

PATRICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
104 Rucker Street – P.O. Box 346
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Minutes for Public Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday March 11, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Patrick County High School Auditorium

The Patrick County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick County High School, 215 Cougar Lane, Stuart, VA 24171.

Present: Mr. Brandon J. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. Walter L. Scott, Vice Chairman
Ms. Amy E. Walker
Mr. Ryan S. Lawson
Ms. Shannon R. Harrell

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

Mr. Brandon J. Simmons, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

No. 25718 **Opening Ceremonies**

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

No. 25719 **Public Hearing on Patrick County Public Schools Budget 2021-22**

- a. Public Comment

No one was present to make public comment.

No. 25720 **Announcements and Recognitions**

- 1. 2021 VSBA Blue Ridge Region Spring Network Forum – May 5, 2021

Ms. Walker indicated that she had signed up for the conference

- 2. VSBA Hot Topic – April 13, 2021

No. 25721 **VSBA Employer Commendation**

Mr. Gilbert recognized Ms. Geri Hazelwood for support, as a local employer, as a supporter of school board activities and the public schools of the commonwealth.

No. 25722 **No Kid Hungry**

Mr. Gilbert recognized Ms. Darlene Rogers for being awarded the NO KID Hungry award.

No. 25723 **Public Comment**

No one present to make public comment.

No. 25724 Superintendent's Report

Since the last School Board meeting, we have been working diligently on our plan for getting students back in school four days a week. We are on schedule to return the students who choose to go four days a week on Monday, March 15th. We will have between 75 and 80% of our students attending school four days a week starting on this date. The school division will strive to maintain the best social distance as possible but will have at least three feet of distancing in the classrooms. We ask that parents and students remember the current mitigation strategies as we move to bring more students in schools.

We do have need to announce some school calendar changes. First, we will now have to use March 29th and 30th as makeup days due to inclement weather days. Also, the last week of the school year is now May 17th to May 20th. We will not be having a virtual instruction day that week. Our last day of school is currently scheduled for May 20th.

We are currently working on our plans for a summer session in June starting on June 7th and running to July 1st. Our CARES 2 grant application is due on April 1st and we are working on getting that completed. Prekindergarten and Kindergarten registration will be continuing for the next two Wednesdays this month. We are continuing to receive updates from the Department of Education, VDH, and any Executive Orders from the Governor that impacts how we have to operate schools.

No. 25725 Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes February 11, 2021 (BDDG)
- b. Minutes February 22, 2021 Joint Meeting (BDDG)
- c. Regular Invoices (DI, DK)
- d. Monthly Financial Report (DI, DK)
- e. Capital Improvement Reports (EC, ECB, FB)

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25726 New Business

(a) 2020-21 Patrick County Public Schools Budget Presentation

Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the PCPS Proposed Budget for 2021-2022.

- 1. Budget based on 2425 – 72 PK enrollment
- 2. The budgeted state revenue \$20,921.66
- 3. Five percent raise plus step for all employees is proposed - \$496,902.
- 4. Pre-K expenses were increased by \$66,626 due to match requirements.
- 5. Due to expected SOQ requirements for Guidance Counselors an additional position was included elementary counselor \$55,153.
- 6. Due to a revenue category from the state, more money was added to facility expenditures \$27,431.
- 7. Additional money – Special Education contracted services for elementary therapy services \$70,973.
- 8. Additional money for schools to pay for copier expenses \$6,585.
- 9. Technology to install new Smart TV's in the CTE rooms to replace older models \$50,000.
- 10. Employee health insurance additional \$240/year - \$85,380.
- 11. Bus cameras to replace outdated and failing cameras - \$43,750.
- 12. Total increase \$902,800.
- 13. Total 2021-2022 Proposed Budget \$29,699,791.81. Minimum requirement from county \$5,591,180.00 which is \$481,621 more than last year that was \$5, 109,559.00.

No. 25727 **Elementary Student Handbook**

Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the Elementary Student Handbook with school board members. A copy of the updated handbook is provided as a hard copy for each elementary aged student.

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve the Elementary Student Handbook as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25728 **PCHS Student Handbook**

Superintendent Gilbert explained that handbooks are updated every year and provided online for each high school student.

On motion by Mr. Lawson seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the PCHS Student Handbook as Presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25729 **Food Service Procurement Plan**

Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the Food Service Procurement Plan provides an overview of nutrition programs, demographics, goals and priorities. All procurement must adhere to free and open competition.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Food Service Procurement Plan.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25730 **Out of District Form**

Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the “Out of District Forms” which have been updated. The forms are used for families living outside the school district who wish to attend Patrick County Public Schools.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Out of District Forms as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25731 **Naming of Baseball/Softball Fieldhouse**

Patrick County High School has been the recipient of a generous donation for the purpose of constructing an indoor practice facility for baseball and softball teams. The facility donation was in honor of Martin F. “Fill” Clark as a condition for the donation.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve the naming of the fieldhouse in honor of Martin F. “Fill” Clark.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25732 **Closed Session**

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (A) of the Code of Virginia and a motion by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Walker that Patrick County School Board convene in a closed meeting at 6:30 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

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Ms. Harrell to come out of closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25733 **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, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25734 **Personnel/Addendum**

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Ms. Walker to approve Personnel/Addendum as amended.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

Next school board meeting will be March 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick County High School Auditorium to approve the school budget.

No. 25735 Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

Brandon J. Simmons, Chairman
Patrick County School Board

Sara Leigh D. Collins, Clerk
Patrick County School Board