

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

**Patrick County High School Auditorium  
Thursday, April 16, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.  
Minutes – Regular School Board Meeting**

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

**No. 25518      Opening Ceremonies**

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

**No. 25519      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 5:39 p.m. to consider:

- a. 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).
  - i. Monthly Personnel Report
- b. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record §2.2-3711(A)(1) §22.1-254, a school board excuse from attendance at school: Any pupil who, together with his parents, by reason of “bona fide religious training or belief” does not include essentially political, sociological or philosophical views of a merely personal moral code.
  - i. Religious Exemptions

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Ms. Harrell to come out of closed session at 6:20 p.m.

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

**No. 25520      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. 25521      Personnel**

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Personnel.

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

**No. 25522      Religious Exemptions**

On motion by Ms. Scott seconded by Ms. Walker to approve Religious Exemptions

RE2019-2020-06  
RE2019-2020-07

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

**No. 25523      Public Comments**

None

**No. 25524      Consent Calendar**

- a. Minutes (BDDG) March 10, 2020 and March 26, 2020
- b. Regular Invoices (DI, DK)
- c. Monthly Financial Report (DI, DK)
- d. Capital/Maintenance Improvement Reports (EC, ECG, FB)

Mr. Gilbert reviewed certain items on the Financial Report. Some items are hard to budget for as the budget is proposed 15 months before the end of the fiscal year. Special Education is based on IEP and it is hard to have an accurate number as it is student by student.

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

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

**No. 25525    New Business**

Facility Report

The school board acknowledged a report from Downey & Scott, LLC, Construction Management Services which included the following:

1. Elementary School Facility Conditions
2. Assessment and Elementary School Facilities
3. Capital Improvement Plan Report

Several recommendations were made in the report. The school board is taking these under advisement and were not in favor of implementing any of the recommendations at the present time.

**No. 25526    Carl Perkins**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve the Local Plan for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Perkins Funds – as presented.

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

**No. 25527    Patrick County High School Athletic Handbook**

Mr. T. Cox, Principal, was present to review the 2020-21 Patrick County High School Athletic Handbook with the addition of the Social Media Policy & Guidelines for student – athletes

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Mr. Lawson to approve the addition of the addition of the Social Media Policy & Guidelines for student – athletes.

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

**No. 25528    VSBA Resolution for Current Policies**

On motion by Ms. Walker seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the VSBA Covid – 19 Resolution. This resolution will allow the school system to have the authority to not have to change policies only to have to change back when the current situation is over.

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

**No. 25529    Superintendent Report**

Mr. Gilbert, Superintendent reported on the following:

1. School Budget will have to be revisited and revised
2. Health Insurance Enrollment – Has to be done online this year.
3. Waiver – State Funding – Schools are required to be in session 180 days or 990 hours, it is necessary to send in a waiver to be exempted from these requirements the year.

Mr. Simmons commended the employees of the Patrick County School System.

**No. 25530    Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Harrell seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes:    Harrell, Lawson, Scott, Simmons, Walker

Nays:    None

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Brandon J. Simmons, Chairman  
Patrick County School Board

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Sara Leigh D. Collins, Clerk  
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