

**PATRICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
104 Rucker Street – P.O. Box 346
Stuart, Virginia 24171**

**Minutes for Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday January 14, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Patrick County High School Auditorium**

The Patrick County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick County High School, 215 Cougar Lane, Stuart, VA 24171.

Present: Mr. Brandon J. Simmons
Ms. Amy E. Walker
Mr. Ryan S. Lawson
Ms. Shannon R. Harrell

Electronic
Communication: Mr. Walter Scott

Mr. C. Dean Gilbert, Division Superintendent
Ma. Andrea J. Cassell, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction
Ms. Sara Leigh D. Collins, Clerk
Mr. Darren Biggs, Director of Technology

Mr. Gilbert, Division Superintendent, called the meeting to order.

No. 25678 Opening Ceremonies

- (a) Pledge of Allegiance (IEA)
- (b) Moment of Silence (IE)

Superintendent Gilbert advised the school board that one member was absent and it would be necessary to approve the member's participation by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting location by electronic communication.

No. 25679 Electronic Communication – Mr. Walter Scott (BDD)

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Ms. Walker to allow Mr. Walter Scott to participate in school board meeting from home for personal reasons. (Quarantine)

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None
Not Present: Scott

No. 25680 Reorganization – 2021

Mr. Gilbert, Superintendent acted as Chairman while the school board elected a Chairman for the Calendar Year 2021.

Mr. Gilbert opened the floor for nominations for chairman.

Ms. Walker nominated Mr. Brandon J. Simmons seconded by Mr. Lawson.

No other nomination received from floor.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Walker

Nays: None

Mr. Simmons was elected chairman.

No. 25681 Reorganization Continued – Year 2021

Mr. Simmons, Chairman, requested nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2021.

Ms. Walker nominated Mr. Walter Scott for Vice-Chairman.

No other nomination received from floor.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve Mr. Scott as Vice Chairman.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25682 Clerk of the School Board 2021 and Deputy Clerk

Mr. Simmons, Chairman, requested that the following be appointed – Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Ms. Walker nominated Ms. Sara Leigh D. Collins to be appointed Clerk seconded by Mr. Scott.

Ms. Collins was appointed Clerk by unanimous vote.

Mr. Scott nominated Mr. C. Dean Gilbert for Deputy Clerk seconded by Ms. Walker.

Mr. Gilbert was appointed Deputy Clerk by unanimous vote.

No. 25683 Chairman appoints board representatives to special committees 2021

1. Gifted Committee – Shannon R. Harrell
2. School Health Advisory Committee – Ryan S. Lawson
3. Career-Technical Advisory Committee/Builders Assoc. – Walter L. Scott
4. Employee Insurance Committee – Amy E. Walker
5. Parks and Recreation Committee – Shannon R. Harrell – Alt. Brandon J. Simmons
6. Special Education Advisory Committee – Ryan S. Lawson
7. Building Committee – Brandon J. Simmons, Walter L. Scott, Dean Gilbert, Wayne Scott
8. Liaison Committee – Brandon J. Simmons, Walter Scott, Dean Gilbert
9. Budget Committee – Dean Gilbert, Katina Hylton, Brandon J. Simmons, Amy Walker, Andrea J. Cassell, Sandra Clement, Principal
10. VSBA Voting Delegate – Brandon J. Simmons and Walter L. Scott
11. Transportation Committee – Jason Wood, Ryan Lawson, Amy Walker, Derick Smith and a bus representative to be determined

*Parent Advisory and Two-Way Communication Advisory Committees have been established.

No. 25684 **Public Comment**

No comments

No. 25685 **Budget Input**

Superintendent Gilbert reported that we are presently working on the school budget for 2021-2022. The school budget needs to be approved by the end of March. It has been suggested that the Liaison Committees for both boards meet prior to this.

No. 25686 **Informational Items**

Acknowledged VSBA New Chair and Vice Chair Orientation – February 2, 2021. No one to attend.

No. 25687 **Superintendent's Report**

The school system had to revert back to the virtual mode of instruction last night. Due to the exposures, we simply did not have enough available employees at multiple work locations. We did announce last night that we intend to return to our hybrid plan of instruction on Thursday, January 28th. At this point, we still have not identified any spread of COVID in school system buildings. We have created a Dashboard with current positive cases and exposures that will be updated Wednesday of each week on our division website. This will be posted un the Families Tab with the COVID-19 information. During this time, we will deliver meals to homes as we did in August starting Tuesday, January 19th. This week, some students who have 504-plan started attending school four days a week upon approval from their parents.

It has been announced that school employees are to be vaccinated in phase 1b. We hope to begin this process for employees who want to receive the vaccine by the end of this month.

Patrick County encountered 30 new Coronavirus cases from January 8th to January 12th. As of Monday evening January 11th Patrick County has 160 active cases.

No. 25688 **Consent Agenda**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Ms. Harrell to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Minutes November 24, 2020 and December 10, 2020 (BDDG)
- b. Regular Invoices (DI, DK)
- c. Monthly Financial Report (DI, DK)
- d. Capital Improvement Reports (EC, ECG, FB)

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25689 **VSBA School Board Code of Conduct**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Lawson to reaffirm and adopt the VSBA School Board Code of Conduct.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25690 **Robert Rules of Order**

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Lawson to reaffirm and adopt Roberts Rules of Order.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25691 **Policy Update**

On motion by Mr. Lawson seconded by Ms. Walker to approve JM-R Procedure for the Use of Physical Restraint & Seclusion of Students.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25692 **Patrick County High School – Program of Studies**

Ms. D. Clark, Vice Principal and Ms. R. Turner, Vice Principal were present to review with school board the PCHS Program of Studies with outlines of the entire academic program, grading scales, all course descriptions of courses offered, academic honors diploma/graduation requirements, D-squared dual enrollment program courses with PHCC, our AP classes on-line and given pertinent information about NCAA Clearing House guidelines for athletes.

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve PCHS – Program of Studies.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25693 **Budget Amendment – Security Grant**

Superintendent Gilbert informed the school board that the school system had been awarded a Security Grant in the amount of \$102,125. This grant will be used to upgrade the security cameras in two schools.

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the budget adjustment.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25694 **Closed Session**

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (A) of the Code of Virginia and a motion by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Scott that Patrick County School Board convene in a closed meeting at 5:55 p.m. to consider:

1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of employees of the School Board §2.2-3711(a)(2).
 - a. Personnel Report

2. Division Level Safety Audit – Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such activity or a related threat to public safety; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure. (§2.2-3711(A)(1))

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Lawson to come out of closed session at 6:43 p.m.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25695 **Certification of Closed Session**

WHEREAS, the Patrick County School Board had convened a closed meeting of the date pursuant to an affirmative record vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Patrick County School Board that such closed meeting was conducted with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Patrick County School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public businesses were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Ayes (by Roll Call): Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25696 **Personnel/Addendum**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Ms. Harrell to approve Personnel/Addendum as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott (electronic), Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25697 **Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Ms. Harrell to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Brandon J. Simmons, Chairman
Patrick County School Board

Sara Leigh D. Collins, Clerk
Patrick County School Board