

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
August 09, 2021

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, August 09, 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 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

Absent:

Mr. Randy White

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Ginger Fleenor
Shauna Russell
Randa Blackley

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Tyrone Foster, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Randy Alvis so moved. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Summer Space Camp
- Fusion Camp
- Installations, Repairs, and Operations Within all the BVPS Schools
- Updates

Mr. Foster thanked Caleigh for her report.

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, he noted you may be aware, but he wanted to announce publicly, Bristol Virginia Public Schools is using ESSER funds to purchase almost every school supply our students need. This will be a huge benefit to many of our families and is an excellent way to make sure the people's money (taxes) gets returned to them. He noted we were also providing a \$200.00 classroom stipend to each teacher to ensure they don't spend money out of their own pockets. Dr. Perrigan added this had not been announced but should be very well

received. Bristol Virginia Public Schools will not have Convocation this year. He noted having 400 people gathered in one room a few days before school is set to start, doesn't seem like the right thing to do considering the recent surge of the Delta Variant. He added we had a very successful summer camp this year. Attendance was over five times our normal participation. Dr. Perrigan invited Mr. Jason Matlock, Virginia Middle School Principal to share pictures of the Space Camp trip.

Mr. Foster thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 3(A) Public Comment. Ms. Shauna Russell and Ms. Randa Blackly addressed the Board.

Mr. Foster asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Steve Fletcher so moved. Mr. Frank Goodpasture 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 – Organizational – Regular Session – July 08, 2021
- C. Approval of Regulation JHCD-R

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(A) Approval of Journalism Course- Virginia High School. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(B) Approval of 2021-2022 School Board Goals. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Frank Goodpasture requested the International Baccalaureate Program process be added to Continuing Goals. Mr. Steve Fletcher made a motion to add International Baccalaureate Program process be added to Continuing Goals. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(C) Approval of Updated Teacher Evaluation Instrument. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion. After much discussion, the decision was made to table Item 5(C). Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval to table the Item. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(D) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Virginia High School Science Wing Hallway – Music Room Roof Replacement. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(E) Approval of Reactivating the Comprehensive Agreement for the New School at Van Pelt Elementary. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion. Mr. Randy Alvis – Yes, Mr. Steve Fletcher – Yes, Mr. Frank Goodpasture – No, Mr. Tyrone Foster – Yes. The Item was approved.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(F) Approval of 2021-2022 Return to School Plan and Granting the Superintendent Permission to Increase or Decrease Mitigations Due to COVID-19 Impacts on Schools. Mr. Frank Goodpasture moved approval. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion. Mr. Randy Alvis – No, Mr. Steve Fletcher – Yes. Mr. Frank Goodpasture – Yes, Mr. Tyrone Foster – No. The Item failed approval.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 5(G) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between August 10, 2021 and September 13, 2021. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(A) Presentation of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Mr. Ben Talley and Ms. Melissa Dixon, Site Manager, noted Big Brothers/Big Sisters were ready to be involved in Bristol Virginia Public Schools. Mr. Talley noted students would benefit from a mentor.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(B) Presentation of Tentative Use of American Rescue Plan (ESSER III) funds (Opportunity for Community Input). Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint explaining in detail the Tentative use of American Rescue Plan (ESSER III) funds.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(C) Discussion of Boys Scouts of America Recruiting. Mr. Steve Fletcher noted he had a concern regarding Boys Scouts being permitted into the schools for recruiting. Dr. Perrigan noted under Tier 1, visitors are allowed with Principal permission. Other Tiers reduce or eliminate visitors.

Mr. Foster addressed Item 6(D) Discussion of Highland Community Service MOA for 2021-2022. Dr. Perrigan advised this was for informational purposes and to make the Board aware he intends to sign the MOA.

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) per the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment and Resignations
Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:31 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:53p.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. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.


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Mr. Frank Goodpasture made a motion to add and approve Item 5 (H) Approval of 2021-2022 Return to School Plan adding Universal Masking and Granting the Superintendent Permission to Increase or Decrease Mitigations Due to COVID-19 Impacts on Schools. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion. Mr. Randy Alvis – No, Mr. Steve Fletcher, Yes, Mr. Frank Goodpasture – Yes, Mr. Tyrone Foster – Yes.

No items were discussed during the Old and New Business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


R. Tyrone Foster, Chairman