

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

**Minutes for Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday April 15, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Patrick County High School Auditorium**

The Patrick County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 15, 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. 25745 Opening Ceremonies

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

No. 25746 Agenda Amendment -Item 8d – Shared Leave

Superintendent Gilbert requested that Item 8d – Shared Leave be added to the agenda.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the adding to the Item 8d – Shared Leave to the agenda.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25747 Public Comment

No one present to make comments.

No. 25748 Announcements and Recognition

- (a) Mr. Cox, Principal PCHS recognized Whitley Manns who was awarded the 2021 Horatio Alger National Scholarship in the amount of \$25,000. Only 106 scholarships were awarded in the United States. Great honor for Patrick County High School.
- (b) Acknowledged the VSBA School Law Conference – Virtual Conference June 4, 2021. Need to let the clerk know by May 10, 2021 if you need to be registered.

No. 25749 **Superintendent's Report**

Patrick County Public Schools are continuing with students in attendance four days a week while supporting a virtual option for those students that choose that modality. We are experiencing great success in the instructional model, both in health measures and in academic growth. Students and staff are working hard to finish the year strong.

Discussion has begun on what school will look like once students return in August for the 2021-2022 school year. At this time, we anticipate that students will return to school five days a week in August. However, we do not know what kind of mitigation strategies that will need to be in place such as mask wearing, social distancing, transportation guidelines, etc. We will be communicating these items to parents, students, and staff as soon as we know how we will have to operate. On-line registration links for parents will be communicated in the near future. We will send out a school message to parents once the portals are opened up for registration.

Plans are being finalized for our summer session. Our summer session will start on June 7th and end on July 1st. Students will attend Monday through Thursday each week. The elementary times will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and the high school times will be 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Grades kindergarten through seven will be at each elementary school. Rising eighth and ninth grades will be at Patrick County High School. The school system will provide breakfast and lunch each day for all students as well as providing transportation to and from school.

No. 25750 **Consent Calendar**

- a. Minutes March 11, 23 and 25, 2021 (BDDG)
- b. Regular Invoices (DI, DK)
- c. Monthly Financial Report (DI, DK)
- d. 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. 25751 **Health, Dental and Vision Insurance**

Superintendent Gilbert reviewed with school board the Health, Dental and Vision Insurance renewal. A request for Proposal (RFP) was developed and advertised for each of the three insurance offerings.

Also, the 2021-2022 school budget that has been approved by the school board raises the contribution to \$6090 per employee from \$5850.

The recommendation is to approve BPA/Jefferson for the health insurance carrier, Delta Dental for the dental insurance, and Superior as the vision insurance carrier.

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the recommendation of the superintendent as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays: None

No. 25752 **Carl Perkins**

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve the 2021-2022 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Plan and Budget Application.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25753 **Policy Updates**

The policy updates are a part of the February 2021 policy update release provided by the Virginia School Board Association. Revisions are based on changes in law and regulations.

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Policy updates as presented.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25754 **Shared Leave (GCBDA)**

At the request by the Chairman of the School Board Shared Leave was added to the agenda. The discussion was centered around the regulations that are required for this policy.

On motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Lawson to table this Shared Leave Policy (GCBDA) until the May meeting.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25755 **Closed Session**

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (A) of the Code of Virginia and a motion by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Harrell that Patrick County School Board convene in a closed meeting at 6:10 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. Walker to come out of closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

No. 25756 **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. 25757 **Personnel/Addendum**

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

Ayes: Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker
Nays: None

Next school board meeting will be May 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Patrick County High School Auditorium.

No. 25758 **Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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