

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING - REGULAR SESSION
February 7, 2022**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, February 7, 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
Ms. Breanne Forbes Hubbard

Also present were:

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

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

Mr. Randy Alvis, Vice 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 addressed Item 1 (B) Approval of Agenda. Mr. Frank Goodpasture moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (A) Election of Chair. Mr. Frank Goodpasture so moved nomination of Mr. Randy Alvis. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (B) Election of Chair. Mr. Frank Goodpasture so moved nomination of Mr. Randy Alvis. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (C) Committee Appointments by Chair:

Career and Technical Education Committee – Mr. Randy Alvis and Mr. Steve Fletcher
Communications Committee – Mr. Steve Fletcher and Mr. Randy Alvis
Advanced Programs Committee – Mr. Randy White and Ms. Breanne Forbes Hubbard
Curriculum Committee – Mr. Randy White and Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Special Education Committee – Mr. Randy Alvis and Mr. Randy White
Health Committee – Ms. Breanne Forbes Hubbard and Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Technology Committee – Ms. Breanne Forbes Hubbard and Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Governor's School – Mr. Steve Fletcher

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) Public Hearing on Proposed 2022-2023 School Board Budget. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, provided a quick update and noted there would be a second meeting in February for approval of the 2022-2023 School Board Budget.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Recognition of Bearcat Best – Federal Programs and Technology. Dr. Perrigan and Board Members recognized employees of both departments for their dedication and exemplary service to Bristol Virginia Public Schools.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (B) Bearcat Elite – Hayleigh Marion. Dr. Perrigan and Board Members recognized Hayleigh Marion for her accomplishments as a pool player.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (C) School Board Student Representative Report. Caleigh and Elijah presented the following topics:
Virginia High – Wrestling – Swimming – FCA Prep Showcase – VR Lab – Career Launch – Washington Lee – VHCC Parent Night.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (D) Superintendent’s Report. Dr. Perrigan noted as part of the Energy Service Project, BVPS will pay \$75,833 out of pocket utilizing current year funds in addition to the \$2 million from ESSER. The remainder of the project will be in the annual lease payment previously presented. As part of our Region VII Virtual Academy membership we must pay for your virtual students. For the first semester, BVPS will issue a \$138,025 payment to Edgenuity and a \$14,400 payment to Stride.

He highlighted February 1 marked the beginning of School Counselor Week, CTE Month, and Black History Month. He added he is looking forward to all the events and activities associated with these important designations. February also includes School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. The Board would like to honor our Clerks for their outstanding service to our Division, Teachers, Students, and Board. Finally, February is School Board Appreciation Month. I am thankful that Bristol has such a student and employee centered Board. I hope you will let them know how much you appreciate them this month and every month.

Dr. Perrigan noted you may be aware that a drug called Fentanyl is having a devastating impact on our Nation. Unfortunately, Bristol is not exempt and there have been multiple overdoses in our community, some resulting in death. As you know, since schools are part of our community, we have a significant risk that Fentanyl will not only enter our school but could potentially cause the unimaginable to happen to one of our students. Last week, Mr. Collins held an extraordinary assembly to encourage our students at VHS to be aware of the danger and to make good decisions. That was a great start but there is more to be done. In order to be proactive, I am announcing tonight the formation of a Task Force to educate our parents, staff, students, and community about the potentially tragic dangers of Fentanyl. I am proud to share that the Mount Rogers Health District, Highlands Community Service, the Bristol Virginia Police Department, and the Bristol Virginia Sheriff’s Office have agreed to join BVPS in incorporating this Task Force. We will be meeting soon, and I will keep you updated on our progress.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report and thanked Mr. Collins for the assembly held at Virginia High School.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Intermediate School Update. Dr. Perrigan highlighted he hoped to see dirt moving in March. He presented a PowerPoint and noted he wanted to keep everyone in the loop with the changes due to IDA.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Discussion of ESSER III. Dr. Perrigan provided a brief summary on how ESSER III funds are being spent and noted there would be an opportunity for the public to speak later in the meeting.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(C) Discussion of 2022-2023 School Calendar Options. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent discussed in detail the difference in the calendars being presented for consideration. Calendar A: First semester ends before Christmas and ends on December 20th – Fall Break is still on the calendar. Calendar B: First semester ends before Christmas and ends on December 16th – Fall Break is removed. Calendar C: First semester ends after Christmas – mirrors calendar we have used the last two years. After discussion, this item will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 7 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mr. Randy White moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – January 6, 2022 – Regular Session – January 13, 2022 – Special Called Meeting
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills
- C. Recognition of Black History Month – National School Counseling Week. February 7-11

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 8(A) Approval of School Board Budget Revision #4. Ms. Breanne Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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.

Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

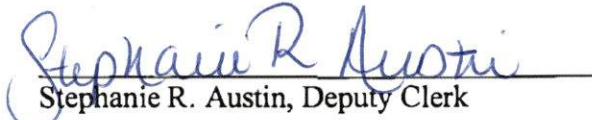
The Board went into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 7:52 p.m., 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. Breanne Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman