

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
October 21st, 2015
4:30 p.m.

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. September 23rd, 2015
- III. School Board Update
- IV. Proposed Budget Amendment / Re-appropriation of School Funds – Tennis Court Funding
- V. General Information
- VI. Next Meeting Date: November 18th, 2015
- VII. Adjournment

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MINUTES
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Mr. Hudson advised that there was not a quorum present to conduct any business and asked if the Town Manager and School Superintendent would provide reports and updates.

Present: Mayor Jim Hudson; Tina Gulley, Town Council Member; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent and Johnny Ragsdale, West Point School Board Member.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

A. September 23rd 2015

There was not a quorum present to adopt the minutes.

III. School Board Update

Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent gave a report on the following items:

1. West Point High School has received the Wise Award and named one of one hundred high schools in the Country as one of best schools providing a program on personal finance. One of the requirements for this prestigious award is that 75% of the students have to pass the wise test and it takes a score of over 85% to pass the Wise Financial Presentation test. West Point High School has been designated as a Blue Star School and they will be recognized in New York City on November 3rd 2015.
2. West Point has been awarded the Ferguson Enterprise grant to send every one of the fourth graders to Colonial Williamsburg, all expenses paid.
3. The Schools have received grant funding from the State to assist one of our Teachers with an opportunity to become certified in teaching English as a second language. West Point has students from four different cultures, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Arabic.
4. Mrs. Abel presented a list of the top one hundred schools in Virginia. West Point is listed as number 1; Falls Church as number 2, Poquoson as number 3; Wise as number 4 and York County as number 5.

5. Mrs. Abel reviewed the October calendar and advised that October 30th 2015 will be 'Pink Out Day'. The School system has challenged the Town employee's to wear Pink on this day in support for Breast Cancer.
6. Mrs. Abel reported on the Student Enrollment. The current student enrollment is 753, the number used for the budget was 780. This will leave a budget short fall of \$135,000 (27 students short) for FY 2015-16.
7. Mrs. Abel advised that the Town Manager has signed up to follow the schools on twitter and asked the Mayor to consider sign up for twitter.

Mr. Hudson thanked Mrs. Abel for the valuable information and stated that he would share the information with Town Council and the Tidewater Review.

IV. Proposed Budget Amendment/Re-appropriation of School Funds – Tennis Court Funding

Mr. Edwards advised that the schools have Special Education Regional Reimbursement Tuition funds from FY 2014-15 that need to be re-appropriated and that Funds for the cost of resurfacing the Tennis Courts will need to be re-appropriated. The Town Attorney has prepared the attached resolution for a Budget Amendment.

V. General Information

Mr. Edwards advised that the Facilities Committee had its first meeting recently and discussed the drainage issues at the Track and Football field. The Committee was told that the track can only be resurfaced once after it was built, therefore it would need to be replaced, the estimated cost of the replacement is \$300,000.

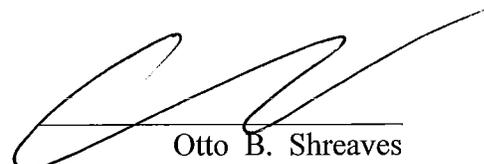
VI. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards suggested that the Proposed Budget Amendment be placed on the Town Council agenda under the Town Manager items.

VII. Next Meeting Date: November 18th 2015

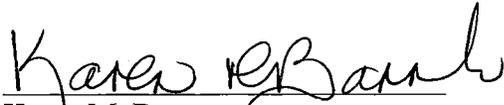
VII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Otto B. Shreaves
Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen M. Barrow", written over a horizontal line.

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk