

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
May 18th, 2016

- I. Agenda Changes

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

- III. Schools Presentation – Linda Minor, David Daniel and Laura Abel

- IV. School Board Updates

- V. General Information

- VI. Next Meeting Date: June 15th, 2016

- VII. Adjournment

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MINUTES
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Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M. Committee members present included Tina Gulley and Wayne Healy.

Also Present: Mayor Jim Hudson; Deborah Ball, Vice Mayor; Jack Lawson, Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent and members of the School Board and School Board Staff.

Mr. Hudson welcomed the School Superintendent, members of the School Board and Staff.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

III. School Board Presentation

Linda Minor stated that the 5th grade students participated in the Stock Market Challenge and won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Each group chose their own names, the 1st place team was the “United Stock Group”, 2nd place team was the “Stock Gods” and the 3rd place team was the “Stock Champs”. The teams will be recognized tomorrow afternoon at VCU’s School of Business.

Linda Minor gave a summary on changes to the SOL’s, testing and Performance Based Assessments (PBA). Examples of the PBA can be a project based assessment and a problem based assessment. Last night at the School Board meeting, the 3rd grade presented their PBA which was based on the recent disaster in Tappahannock and putting together a care package. This was a real life example where students were graded on use of their soft skills; how do they communicate; how do they plan; how do they problem solve and how do they collaborate together. They also made economic decisions by prioritizing items for the package and used their math skills to budget funds.

Linda Minor provided a review of the schools outreach to local Industries that included WestRock and TRC Designs, LLC. WestRock are providing students with tours of the facilities and TRC Designs are working with innovation by using a laser to cut out shapes.

David Daniel, Middle School Principle advised that TRC Designs has provided two samples of equipment that the students are learning to use and we hope to get one of the lasers for training. The students will be working with the equipment then they will prepare a presentation for TRC Design on the products. TRC Designs started up in a garage and expanded, the students are going on tours of the facilities learning the business from beginning to end.

Dudley Olsson advised that TRC Designs are the only company east of Germany that makes nutcrackers, a few years ago the nutcrackers were featured on Christmas postage stamps.

IV. School Board Updates

Mrs. Laura Abel thanked Town Council for adopting the FY 2016-17 Budget and advised that the School Board are moving forward with technology by hiring Dr. David Daniel as the Director of Innovation and Technology. This will leave the Middle School Principle position vacant, we are interviewing for that position and hope to make a decision by the end of this week.

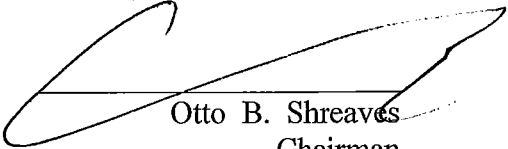
V. General Information

There was nothing to report under General Information

VI. Next Meeting Date: June 15th, 2016


VII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Otto B. Shreaves
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk