

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
September 12, 2022

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2022, 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. Randy Alvis, Chair
Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Mr. Randy White

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Vice Chair
Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard

Also present were:

Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent
Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Absent:

Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Randy Alvis, 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. Alvis asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard made a motion to add Item 3 (C) Discussion of the International Baccalaureate Program. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(A) Superintendent's Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent noted if it was pleasing to the Board from this point on, unless there was something pressing, he would be providing updates on the New Intermediate School as his report. Dr. Perrigan presented a constrictor video and numerous pictures as he detailed the progress.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) Presentation of RRMM Architects Superintendent Scholarship. Mr. Kenny Word, Business Development Manager RRMM Architects, Dr. Perrigan and School Board Members presented the scholarship to Conner Davidson.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (B) Discussion of Bridging the Gap Pilot (VDOE). Dr. Perrigan highlighted several divisions across the state were invited to Pilot the program Bridging the Gap. He noted this was a new initiative by the Secretary of Education and the State Superintendent to have more transparency and honesty in data sharing with families. He noted he was unsure as to whether he would recommend we participate. However, he learned in the information meeting that in year two which would be next year, every school division is going to have to participate in it. He added we will learn how to use data. Whether it be Pals reading or SOL or SAT scores and to communicate that better to parents. Dr. Perrigan noted if VDOE does this right, it could be very beneficial to our school, our community and to our students and families.

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Mr. Alvis address Item 3 (C) Discussion of the International Baccalaureate Program. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard noted this was discussed previously and her understanding was meetings would be held to talk with teachers, students, and parents in the community to make sure we rolled this out in a really successful way and maybe that looked like partnering with another high school. She added maybe it looked like starting in the middle school but just to kind of assess the options. She noted it appeared to be moving more quickly than that and she had some serious concerns that we are not quite set up for success at the point. She added her preference would be to pump the brakes on sending anybody for training or doing any big structural changes with schedules and have a little bit more of a planning time and a planning discussion. She noted she was afraid if we jump into it next year, we don't have full teacher support yet, we don't have the issue anywhere close to worked out with dual enrollment or college credits. She added she was very concerned we're going to put a lot of time, effort and money into this and it's not going to be successful. Dr. Perrigan added we are having a difficult time getting a Science teacher to volunteer to teach the Science portion. He also added the IB Program does not allow schools to work off a blocked schedule. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent is trying to find what other alternatives there are. Dr. Perrigan noted if we do implement this next year, the Board needs to start thinking about, do we move away from the block schedule and back to a seven-period day or do we create something totally different. Dr. Perrigan noted we want to be in compliance with what the Boards wishes are, so we are moving forward. He added if the Board is ok doing a planning year, that certainly takes some pressure off of Mr. Ronnie Collins, Principal and Mr. Ritchie as we go through that planning process. Dr. Perrigan noted if it pleases the Board, we will add an Agenda Item for an IB Discussion each month for the course of this fiscal year and then we will start the process of a planning year for this year moving into 2024 and 2025.

No one addressed the Board in Public Comment.

Mr. Alvis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard so moved. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, Mr. Randy White – yes, Mr. Goodpasture – abstain, Mr. Alvis – yes.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes –Regular Session – June 06, 2022 – August 01, 2022
- C. Approval of Technology Reimbursement Resolution
- D. Approval of Technology Reimbursement Resolution - Crossroads
- E. Recognition of Attendance Awareness Month
- F. Recognition of Bullying Prevention Month
- G. Recognition of Suicide Prevention Month

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(A) Approval of Awarding RFP #04-2021/22 to Genesis Interiors. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Breanna Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(B) Approval of 2022-2023 School Board Budget Revision #1. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(C) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between September 13, 2022 and October 3, 2022 in Consultation with the School Board. Mr. Frank Goodpasture moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Fletcher 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)(A)(8) per the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment and Resignations
- B. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters
- C. Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:55 p.m.

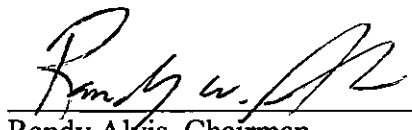
Back in Public Session, Mr. Fletcher moved Certification of Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting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

Mr. Forbes Hubbard moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved Approval of Superintendent's Contract. Mr Fletcher seconded the motion – Mr. Goodpasture – yes, Mr White – no, Mr. Alvis – yes.

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman