Biographical Statement

Melinda Hooker is the Director of Bands for Bath County Public Schools in Hot Springs, VA. She teaches instrumental music in grades 5-12 at Millboro Elementary School, Valley Elementary School, and Bath County High School. Melinda graduated from James Madison University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. Shortly after, she accepted the Director of Bands position at Bath County Schools and is in her 25th year of teaching. Forty percent of the students at Bath County High School are members of the band. The band competes successfully across the state and travels extensively.

The BCHS BAND had the great honor of performing with JMU’s Marching Royal Dukes and Virginia Tech’s Marching Virginians at the 2016 VMEA Conference. Melinda had the pleasure of conducting the 1000 member ensemble. In 2018, Melinda received the District V Director of the Year award. Her professional affiliations include Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, Virginia Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. Melinda has performed professionally with the Valley Winds and the Rockbridge Symphony.

In the fall of 2019, Mrs. Hooker completed her Master of Science in Educational Leadership at Old Dominion University. She completed her internship through Bath County Schools and Bath County’s Family Preservation Team. In 2018, she received the SSS Leadership Guild Leaders in Education Founder’s Choice Award. She is a member of the Building Leadership team, PBIS Team, Why Try team, and Crisis Response Team at Bath County High School.

Melinda has been happily married for 20 years to Jimmy Hooker and has two teenage sons, Tye and Luke. Outside of school and home, Melinda enjoys being a member of a local book club and taking outdoor adventures.

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