

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
October 3, 2022

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 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
Ms. Breanne Forbes-Hubbard

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Vice Chair

Also present were:

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

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

Absent:

Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Mr. Randy White

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. Ms. Breanne Forbes-Hubbard so moved. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(A) School Board Student Representative Report and welcomed the new Representatives – Kewan Brown, Gavin Mitchell, Amanda Rankin, and Diya Turakhia. Student Board Representatives presented a PowerPoint to include the following topics:

- Student Life has come back to normal this year with things like pep rallies, no masks, and more activities outside of school.
- Cross Country is having a great season. They are very appreciative of Coach Z, who has had a positive impact on the team this season. We would like to wish them the best of luck in their upcoming meets.
- The Volleyball team is currently on a three-game win streak. We wish them good luck in their game Thursday at home against Tazewell.
- The football team is currently 4-1 on their season. They are gearing up for their Homecoming game against Honaker High School on Friday, October 7. We would like to encourage everyone to come to the game and support our Bearcats.
- On Thursday, October 6th, Virginia High School is hosting a homecoming carnival. There will be a dodgeball tournament, games hosted by the CTE department, and a bonfire.
- There will also be an informal homecoming dance after the football game on Friday.

Mr. Alvis and Board Members welcomed everyone and thanked them for their report.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (B) Superintendents Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, gave an update and provided pictures to include, block progress, unsuitable soil, and Colony Circle of the New Intermediate School.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) Public Comment. Ms. Kathy Musick and Mr. Patrick Wright addressed the Board.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Ms. Forbes-Hubbard 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 – September 12, 2022

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Behavioral Health Support – Highlands Community Services. Mr Fletcher moved approval. Ms. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Approval of 2022-2023 School Board Budget Revision #2. Ms. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(A) Discussion of the International Baccalaureate Program. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent noted after discussion there was interest in starting the I.B. Program at the middle school level. He noted this is called Middle Years Program – MYP, which can last 2-5 years. He added this program would begin 6th grade and go through 10th grade. Mr. Ritchie explained the program in detail.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(B) Discussion of Student Achievement Goals. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint regarding academic performance for the 2021-2022 school year. He highlighted the division has all six schools accredited for the first time since 2011 and a significant jump over the 2020-2021 year directly impacted by the pandemic. He noted the overall performance on SOL's dropped the division from being ranked 42nd out of 132 school divisions in 2020-2021 to 73rd in 2021-2022. He added that 31-position gap represents a relatively small total number of students. Dr. Perrigan noted the goal was to reach 85% passing with academic growth factored in. He added this was achieved in most elementary schools and Virginia High in English and Math, with Science averages generally lower.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) 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) the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel and Recommendation for Employment, Resignation, and Approval of Retirements.

Ms. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 6:45 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. Ms. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman