



ALLEGHANY  
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## MINUTES

### CALLED MEETING OF THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Alleghany County School Board held a called meeting on June 2, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gleason Forum Hall at Clifton Middle School in Covington, Virginia.

PRESENT: William W. Angle; Robert A. Fridley; Amber D. Kerns; Norman L. Persinger, Jr.; Benjamin J. Truett, Vice Chairman; Randall S. Tucker, Chairman; and Jacob L. Wright.

Also present: Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Acting Superintendent/Director of Instruction and Lorie C. Bess, Clerk.

ABSENT:

Chairman Tucker presided and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The call to order was followed by a moment of silence and the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*. The Alleghany High School Choir sang the National Anthem.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(15-315) CODE OF VIRGINIA: PERSONNEL 2.2-3711.A.1

The Board did not go into Closed Session.

(15-316) CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MOTION: That the Board approve Eugene P. Kotulka as the Acting Superintendent, to replace Mary Jane Mutispaugh, effective June 15, 2015 to June 30, 2015 and the Superintendent effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Truett

SECOND: Mr. Wright

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Tucker shared the following information:

*"Prior to assuming this position in Alleghany County, Eugene Kotulka served as the director of student services for Orange County Public Schools.*

*Mr. Kotulka began his career in education in 1978, teaching social studies and mathematics while coaching basketball and football at Robious Middle and Monacan High Schools in Chesterfield County. For the next 16 years, he continued to teach and coach for Hopewell City, King George County, and Spotsylvania County Public Schools. In 1998, Mr. Kotulka began his administrative career as an administrative intern at Courtland High School. In 2000, Mr. Kotulka served as the assistant principal for Spotsylvania County High School before becoming the principal of Magna Vista High School and then Orange County High School.*

*Mr. Kotulka was born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania and graduated from Quakertown High School in 1973. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1978, and completed his Master in Administration and Supervision degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2000.*

*Mr. Kotulka is married to his wife, Jane, who is currently a librarian. They have four children: Jeisson, Maria, Julieth, and Santiago.*

*Mr. Kotulka is an avid reader, a basketball fan, and loves animals. The Kotulka's have three Labrador retrievers and an English bulldog as well as a few cats and birds.*

*Mr. Kotulka's experiences in education are varied and broad and he has worked in five very diverse school divisions in Virginia. He believes in setting high academic standards, raising the achievement of all students, good first instruction, putting students first, listening and communicating with staff, parents and members of the school and community. He also believes that the teaching staff is the backbone of education and that collaboration and team work are the keys to success."*

Mr. Kotulka read the following statement:

*"I want to thank Chairman Tucker for the introduction and the members of the School Board for putting their faith and trust in me to lead the Allegheny County Public School system. I have spent many hours researching the school division and I can truly say that I am very excited and I can hardly wait to begin my job and meet the staff, students and parents. During the past few weekends my wife and I have been visiting Allegheny County and house hunting – successfully I might add. Everyone that we have met in Allegheny County has been overwhelmingly gracious, kind and polite. My wife, family and I are excited to be a part of the Allegheny County Public School "family" and a resident of Allegheny County. During the interview process, it was obvious to me that the members of the School Board are caring and committed to the children of Allegheny County and to providing all the children with the best education possible.*

*During the next several weeks, I will spend my time listening to members of the school community, learning about schools, school programs and student achievement data, sharing my educational philosophy and core values with all members of the school community, building strong working relationships with members of the School Board, teachers, staff, parents, and members of the community, and planning to address our current and future needs.*

*My educational philosophy is a simple one – "All children can learn!" What does that mean? It means that it is my job to promote a culture of high expectations for all students, the strengthening, better alignment and an increased rigor of the curriculum, the improvement of student achievement, the creation of a positive working environment and an environment conducive to learning.*

*For Allegheny County Public Schools to go from good to great, I recognize that a superintendent is only as good as the team he builds. It is important for the superintendent to take the time to build relationships and then make the relationships important. The superintendent must build trust and trusts the people around him. The superintendent does what's best for students regardless of the politics or lack of popularity in the decision and has an absolute belief that all students can learn. The superintendent recognizes that teachers are the backbone and the most creative people in education and spends time working and collaborating with them and staff in the classroom. The superintendent embraces technology as a platform for student learning and implements research based strategies and programs that have been proven successful.*

*With that being said I promise that I will serve the students, the School Board, teachers, staff, parents, and community to the best of my ability to insure that all of our children are afforded the best opportunities to learn and grow. I look forward to partnering with all members of the school community to achieve this worthwhile goal.*

*I would like to close with a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*

*Thank you and I am excited to being a member of the Alleghany County community and family and I look forward to working with everyone in the future."*

Chairman Tucker invited everyone to attend a reception in the cafeteria to welcome Mr. Kotulka.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: That the Alleghany County School Board called meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: Mr. Angle

SECOND: Mr. Fridley

VOTE: Unanimous

TIME: 5:17 p.m.

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Chairman, Alleghany County School Board

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Clerk