

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
August 15th, 2018
4:00 P.M.

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. June 20th 2018

- III. School Board Updates

- IV. General Information

- V. Next Meeting Date: September 19th, 2018

- VI. Adjournment

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MINUTES
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Paul Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 329 6th Street, Virginia. Committee members present included Gail Nichols and Tina Gulley.

Also Present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Deborah Ball, Vice Mayor; John Edwards, Town Manager Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Jon Morr, Building Inspector; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent; Dr. David Daniel and Mr. Lynch, Middle School Principal.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. June 20th 2018

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

III. School Board Update

1. Superintendent Update

Mrs. Abel advised that Niche.com has ranked West Point Schools in the top 10 schools in Virginia. Niche is a good web site to explore school systems.

Mrs. Abel gave an update on emergency preparedness and advised that the generator has been serviced, some electrical outlets have been added while existing outlets have been serviced so they operate while the generator is running.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Mrs. Abel stated that the current enrollment is 813 students, this is before students that have moved out of the area have been recorded as a move. The anticipated enrollment number is 795. The tuition enrollment is 175 with 7 student applications waiting for approval for a total of 182 enrollment students. There are 49 students from King & Queen; 33 students from New Kent; 15 from King William; 16 from Charles City; 30 from Henrico and there are a few more students from other areas. School systems lose approximately \$6,000 per student when a student enrolls with a different locality. West Point receives \$6,000 per tuition student from the State plus the West Point fee of \$2,900 per student.

MARK DORSEY

Mrs. Abel advised that Mark Dorsey will be leaving the Division as High School Principle. There are 6 applications for the position and interviews are scheduled for August 27th 2018. Mrs. Aunspach has worked for the school system for 18 years and is willing to act as intern principle until the position has been filled.

The Education Committee discussed the departure of Mark Dorsey.

AUDITORIUM

Mrs. Abel stated that Arts Alive are going to replace the lighting in the auditorium, this is a big assistance with funding for maintenance.

SECURITY /SAFETY

Mrs. Abel advised that Chief Sawyer provided a program on safety that included a safety roundtable. This is critical at the start of the school year.

2. Instruction Update

Nathaniel Leach, Director of Instruction stated there are six areas of focus this year, five are from the previous year and we have added one based on information from the state: 1) Collaboration of Culture. 2) Ed Camp. This is a program that will be within our division where Teachers work together sharing concepts. 3) Flex Grouping of students working together. 4) Corner Space Learning. 5) Leverage and Technology. 6) Work Place and Career Readiness Skills. All six topics are part of the 5C's, (Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Collaboration, Communication and Citizenship.)

3. Technology and Innovation Update

Dr. Daniels stated that in July West Point High School was awarded a \$50,000 innovation grant. The technology team has been busy all summer upgrading and repairing the chrome books. We received a grant to assist with the Wi-Fi upgrade so the chrome books have Wi-Fi accessibility. Dr. Daniels advised that Phase II of access control is underway, we now have reduced the number of access doors into the school buildings. There are 3 entry doors to the elementary school and 4 doors to the High School. This reduces the number of access points into the buildings by unwanted persons. The fire exits still work and exiting the building will not be affected by the change.

IV. General Information

Mr. Edwards advised that the West Point Police Department Open House will be at 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. this evening.

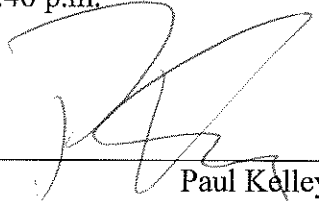
V. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards advised that there will be an extension agreement with King William County to place on the Town Council agenda that will expire in June 2028. The extension agreement will provide funding to the schools.

VI. Next Meeting Date: September 19th, 2018.

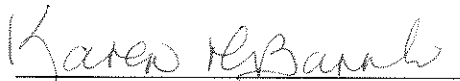
VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.



Paul Kelley
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk