

The Buchanan County School Board in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., met in the Main Office at Slate Creek, Virginia.

PRESENT: Mr. Scotty Owens, Chairman

Mr. Timothy Prater, Vice-Chairman

Mr. David Thornbury

Mrs. Angie McClanahan

Mr. Mike Thompson

Mr. Heath Harrison

Mrs. Easter Rife

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Melanie Hibbitts

Superintendent

Mrs. Carolyn Dillow

Clerk of the Board

Mr. Jason Gallagher

Attorney

Mr. Owens called to order the May 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Buchanan County School Board.

Mr. Harrison asked to add "Riverview Elementary/Middle School Parking Lot" to the Agenda (9.13).

Upon motion by Mrs. McClanahan and seconded by Mr. Harrison, the May Agenda was approved.

Motion Passed

Before a moment of silence was observed, Mrs. McClanahan asked that the family of Tommy P. Justus, who passed away recently, be remembered. Mr. Owens asked that Joyce Presley, who is ill, be remembered. Mr. Thornbury asked that his friend Richard Osborne, who is ill, be remembered and Easter Rife asked that Jerry Honaker, who is ill, be remembered.

Mr. Owens asked Mr. Joe St. Clair, with The Virginia Mountaineer, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hibbitts opened the recognition portion of the meeting by recognizing the VSBA Art Winners from 2017. Their first place art has been on display at the VSBA office in Charlottesville and at the DOE in Richmond for the past year and is being returned to them. Miss Autumn Hibbitts and Miss Samantha Duchesne were presented with

their framed work. A framed copy of their art will be on display in the School Board Office Board Room.

The School Board Student of the Month special recognition was bestowed upon Miss Abby Tran, a 7th grade student at Hurley Elementary/Middle School.

Mrs. Ruth Tester, Principal, introduced Miss Tran. She noted her desire to learn and make a difference in the classroom and in the world. In spite of medical conditions that caused her to be homebound for two years she continued to work hard and excelled in and out of the classroom. She added, Abby is an inspiration to her classmates.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Hibbitts presented Miss Tran with a "Special Student" Certificate of Recognition.

Mrs. Hibbitts presented the winning trophy to the school with the highest attendance for the month of April; Hurley Elementary/Middle School was the winner with an attendance of 94.05%.

Sydney Breeding and Haley Tiller, Council High students, were recognized for winning second place at the Virginia State Forensics Competition.

Upon motion by Mrs. McClanahan and seconded by Mr. Harrison, the minutes of April 10, 2018 for the J. M. Bevins Elementary School

Public Hearing and the regular meeting on the same date, were approved.

Motion Passed

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve Payables as presented by Administration, Mr. Prater seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes - with exception of Buchanan General Hospital
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Warrant numbers 88957 through 89267 and numbers 150610 through 150723 were issued from the School Operation and Cafeteria Fund. No warrant numbers were issued from the Textbook Fund. The

total amount spent via check for the month of May 2018 was \$1,206,172.61.

Mr. Owens gave an update of upcoming VSBA events, noting the VSBA School Law Conference is June 1; VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members is July 16 and the Conference on Education is July 17, 2018.

Mrs. Hibbitts gave a calendar update noting, we are at day 161; SOL testing began May 8; we will be closed Memorial Day May 28; and the last day of school is Friday, June 1.

Mrs. Hibbitts gave an enrollment update stating, we lost 3 students in April and ended the month with 2,726.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. McClanahan, all substitutes, volunteers and coaches, were approved as presented.

Motion Passed



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RECOMMENDED COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

School Term: 2018-2019 School Name: Grundy High School

Activity	Position	Personnel		
Coordinator	Athletic Director	Craig Plymal		
Academic Band (GHS, TVH)	Head Coach (1)	Tom Burniston		
Academic Team	Head Coach (1)	Preston Hibbits		
Varsity Baseball	Head Coach (1)	Scotty Bostic		
	Assistant Coach (1)	Keegan Bartley		
	Volunteer(s)	Dathan Vanover		
8 th Grade Baseball (Volunteer-No Supplement)	Head Coach(1)	Dr. Brian Looney		
	Volunteer(s)			
Varsity Boys Basketball	Head Coach(1)	Brian Looney		
	Assistant Coach (1)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Boys Basketball	Head Coach(1)	Jordan McCoy		
	Volunteer(s)			
8 th Grade Boys Basketball (Volunteer-No Supplement)	Head Coach(1)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Varsity Girls Basketball	Head Coach (1)	Whitney Compton		
	Assistant Coach (1)	Ronnie Compton		
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Girls Basketball	Head Coach (1)	Hannah Stiltner-head coach		
	Volunteer(s)			
8 th Grade Girls Basketball (Volunteer-No Supplement)	Head Coach (1)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Basketball Cheerleading	Head Coach (1)	Ashlee Miller		
Boys and Girls Cross Country	Head Coach (1)	Christina Bane		
	Volunteer(s)	Larry Ratliff	Cathy Ratliff	Phillip Vandyke
Flag Team – Auxiliary Band (GHS)	Head Coach (1)	Megan Wolford		
Varsity Football (GHS, TVH, HHS)	Head Coach (1)	Craig Plymal		
	Assistant Coach(es) (3)	Travis Fiser	Scotty Bostic	Robert Hibbits
	Volunteer(s)	Jimmy Griffey	Brandon Miller	Bryan Looney
JV Football (GHS, TVH, HHS)	Head Coach (1)	Keegan Bartley		
	Volunteer(s)	Dathan Vanover		
8 th Grade Football (Volunteer-No Supplement)	Head Coach (1)	Albert Childress		
	Volunteer(s)			
Football Cheerleading (GHS, TVH, HHS)	Varsity Coach (1)	Ashlee Miller Varsity Volunteer: Hannah Stiltner JV Volunteer: Gracie Bedsole		
Golf	Head Coach (1)	Preston Hibbits		
	Volunteer(s)			
Varsity Boys/Girls Soccer (GHS)	Head Coach (1)	Billie Campbell		
	Assistant Coach(1)	Chuck Hardy		



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Activity	Position	Personnel		
Varsity Softball	Head Coach (1)	Whitney Compton		
	Assistant Coach (1)	Ronnie Compton		
	Volunteer(s)	Mike Deel		
Varsity Boys/Girls Tennis	Head Coach (1)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Varsity Boys /Girls Track	Head Coach (1)	Loni Webb		
	Assistant Coach (1) (2) GHS only	Cathy Ratliff & Brandon Miller		
	Volunteer(s)			
	Head Coach (1)	Krystal Cantrell		
Varsity Volleyball	Assistant Coach (JV)	Hannah Stiltner		
	Volunteer(s)	Hannah Lowe		
	Head Coach (1)			
8 th Grade Volleyball (Volunteer-No Supplement)	Volunteer(s)	Hannah Stiltner		
	Head Coach (1)	Travis Fiser		
Varsity Wrestling	Assistant Coach (1)	Raymond Webb		
	Volunteer(s)	Robert Hibbits	Jimmy Griffey	Bryan Looney
	Head Coach (1)	Megan Wolford		
Forensics	Head Coach (1)	Megan Wolford		
Robotics	Head Coach (1)	Kayla Cantrell		
Theater (1) County this year	Head Coach (1)	Megan Wolford		

Craig Phymal / 5-10-18
Athletic Director's Signature Date

C. Hagerman / 5-10-18
Principal's Signature Date



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RECOMMENDED COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

School Term: 2017-2018 School Name: Hurley High School

Activity	Position	Personnel (Years of Experience in Position) For Example: John Doe (6)		
Coordinator	Athletic Director	Mark Cooper		
Academic Band	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Academic Team	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Baseball	Head Coach	Mark England		
	Assistant Coach(es)	John Paul Justus		
	Volunteer(s)	Joey Blankenship	Greg Smith	
Boys Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Boys Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
8 th Grade Boys Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Girls Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Girls Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
8 th Grade Girls Basketball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Basketball Cheerleading	Varsity Coach			
	JV Coach			
Cross Country	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Flag Team – Auxiliary Band	Head Coach			
Football	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Football	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
8 th Grade Football	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			

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RECOMMENDED COACHING ASSIGNMENTS (Continued)

School Term: 2017-18 School Name: Hurley High School

Activity	Position	Personnel (Years of Experience in Position) For Example: John Doe (6)		
Football Cheerleading	Varsity Coach			
	JV Coach			
Golf	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Boys Soccer	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Boys Soccer	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Girls Soccer	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
JV Girls Soccer	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Softball	Head Coach	Mark Cooper		
	Assistant Coach(es)	Kim Bailey		
	Volunteer(s)	Greg Smith	Danny Cooper Justus	
Tennis	Head Coach	Dustin Christian		
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Track	Head Coach	Brian Davis		
	Assistant Coach(es)	Tyler Justus		
	Volunteer(s)	Brandon Davis		
Volleyball	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Weightlifting	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Wrestling	Head Coach			
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			
Forensics	Head Coach	Megan Wolford		
	Assistant Coach(es)			
	Volunteer(s)			

Principal's Signature: Samela Jester Date: 4-17-18
 Athletic Director's Signature: Mark G. Coyle Date: 4-17-18

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Substitute Bus Driver:

Ronald Keith Deel

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mr. Thompson, resignations received from Amber Foster, Hurley High School Softball Coach, and Eliva McCoy Blankenship, Hurley Elementary/Middle School Custodian, were approved.

Motion Passed

Policies were presented for first reading:

AA School Division Legal Status; IGBE Remedial and Summer Instruction Program; LI Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies; JEBA Admittance of Children Younger 5 Years Old to Kindergarten; JED Student Absences Excuses Dismissals; JED-R Additions to Policy for All Students; JEG Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

Mrs. Hibbitts said we have changes coming next year with Accreditation, noting attendance is one of the components we will be evaluated on and will be an indicator of how schools will be accredited. We need to improve our level of attendance in order to meet the accreditation standard set forth by the state.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve Policies AA, LI, JEBA, JED, JED-R, and JEG as presented on first reading. Mrs. McClanahan seconded.

Motion Passed

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mr. Harrison, the SIP Smarter Grant was approved.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Mrs. Fletcher presented a grant for a Parent Resource Center which will be housed at the Central Office. It is a Special Education Grant and is to be used within the Special Education Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. McClanahan and seconded by Mrs. Rife, the Parent Resource Center Grant was approved.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Administration presented a Hurley Girl Scout Troop request to lease two school buses to take the troop and their mothers to the Carowinds on June 2-3, 2018. They will be responsible for securing drivers and paying the cost of the fuel.

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mrs. McClanahan, the Hurley Girl Scout Troop request for the lease of two buses was approved.

Motion Passed

Administration presented a request to have the yearbook stipend of \$240 be paid at the same rate at the elementary and high school level.

Mr. Prater made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Harrison seconded.

After discussion of available funding, the motion was rescinded.

Mr. Prater made a motion to pay \$240 for the yearbook stipend for elementary/middle and high school for this school year, if funds are available. Mr. Harrison seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Abstain
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Abstain
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Administration requested approval to apply for a High School Program Innovation Planning Grant which is comprised of five competitive grants at \$50,000 each. Mrs. Karen Taylor and Ms. Lauralee Jackson who are planning the grant, are looking toward Real World Connections for the Community Work Force, College and Career Readiness in the area of cyber security, drones, and workplace readiness. The application must be submitted by June 1, 2018.

Upon motion by Mrs. McClanahan and seconded by Mr. Thompson, approval to go forth with the High School Innovation Planning Grant was approved.

Motion Passed

Mrs. Hibbitts presented a proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Math K-12 textbooks. She noted that Math and Social Studies are on the State Adoption List this year. A Textbook Adoption Committee, comprised of representatives from each school selected Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) as the company to provide the Math K-12 textbooks for the next seven years. The proposal in the amount of \$250,396.74 includes the textbooks, digital services and training. Mrs. Hibbitts stated that funding is available through a separate fund which is separate from the general fund that we receive from the State, to purchase textbooks.

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mrs. McClanahan, the K-12 Math Textbook Adoption was approved as selected by the Textbook Adoption Committee.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Administration stated notification has been received that if approved, the 21st Century Grant will continue for the next school year at Riverview Elementary/Middle and Twin Valley Elementary/Middle School.

Upon motion by Mrs. McClanahan and seconded by Mr. Harrison, continuation of the 21st Century Grants were approved.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Mr. Harrison reported improper use of the handicap parking lot at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. He asked if an officer could monitor the lot and give tickets to anyone not legally parked. Mrs. Hibbitts said she will look into this.

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mr. Thompson, the Board went into Closed Session for Legal and Personnel advice.

Motion Passed

Upon motion by Mr. Prater and seconded by Mr. Harrison, Closed Session was certified.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. McClanahan	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes
Mr. Owens	Yes

Motion Passed

Upon motion by Mr. Owens (who stepped down and allowed Mr. Prater, Vice-Chairman, to call the point of order) Policy IGBE Remedial and Summer Instruction Program was approved as presented on first reading with the addition of the Opt Out form. Mrs. Rife seconded.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prater (Personnel Committee) made a motion to employ Dorothy Dotson as a Custodian at Hurley Elementary/Middle School. Mrs. McClanahan and Mr. Thornbury seconded.

Motion Passed

Mr. Prater made a motion to close J. M. Bevins Elementary School with the effective date being June 30, 2018. Mr. Harrison seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
Mrs. Rife	Yes
Mr. Thompson	No
Mrs. McClanahan	No
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Thornbury	Yes

Mr. Owens asked the Board to indulge him by allowing him to express his opinion before voting. He quoted from a hand out entitled 'Consolidation of Schools' that was handed out at the public hearing held at Grundy High School in April, "assume nothing and analyze much when considering consolidation proposals". Mr. Owens stated, "This has not been an easy decision, it has been one of the most difficult I have had to make. I attended a public hearing to consolidate Russell Prater Elementary in 1998, some twenty years ago. We finally did consolidate Russell Prater Elementary after three more public

hearings in 2014. I have always been a proponent of small elementary schools. When I started teaching in Buchanan County in 1976 at Harman Elementary School, we had over 10,000 students; over 800 at Harman Elementary; over 1,000 at Vansant Elementary, where I went two years later. Today, we have 2,726 students, almost 75% less; we had eighteen or nineteen schools, now we have ten; two in the Garden District, two in the Hurricane District, two in the Knox District, and four in the North Grundy District. The Prater, South Grundy and Rocklick Districts have no schools in them now. I have had much discussion and listening to citizens, the Administration, the Finance Department of the State Department of Education on numerous occasions, as well as our Finance Department, before coming to this decision. I didn't want to go with "you will save a \$1,000,000 if you close that school, and I didn't want to go with you'll save \$0 if you close that school, cause I don't think either one of them are correct. Also, I wanted to look into the personnel effects that might take place which wasn't done when we closed Russell Prater Elementary School. After looking very closely at all the personnel that could be involved at J. M. Bevins and at the other schools and at the number of employees that plan on retiring, quitting, moving, as well as the long-term subs that we presently employ, I feel like this is the best time to consolidate J. M. Bevins Elementary School. I would also add

that the children at J. M. Bevins basically have three choices where they might go, Twin Valley Elementary/Middle, Hurley Elementary/Middle and Riverview Elementary/Middle. With this all being said, I vote "yes" to consolidate J. M. Bevins Elementary School."

Mr. Owens	Yes
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Motion Passed 5 Yes; 2 No

Mr. Prater made a motion to transfer the building and property to the County on July 1, 2018. Mr. Harrison seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Prater	Yes
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Mrs. Rife	Yes
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Mr. Thompson	Yes
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Mrs. McClanahan	Absent at this point in the meeting
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Mr. Harrison	Yes
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Mr. Thornbury	Yes
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Mr. Owens	Yes
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Motion Passed 6-0

The next regularly scheduled meeting was set for Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Thornbury stated, "Please, I'm begging the Administration, let's not close this facility and come back and hire people, let's not do what prior administration may or may not have done. If we are going to save the money and be up front with these people, which is hard enough, let's do it the right way and not play some shell game." Mr. Owens agreed and stated he had spent numerous hours looking through this. He feels this is the right time and we have looked ahead enough, which didn't happen before.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Scotty Owens

Chairman of Board

June 5, 2018

Date

ATTEST:

Carolyn J. Dillon

Clerk of the Board

June 5, 2018

Date