

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
October 17th, 2018
4:00 P.M.

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. August 15th 2018

- III. Introduction of New High School Principal

- IV. FY 2018-19 Budget Amendment

- V. Capital Improvement Program

- VI. School Board Updates

- VII. General Information

- VIII. Next Meeting Date: November 14th, 2018

- IX. Adjournment

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MINUTES
October 17th, 2018**

Mayor Jim Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 329 6th Street, Virginia. Committee members present included Gail Nichols.

Also Present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Jon Morr, Building Inspector; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent; Dr. David Daniel, John Hockman, High School Principal and Mr. Nathaniel Leach, Director of Instruction.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. August 15th 2018

There was not a quorum present to vote on the minutes, Mr. Edwards advised the minutes will be placed on November agenda for adoption.

III. Introduction of New High School Principal

Nathaniel Leach, Director of Instruction introduced John Hockman as the new High School Principal. Mr. Hockman is originally from Newport News and graduated from VCU.

IV. FY 2018-19 Budget Amendment

Mr. Edwards presented the attached explanation of the FY2018-19 Budget Amendment then reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures. Mr. Edwards also stated that a public hearing is required for the amendment and that a public hearing will be scheduled for the November Town Council meeting.

V. Capital Improvements Program

Mrs. Abel presented the Committee with the attached spreadsheet reviewing the 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan for the schools. Mrs. Abel also stated that with the help from Town Council, the schools have been able to complete the projects for FY 2018-19.

VI. School Board Update

1 Superintendent Update

Mrs. Abel advised that the official enrollment numbers are calculated by the State twice a year, on September 30th and again on March 30th. The official enrollment number for September 30th is 796, the Elementary school enrollment is 332, the Middle School is 197 and the High school is 271. The total current number is 800.

2. Auditorium

Mrs. Abel stated that Arts Alive is going to replace the lighting in the auditorium, this is a big assistance with funding for maintenance and save the schools some money with capital improvement projects.

3 Take Your Legislature to School Month

Nathaniel Leach advised that November is Take Your Legislature to School Month. We would like to have PrinciPAL day, if the Mayor, members of Town Council and Town Manager are available for an hour or two, please contact the schools and we will work with your schedule for a date or time to visit with the students.

4. School Quality Profiles

Nathaniel Leach advised that the State changed the School Report Card to the School Quality Profile. Mr. Leach provided the attached information on the current Quality Profile for West Point. Mr. Leach also stated that one of the changes this year is a focus on Absenteeism, attendance will be factored into the percentage number. (Mr. Leach provided the Website address for members of Town Council to research West Points Quality Profile. <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov>)

5. Partnerships with the Schools and Community Organizations

Dr. Daniels advised that the schools are continuing to find partnerships within the community to provide opportunities for students. In November and December the School System will be working with WestRock, 21 members of school staff will be going on a tour at WestRock in November, then in December WestRock will tour the schools to interact with administration, staff and students. Dr. Daniels also stated that in 2019 the Schools will be interacting with the Historical Society to learn about the organization.

VII. General Information

Mr. Edwards advised there was nothing to report under General Information

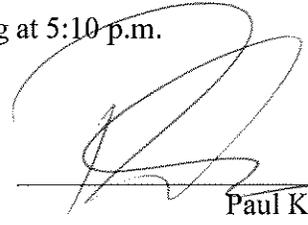
VIII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Hudson advised there was nothing for the Town Council agenda.

IX. Next Meeting Date: November 14th, 2018.

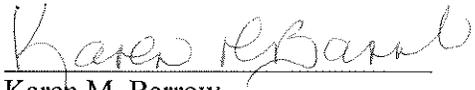
X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.



Paul Kelley
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk