

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 16th, 2019

4:30 P.M.

At High School Cafeteria

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
 1. August 21st, 2019
- III. General School Division Update – Mrs. Abel
- IV. Overview of Summer Operations Projects – Brian Meador
- V. What’s New at WPES – Amy Hauser
- VI. Tour of WPHS/MS – Jon Hochman & Nate Leach
- VII. General Information
- VIII. Town Council Agenda
- IX. Next Meeting Date: November 20th, 2019
- X. Adjournment

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 16th, 2019**

Mrs. Nichols called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm at West Point High School, 2700 Mattaponi Avenue, West Point, Virginia 23181. Committee members present included Gail Nichols, Chairperson and John Ragsdale.

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk and Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent and other interested persons.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. August 21st 2019

Mr. Ragsdale made a motion to adopt the minutes with amendments, seconded by Mrs. Nichols. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. General School Division Update

Mrs. Abel advised that the official first notification of enrollment numbers came in on September 30th of 790 students, the budget was based on 782 students. The true number will be out on March 30th 2020. Mrs. Abel also stated that the number of 2nd chance breakfasts that is now being served has increased to 150, we are planning on bringing in a 3rd cart for the 2nd chance breakfast because it has become so popular.

IV. Overview of Summer Operations Projects – Brian Meador

Brian Meador gave a summary of the preparations during the summer for the start of a new school year that included a lot of painting, cleaning of the floors and renovations of some of the rooms and bathrooms.

V. What's new at WPES – Amy Hauser

Ms. Hauser, Middle School Principal stated that as part of the national epidemic of hunger, there is a small fridge available where students can leave an unopened snack in the fridge to share with fellow students that might have left their snack or lunch at home. This program has been a success amongst the students, it's accomplished several different purposes and the children are benefiting from it.

Ms. Hauser stated that another new program this year is “Steam”, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math. Whitney Hixenbaugh is the STEAM coach, Ms. Hixenbaugh sets up a room with activities. Throughout the day a teacher can reserve the room for children to take part in a variety of activities. Ms. Hauser also stated that there are a number of students that stay to take part in the extra activities after school, there is an activity bus that takes students home that live in West Point.

Lynette Waddey, Assistant Elementary School Principal advised that a new program this year is “IPOP”, Inclusive, Placement, Opportunity for Pre-School. It’s a pre-school program for students with learning disabilities ages 2 through 5 and West Point is fortunate to be the pilot program for IPOP. The special education teachers were able to attend a workshop at JMU for this program.

VI. Tour of WPHS/MS – Jon Hochman & Nate Leach

Nate Leach and Jon Hockman provided a tour of the High School and Middle School showing the changes that have occurred since the High School and Middle School have been consolidated.

VII. General Information

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

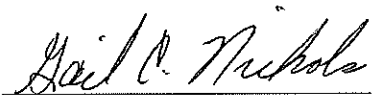
VIII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards advised there are no items for the Town Council agenda that the School Budget Amendment was being handled under the Finance Committee.

IX. Next Meeting Date: November 20th, 2019 @ 4:30 pm


X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



Gail Nichols
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk