

Hardy County Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Hardy County Board of Education Office
October 21, 2019

Members Present:

Nancy Hahn, President
Douglas Hines, Vice President
Dixie Bean
Melvin Shook Jr.
Jerry Yates

Administrators Present:

Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent
Jennifer Strawderman, Assistant Superintendent
Steven Williams, Director of Administrative Programs
Veeta Burgess, Director of Finance

Others Present:

Shawn Cullers
Jean Flanagan
Bill Hill
Nancy Hill
Shelly Wilkins
Savannah Wilkins
Jaylynn Gano
Bentley Gano
Willard Gano
Emily Morris

Public Comments:

I. Call to Order – President

Nancy Hahn, President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. Prayer

Dixie Bean opened the meeting with prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Yates led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

V. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, to approve the agenda with updated personnel actions.

5-0 motion carried

VI. Presentation

A. “When I Grow Up” SMART 529 Essay Contest Winner

Ms. Emily Morris, Principal at East Hardy Early Middle School, presented certificates to the two winners from the SMART 529 essay contest “When I Grow Up” to Ms. Jaylynn Gano and Ms. Savannah Wilkins. Both students received 500.00 dollars in a SMART 529 account and Ms. Gano won an additional 4,500 dollars. Ms. Morris expressed how proud she was of the two students and the participation from East Hardy Early Middle School’s students.

VII. Public Comments

No Public Comments

VIII. Consent Items

- A. Board Minutes – October 7, 2019
- B. Special Board Minutes – October 15, 2019
- C. Bank Reconciliation – September 30, 2019
- D. Treasurer’s Report – September 30, 2019
- E. Budget Journal Entries
- F. Invoices to be Approved
- G. Transportation Request

- October 25, 2019 – Ashley Taylor – East Hardy Early Middle School – Mount Vernon, VA

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved Consent Items.

5-0 motion carried

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Budget Update

Ms. Veeta Burgess, Director of Finance, provided the Board with an update on the budget. Ms. Burgess reviewed the budget with the Board by object codes.

X. New Business

A. Approval of Critical Need/Shortage – Substitute Teachers Policy

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved Critical Need/Shortage – Substitute Teachers Policy for first reading.

5-0 motion carried

B. Discussion of Teacher Absenteeism Rates

Ms. Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent, provided the Board with the Absenteeism ranking for the last four years. Hardy County has ranked 6th place and above all four years. Ms. Van Meter and the Board thanked all staff for their commitment to Hardy County Schools.

C. Approval of In County/Out of County Transfers

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board approved to uphold the Superintendent and Principal's recommendation as presented.

Approved Transfers:

- J. A. from Grant County to Hardy County
- E. A. from Grant County to Hardy County
- D. S. from Grant County to Hardy County

5-0 motion carried

XI. Board Members/Superintendent Discussion – No Action May Be Taken

Ms. Sheena Van Meter advised the Board of an update on a transportation request. The request was submitted for October 22-26, 2019 and the actual day is October 29-November 2, 2019.

Mr. Jerry Yates asked the status of the emergency lights. Mr. Williams said they had not been changed at this time.

Ms. Nancy Hahn stated she thought everything was working well at the Hardy County Board of Education and the schools.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- October 23, 2019 – First Lady Visit – MHS – 1:00 p.m.

XIII. Announcements

- October 22, 2019 – Board Member Walk Through – MIS, MMS, MES, MHS – 8:30 a.m.
- October 24, 2019 – Board Member Walk Through – EHEMS, EHHS – 8:30 a.m.
- November 4, 2019 – Hardy County Board of Education Meeting – BOE – 5:00 p.m.
- November 22, 2019 – Budget Retreat – 9:00 a.m.

XIV. Mission Statements/Accomplishments

- The Board congratulated Ms. Jaylynn Gano and Ms. Savannah Wilkins for winning the SMART 529 essay and thanked them for coming to the meeting.
- The Board thanked East Hardy Early Middle School students for participating in the essay contest and encouraged all county schools to participate.
- The Board commended the VFW for sponsoring the clinic to award 500.00 dollars to the elementary and high school.
- The Board sent condolences to Ms. Michelle Holstein in the passing of her father.
- The Board thanked the family of Donna Riggelman for the thank you card.
- The Board commended the East Hardy High School and Moorefield High School Bands for doing an outstanding job at the Hardy Bowl.
- The Board congratulated the Moorefield High School Volleyball Team and the East Hardy High School Football Team for their win.
- The Board thanked Hardy County Telecommunications and Capon Valley Bank for their continued support.

XV. Personnel

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board went into Executive Session at 5:41p.m. Policy BDE, Item 2, Authorization A.

5-0 motion carried

The Board reconvened into regular session at 5:58 p.m. with no action taken.

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board approved the following:

Leave of Absences:

- Stephanie Ours: October 14, 2019 through December 1, 2019
- Barbara Stickley: November 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved a one-day suspension for Sara Orndorff.

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved the following:

Service Personnel Hiring:

- Amanda N. Brill: Substitute Aide, Countywide, effective 2019-2020 SY

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Jerry Yates, the Board approved the following:

Professional Personnel Hiring:

- Linda A. Philbrick: Substitute Teacher, effective 2019-2020 SY

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Douglas Hines, the Board approved the following:

Extra-Curricular Professional Personnel Hirings:

- L. Wade Armentrout: Administrative Mentor for Assistant Principal, EHEMS, effective 2019-2020 SY
- Joseph Sherman: Saturday School Detention Teacher, MMS, effective 2019-2020 SY only
- Renee Reed: Science Fair Advisor, EHEMS, effective 2019-2020 SY only
- W. Jordan Ours: Senior Class Sponsor, MHS, effective 2019-2020 SY only

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved the following:

Approved Resignations:

- Joshua Whetzel: Social Studies Teacher, EHEMS, effective January 2, 2020
- Laurel Look: Substitute Aide, effective October 14, 2019

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved the following:

Approved Volunteers:

- Amanda Hearn: Volunteer, MIS, effective October 22, 2019
- Hilda Mauzy: Volunteer, EHHS, effective October 10, 2019
- Curtis Mauzy: Volunteer, EHHS, effective October 10, 2019
- Juwana Bridger: Volunteer, Team Support Personnel, Girls' Basketball, MMS, effective October 22, 2109
- Chanda M. Price: Volunteer, EHEMS, effective October 10, 2019

5-0 motion carried

XVI. Adjournment

On the motion of Douglas Hines, seconded by Jerry Yates, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

5-0 motion carried

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