

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
- REGULAR SESSION
March 7, 2023

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 7, 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
Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard, Vice Chair
Mrs. Vanessa Guffey

Mr. Steve Fletcher
Mr. Frank Goodpasture

Also present were:

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

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent

Absent:

Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Randy Alvis asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard so moved. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (A) School Board Student Representative Report. Kewan Brown, Gavin Mitchell, Katie Rankin, and Diya Turakhia presented the following:

- A visit was made to Washington Lee, Highland View, Stonewall Jackson, Virginia Middle, and Virginia High. Each school shared concerns and positives.
- Ti'Shiyah Skinner won the title of State Championship in the 55-meter event.
- FBLA has their region conference at UVA-Wise last week. Several students placed in their events and will be attending the state conference in Reston at the end of March.
- Coach Carlos Lee was recognized for his forty-two years of service to the school system. He retired this past January, he served as a basketball, baseball, and a golf coach.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (B) Superintendents Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, noted there is great progress being made with the new intermediate school. He added the application for the School Construction Assistance Program Grant is out and has been submitted. If approved, we are eligible for \$7.5 million. He noted we are very appreciative to the Small and Rural School Coalition and Delegate O'Quinn for their hard work in making this happen. He added the deadline for applications is March 31 and it could possibly be the middle of June before we know if we receive the funding. Dr. Perrigan is working closely with the Department of Education to possibly get their recommendation prior to June, as this will cause us to replace the \$2 million in ESSER funds we used as a down payment on the new school. He noted as you can imagine, spending \$2 million in a small-time frame will take planning. We hope to have a robust summer program and be able to upgrade materials in the new school.

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Mr. Randy Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (C) Discussion of New School Decision Making. Dr. Keith Perrigan highlighted the three options for roof colors and presented a picture of each. The consensus of the board was a brown roof.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (D) Discussion of STEM Labs – New Intermediate School. Mrs. Carmen Harper presented a PowerPoint outlining STEM. She highlighted our current STEM program and the new labs at the intermediate school. She described them as a showcase of 21st Century Learning.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (E) Discussion of Bearcat Bridge. Ms. Adriana Cox presented a PowerPoint with the many things Bearcat Bridge consist of. She invited all Board Members to attend Career Launch on Thursday, May 4th.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (F) Discussion of PASS Program. Dr. Tim Duncan, Assistant Principal, Virginia High presented a PowerPoint introducing the PASS Program. Dr. Duncan highlighted the proposed new approach to student discipline to keep students in school while discouraging negative behavior.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 2 (G) Discussion of Cognia Accreditation Dr. Keith Perrigan highlighted we had been accredited by Cognia Accreditation which had replaced formally known SACS. He noted after research; it seems the majority of Region VII has gone away from Cognia. He noted the State of Virginia has an accreditation process and his recommendation was to follow the State.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) Public Comment. No one addressed the Board.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher 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– February 6, 2023

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Approval of 2022-2023 School Board Budget Revision #5. Mr. Steve Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Approval of 2023-2024 School Board Budget. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Vanessa Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Randy Alvis addressed Item 5 (C) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between March 8, 2023 and April 17, 2023 in Consultation with the School Board. Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Vanessa Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mrs. Breanne 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.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m.

Back in Public Session, at 8:21 p.m., Mrs. Breanne 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. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard moved Approval of Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Convictions #02CA2023 as recommended. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:26 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman