

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING - REGULAR SESSION
February 6, 2023**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, February 6, 2023, 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

Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard, Vice Chair
Mrs. Vanessa Guffey

Also present were:

Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Absent:

Mr. Steve Fletcher

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 so moved. Mrs. Vanessa Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(A) Public Hearing on Proposed 2023-2024 School Board Budget. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint outlining the recommendations for the 2023-2024 budget.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) School Board Student Representative Report. Kewan Brown, Gavin Mitchell, Katie Rankin, and Diya Turakhia presented the following:

- Swim and Indoor Track had a great year. They have had several athletes break their personal record
- From January 19-22, Virginia High hosted the annual Friendship Cars Virginia Invitational. VHS Boys won both of their games. Teams from around the country came and participated.
- Scholastic Bowl has had a great season this year. The team finished second in their district for regular season. They have participated in several weekend tournaments against schools from surrounding counties.
- Career Launch a new program started at VHS this semester placing students in a career-based jobs. Students will be required to put in at least 20 hours in a job shadow or an actual job.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (B) Superintendents Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, thanked SRO Cumbow for his hard work on developing a safety plan.

In review of the Gifted Program, grades and subject area tests were eliminated for consideration. The Cut scored for gifted were changed from one measure (National Percentile) to SAI (School Ability Index) which better meets the definitions of giftedness found in research. With the

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change in criteria, all 4th and 5th grade students who scored from 115-121, just below the 122 cut-offs, will once again take the OLSAT test. 2nd graders. Which is the typical year for OLSAT testing, will also be tested. Students who score a SAI of 122 will automatically qualify for gifted education. If a student scores from 115-121 and a parent, administrator, or teacher make a child study referral, the Kaufmann Brief Intelligence Test (K-Bit) will be administered by the School Psychologist. A child study process is also available for any students in other grades who may be suspected of being gifted. Dr. Perrigan presented updates on the New Intermediate School.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (C) Discussion of Virginia Inclusive Practices Self-Assessment. Dr. Megan de Nobriga, Director of Special Education, presented information to the Board. She noted this was a plan that would be put together by forming a division wide committee.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (D) Discussion of Inclusive Playground – pick Up and Drop Off Lines. Dr. Perrigan noted there would soon be an inclusive playground at Van Pelt Elementary. He added all children could play along side of each other. He discussed the opening of the new school and the diligent and careful planning it takes to open a new school. He noted one of the concerns is the drop off and pick up line. He added he thought we were over planning to make sure we are prepared. Mr. Jeff Shelton, Director of Technology, added he is working diligently to ensure software is ready to install. He added this software had the capability of reading tags and notifying the school as to who is in the line. He noted it has numerous safety features as well.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (E) Update of International Baccalaureate. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent, noted there was a visit planned to Highpoint, NC on February 28, to visit a school similar in size to tour the IB program.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Public Comment. No one addressed the Board.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (A) School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Perrigan presented Board Members and Clerks with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved approval. 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 – Regular Session – Organization – January 5, 2023
- C. Approval of Revision to Regulation IGA-R3

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 7 (A) Approval of 2022-2023 School Board Budget Revision #4. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 7(B) Approval of RFP #6-2022/2023 Voluntary Supplement Insurance and Administration of Section 125 Plan. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 7 (C) Approval of RFP #5-2022/23 E-Rate Internet/WAN Services. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mrs. Forbes Hubbard 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 and Resignations.

Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

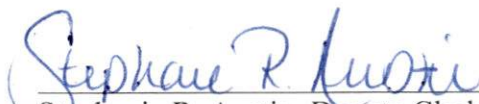
The Board went into Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

Back in Public Session, Mrs. Forbes Hubbard 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. Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved Approval of Attachment (B) as recommended. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion, Mrs. Forbes Hubbard – abstain, Mrs. Guffey – yes, Mr. Alvis – yes.

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.



Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk



Randy Alvis, Chairman