

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
November 1, 2021

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Bristol Virginia Public Schools Administration Office, 280 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mr. R. Tyrone Foster, Chair
Mr. Steve Fletcher
Mr. Randy White

Mr. Randy Alvis, Vice Chair
Mr. Frank Goodpasture

Also present were:

Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Tyrone Foster, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Foster asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Frank Goodpasture so moved. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 2 (A) Bearcat Best – Human Resource and Finance Departments. Dr. Perrigan and Board Members recognized employees of both departments for their dedication and exemplary service to Bristol Virginia Public Schools.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 2 (B) Bearcat Elite – 2021 Edition of the Tapestry – Virginia High School – Barter Theatre’s Young Playwrights Festival. Dr. Perrigan and School Board Members recognized students and they were presented with a Bearcat Elite certificate.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 2(C) School Board Student Representative Report. Caleigh Hampton and Elijah Williams presented a PowerPoint to include the following topics:

- Virginia High School
- Virginia Middle School
- Virginia High and Virginia Middle Career Café Event
- Van Pelt Elementary
- Stonewall Jackson Elementary
- Highland View Elementary

Mr. Foster thanked Caleigh and Elijah for their report.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 2(D) Superintendent’s Report. Dr. Perrigan noted he is thrilled to announce that we, Bristol Virginia Public Schools has partnered with Radford and Wise County to secure a Rural Utility Services Grant. The grant is for \$1 million and will be split 3 ways. Bristol will serve as the fiscal agent. With the proceeds from this grant, every school will receive a centralized, state of the art telecommunication system to be used for streaming in/out professional

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development, best practices, or shared lessons. He highlighted we will add an outgoing telemedicine center to the new clinic at VHS, and an incoming telemedicine clinic at VMS, WL, HV, and SJ. Both VHS and VMS will receive 7 classroom telecommunication systems. One goal of this grant is to encourage more collaboration between our staff and employees of Wise and Radford. However, this technology will also connect our students to the rest of the world! I have several updates on COVID-19. The vaccine has been approved down to age 5. We will offer a VDH Town Hall for parents on November 8 and will offer the vaccine to students ages 5- 11 on November 10. Over 200 staff members just received the booster on Friday. He added he thought you are all aware that over the last few weeks, we are seeing very few positive cases in our schools; with only 2 division-wide last week. BTCS lifted their mask mandate last week and only had 1 positive case. He stated he would like to develop a plan to begin transitioning out of mandatory indoor masking. He noted he would love to have your input and will solicit input from other stakeholders as well. Just FYI, Dr. Perrigan will be speaking at the National Rural Education Conference next week in Indianapolis. He will be sharing the successes of our Regional Virtual Academy. He is also presenting for VASS about how the Coalition of Small and Rural Schools ensures state funding equity. This month is Take a Legislator to School Month. All of our schools will invite policy makers to come for a visit. Hopefully you can make time as well

No one addressed the Board during Public Comment.

Mr. Foster asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Randy White so moved. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – October 4, 2021
- C. Recognition of School Psychology Awareness Week
- D. Approval of Donation of Eleven Disney Gift Cards Valued at \$1,100.00 to Bristol Virginia Education Foundation

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(A) Approval of 2021-2022 School Board Budget Revision #2. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(B) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Dell Technologies Virtual Reality Program – Virginia Middle and Virginia High Schools. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(A) Discussion of Update on Bathroom Renovations. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining the Vestibule and Restroom Renovations in detail.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(B) Discussion of Energy Performance Contract Options. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining the Energy Performance Contracting in detail. He noted the Key Highlights, Proposals, Estimated Investment Grade Audit, and Next Steps.

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Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(C) Discussion of Progress for New Elementary School. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining the additional progress. He added he would present to City Council on November 23.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Randy Alvis moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

A. Discussion of Certain Personnel and Recommendation for Employment.

Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.


The Board went into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:20 p.m., Mr. Randy Alvis moved Certification of Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


R. Tyrone Foster, Chairman