

**Hardy County Schools**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Hardy County Board of Education Office**  
**January 19, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Melvin Shook Jr., President  
Dixie Bean, Vice President  
Nancy Hahn  
Janet Rose  
Jesse Halpern-Robinson via TEAMS

**Administrators Present:**

Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent  
Jennifer Strawderman, Assistant Superintendent  
Steven Williams, Director of Administrative Programs  
Sarah Earle, Director of Finance

**Others Present:**

Pam Swick  
Jean Flanagan  
Bill Hill  
Nancy Hill

**Public Comments:**

**I. Call to Order – President**

Melvin Shook, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Prayer**

Sheena Van Meter opened the meeting with prayer.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Nancy Hahn 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 Nancy Hahn, seconded by Janet Rose, to approve the agenda with updated personnel actions.

5-0 motion carried

**VI. Presentation**

No Presentations

**VII. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

**VIII. Consent Items**

- A. Bank Reconciliation – December 31, 2020
- B. Treasurer’s Report – December 31, 2020
- C. Budget Journal Entries
- D. Invoices to be Approved

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Nancy Hahn, the Board approved Consent Items

5-0 motion carried

**IX. Unfinished Business**

- A. Budget Update

Ms. Sarah Earle, Director of Finance, provided the Board with an update on the budget. Ms. Earle reviewed the budget with the Board by object codes. There were no major changes to date with the expenses, encumbrances, and remaining surplus.

Ms. Sarah Earle also stated the second round of ESSERF funding for Hardy County Schools is 1.972 million dollars. The Board would like to address student learning loss with these funds. The Office of Federal Programs is anticipated to provide guidance within the next two weeks.

- B. Virtual School and COVID-19 Update

Ms. Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent, stated that open enrollment for virtual school will be available until January 21, 2021.

Ms. Van Meter receives regular emails from the Hardy County Health Department containing a list of students and staff that have COVID-19.

- C. Security Camera Update

Mr. Steven Williams, Director of Administrative Programs, presented the Board with a copy of the request for proposal for new camera systems at Moorefield High School and East Hardy High School.

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board approved to advertise for bids for the security camera updates.

5-0 motion carried

**D. East Hardy High School Drainage Update**

Mr. Steven Williams, Director of Administrative Programs, stated that the ground has been filled in and ready for grass seeding. The water around the gym is following the path that was expected. The project will be monitored as it rains.

Mr. Jesse Halpern-Robinson asked if the leaking hydrant was fixed. Mr. Williams stated that it had been fixed.

**X. New Business**

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

Ms. Nancy Hahn had a concern with a household whose students were not completing their school assignments at East Hardy Early Middle School. Ms. Hahn asked if there were consequences for this action. Ms. Van Meter reviewed various methods of communication and documentation regarding situations such as this.

Board members received the breakdown as requested with the failure rates.

**XII. Future Agenda Items**

- Guidance for the 1.972 million dollar ESSERF funding.

**XIII. Announcements**

- February 1, 2021 – Hardy County Board of Education Meeting – BOE – 5:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. Public calendar meeting
- February 15, 2021 – Hardy County Board of Education Meeting – EHHS – 5:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. Public calendar meeting

**XIV. Mission Statements/Accomplishments**

- The Board asked everyone to continue to keep Mr. Doug Hines in your thoughts and prayers; he is doing better and continuing to improve.
- The Board sent condolences to the families of Ms. Regena Whetzel and Mr. Rodney Barr.
- The Board congratulated Dayton Miller, a senior at East Hardy High School, for being selected as Student Athlete of the Week on WHSV.

**XV. Personnel**

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved the following:

Leave of Absence:

- Margaret Delawder: January 26, 2021 through April 28, 2021

4-0 motion carried

1 abstained

On the motion of Janet Rose, seconded by Dixie Bean, the Board approved the following:

Leave of Absence:

- Leila Barb: November 30, 2020 through January 11, 2021

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved the following:

Leave of Absence:

- Cindy Taylor: January 6, 2021 through January 18, 2021

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Janet Rose, seconded by Nancy Hahn, the Board approved the following:

Service Personnel Hiring:

- Patricia Simmons: Substitute Aide, Countywide; effective 2021-2022 SY

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Melvin Shook, the Board approved the following:

Resignations:

- Zachary Sites: Substitute Teacher, Countywide; effective January 7, 2021
- Jerimiah Crites: Coach, Boys Basketball, EHEMS; effective January 11, 2021
- Amanda Runions: Substitute Teacher, Countywide; effective January 12, 2021
- Patricia Simmons: ECCAT/Aide, EHEMS; effective June 30, 2021, due to retirement

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved the following:

Volunteer:

- Melinda Biser: Volunteer, MES; effective 2020-2021 SY

5-0 motion carried

On the motion of Nancy Hahn, seconded by Janet Rose, the Board approved the following:

Service Personnel Reclassification:

- Debra Greenwalt: Reclassify from Custodian II, pay grade B to Custodian III, pay grade C; effective January 20, 2021

5-0 motion carried

**XVI. Adjournment**

On the motion of Dixie Bean, seconded by Nancy Hahn, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

` 5-0 motion carried

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**Melvin Shook Jr., President**

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**Sheena Van Meter, Secretary**