

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
September 20th, 2017
4:30 P.M.

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. August 16th 2017
- III. School Board Update
- IV. General Information
- V. Next Meeting Date: November 15th, 2017
- VI. Adjournment

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MINUTES
September 20th, 2017**

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 329 6th Street, Virginia. Committee members present included Paul Kelley, Chairman; Gail Nichols and Tina Gulley.

Also Present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent, Dr. David Daniel and Duddly Olsson, Chairman of the School Board.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

August 16th 2017

Mrs. Nichols made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. Technology and Innovation Update

Dr. David Daniel gave an update on the following items: 1) The Teacher Laptops are rental, it allows for a better product at a better price than purchasing. Training was on August 17th, 22nd & 24th. 2) The new School Web Site has been launched and is providing all kinds of information to the public, parents and staff. 3) This year the school system is working to be a go green school division. 4) The schools are working with Honeywell on energy efficiency. So far the schools have saved almost \$45,000 in energy cost, we will be using the savings to improve other energy projects.

Mr. Daniel stated the Welding program is going very well, there are two students enrolled in the day time welding program a RCC for a total of 8 students including students from Matthews County. Representatives from West Point schools and Matthews County were very pro-active in working with RCC to establish this program and now parents from other localities are asking why the program is not available to other surrounding counties.

IV. Superintendent Update

Mrs. Abel, School Superintendent advised that the first day of school went very well. The enrolment numbers are very good, 787 students with 166 tuition paying students. Mrs. Abel reviewed the most recent awards received by the school system. On the shooldigger.com web site, West Point is listed as the #1 school system in Virginia and on the Niche.com web site, West Point is listed in the to 10 with the teachers receiving an A+ grade. The cafeteria received the Dorothy McAuliffe nutrition award, only nine

schools out of 130 received the award. The award was based on the number of students that received breakfast, over 70% of West Point students receive breakfast.

V. School Board Update

Mrs. Abel reviewed the survey the schools conducted in the Spring 2017. The School Board will be using the results to improve what we do, we will be using Student, Teacher Committees to work on solutions together to find answers to problems. Bulling and Drugs were issues, the drugs are not issues in the schools but what is going on outside of the schools, we will be working with this data to make changes.

Duddy Olsson advised that the School Board will be reviewing the policy manual to clarify the policy. The policy has not been reviewed in a long time, it needs to be updated.

VI. General Information

Mr. Edwards advised that Back to School Night is tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Abel stated that Pink Out day will be on Friday, October 6th.

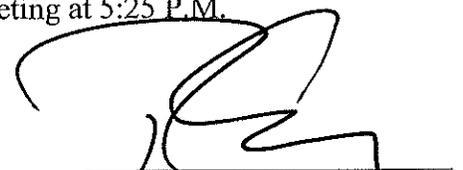
VII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Kelley advised there were no items for the Town Council agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: October 18th, 2017

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P.M.



Paul Kelley
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk