

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
August 17th, 2016**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. March 16th 2016
 - May 19th 2016

- III. School Board Updates

- IV. General Information

- V. Next Meeting Date: September 21st, 2016

- VI. Adjournment

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 17th, 2016**

Mr. Shreaves called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Committee members present included Tina Gulley, Paul Kelley and Wayne Healy.

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent and members of the School Board Staff.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

March 16th 2016

May 19th 2016

Mr. Kelley made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Healy. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. School Board Updates

Mrs. Abel advised that Mrs. Hatcher, the elementary school principle will be leaving to go to the Hampton school system, the School Board hopes to have a replacement as soon as possible. We are reviewing applications and will be conducting interviews next week. Mrs. Abel gave the following update: 1) the student enrolment has increased, the current number is 788, the tuition student number is 176. 2) The drainage site work for the track is almost complete, the paving will start in two weeks.

Linda Minor advised that West Point schools are fully accredited and rank number 1 out of 132 schools. Ms. Minor presented the attached report for the 2016 SOL scores.

Dr. David Daniels presented the attached West Point Public Schools Brief dated August 17th 2016 then reviewed the five topics as listed in the report.

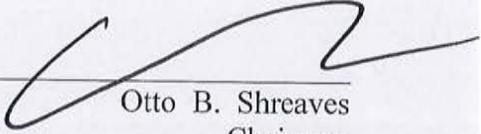
IV. General Information

There was nothing to report under General Information

V. Next Meeting Date: September 21st, 2016

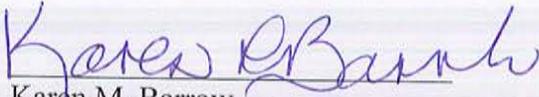
VI. Adjournment

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



Otto B. Shreaves
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk



WPPS
Preliminary 2016 SOL Scores



- 9** SOL content tests scored 100% pass rate
- 27** SOL content tests had a pass rate greater than 90%
- 5** SOL content tests had a 5 percentage point or greater pass rate gain (6th & 7th reading ^ 9)
- 12** SOL content tests had a Pass Advance rate of 30% or greater
- 7** Pointer Pathway graduates
- 260** Industry Certifications earned by WPHS students
(^35 certifications '15)
- \$438,350** Class of 2016 earned in scholarship \$\$\$

Virginia High School Principal of the Year

WPMS awarded "School to Watch" designation

WPHS music
program
awarded
Blue Ribbon
Status by
VMEA



All 3 WPPS
schools were
recognized as
Virginia "VIP"
schools for
academic
performance

#1 ranked academic school division in Virginia out of 132

WPES Title 1 Highly Distinguished School

WPPS named Title 1 Highly Distinguished School Division

West Point Public Schools Brief

August 17, 2016

I. 10 Point Grading Scale

- a. After initiating a study to examine the merits of implementing a 10 point grading scale, the WPPS School Board has authorized the development of a transition plan with implementation proposed for the 2017-2018 school year.
- b. Quick Facts:
 - i. 73/132 (55%) of school divisions use 10 pt scale.
 - ii. 14/20 (70%) top 20 divisions use 10 pt scale.
 - iii. 39/66 (59%) top 50 divisions use 10 pt scale.
 - iv. Neighbors who do: WJCC, New Kent, Gloucester, York, Poquoson, Middlesex, Mathews, Chesterfield, Henrico, Isle of Wight
 - v. Neighbors who don't: King and Queen, King William, Hanover, Charles City, Colonial Beach, Hopewell, Lancaster
 - vi. State-wide trend is moving towards 10 pt scale.

II. Participation in Bridging Communities Regional Career and Technical Center

- a. WPHS will send its first students to BC in September.
- b. 5 WPHS juniors will be enrolled in Diesel Technology (3), HVAC-R (1), and Small Engine Technology (1).
- c. Students will attend 1st Period at WPHS, travel to BC, return for lunch and afternoon classes.
- d. Partnering with King and Queen County to share transportation costs.

III. Concussion Testing

- a. What: Pre-concussion testing of all students over a two-year cycle

- i. Non-invasive computer test, not IQ test, access only for comparison post concussion. Parents and physicians can also access.
 - ii. All athletes tested last year.
 - iii. All first-time participants and alternating grade levels of non-sports participants.
 - iv. Tests are valid for two years
- b. VHSL Return to Learn & Return to Play Protocol
 - i. Multi-day series of tests that student/athletes must pass prior to being allowed to return to practice.
 - ii. Does not begin until student/athletes are completely symptom free.
 - iii. WPPS Athletic Trainer gives final approval for returning to participation.

IV. Schools to Watch Designation for West Point Middle School

- a. WPMS earned this 3-year designation through a multi-step evaluation process (self-evaluation, application, site visit).
- b. Banner presentation celebration was held on April 27.
- c. Dr. Daniel presented at the national conference in June and received the official award as a "School to Watch".

V. West Point Public Schools Energy Conservation Initiative

- a. Focus on being good stewards of the earth's natural resources and of community financial resources.
- b. Savings through altering habits
 - i. Increase system efficiency through maintenance and temperature settings in classrooms, hallways, storage areas, and unoccupied spaces during business hours and after hours.
 - ii. Reducing plug loads in classrooms.
 - iii. Reducing wasteful behaviors.