologized to Mr. Phillips, saying "we would fix the baseball field in a heartbeat if we had the funds". State and federal government things must be done in order.
- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight and said the Board does encourage public to attend the school board meetings. When an unfortunate event occurs and the regular meeting needs to be moved, it is definitely not because the board doesn't want anyone to attend.

**Mr. Secoy**

- It's the time of the year for budget discussions. During the recent school open meeting (budget public hearing), there was zero feedback to the school board regarding the budget. He respectfully requested that public/community members attend meetings to provide feedback, ask questions, and make suggestions regarding upcoming budgets.
- Board members are often approached at their work places regarding school happenings. He urged individuals to contact board members at their homes, via e-mail, and by leaving messages. He encouraged everyone to attend the board meetings saying without feedback, we don't know what you want.
- Asked Mr. Ozols if a Go Fund Me account would be set up for the KidWind trip. Said he would be happy to share the site with every person he knows.

On motion by Mrs. Lowry and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**17-18: 253  
ADJOURNMENT**

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**BRYAN SECOY, CHAIRMAN**

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**CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK**