

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
April 17, 2023

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, April 17, 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. Steve Fletcher
Mrs. Vanessa Guffey

Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard, Vice Chair
Mr. Frank Goodpasture

Also present were:

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

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
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. Mr. Steve Fletcher so moved. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(A) Recognition of Boys Swim State Championship. Dr. Perrigan and Board Members recognized the 2022-2023 Boys Swim Team. Each participant and coach were presented with a certificate.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(B) Recognition of Ti'Shiyah Skinner – 55-Meter State Champion. Ms. Skinner was unable to join us. Dr. Perrigan and Board Members recognized her accomplishment.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3(A) School Board Student Representative Report. Board Representative's presented a PowerPoint to include the following topics:

- Governor Youngkin's visit to Virginia High School
- Mental Health and Fentanyl Awareness
- Learning Outside of the Classroom
- Spring Festival
- Career Fair
- Mamma Mia! The Musical
- Soccer

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (B) Superintendents Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, highlighted the update of the new Intermediate School. He presented a PowerPoint, detailing progress.

Mr, Alvis and Board Members thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (C) Discussion of Grading Scale. Dr. Perrigan noted currently we are on a 7-point grading scale. He added many states in the South have gone to a 10-point scale. He noted it seems we may not be creating an equitable environment, by not giving our students the same opportunities to earn an A. Dr. Perrigan suggested the Board consider moving to a 10-point scale on all levels.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (D) Discussion of Interior Colors of New Intermediate School. Dr. Perrigan presented a board displaying all interior colors selected. All Board Members agreed on the selected colors.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (E) Discussion of Furniture and Special Education of New Intermediate School. Dr. Megan de Nobriga, Director of Special Education, presented a PowerPoint outlining various pieces of furniture selected and displayed several pieces for Board Members to be able to set in. Dr. de Nobriga explained in detail the benefit of consolidating for the Special Education Program.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (F) Update of International Baccalaureate. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent, highlighted 13 people had made the recent trip to Highpoint, N.C., to visit a district much like Bristol Virginia Public Schools, which is also an I.B. school. He along with Mrs. Vanessa Guffey and Mrs. Breanne Forbes-Hubbard expressed their opinions.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval with the amendment of pulling two policies from the Consent Agenda – IJD and IKFD. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – March 7, 2023
- C. Approval of VSBA Policy Updates

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(A) Approval of Revision to 2023-2024 Division Calendar. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(B) Approval of 2022-2023 Summer School Schedule. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Vanessa Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(C) Approval of Naming New Intermediate School. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval of naming the new school - Virginia Intermediate School and renaming Van Pelt – Virginia Primary. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion – Mr. Fletcher, no – Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard, yes – Mr. Goodpasture, no – Mrs. Guffey, yes – Mr. Alvis, yes.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(D) Approval of Playground Specialists Equipment. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(E) Approval of Exclusive Beverage Contract - VHS. Mr. Goodpasture moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(F) Approval of Community Remembrance Project Resolution. Mr. Goodpasture moved approval. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 6(F) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between April 17, 2023 and May 1, 2023 in Consolation with the School Board. 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, Resignations

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

The Board went into Closed Session.

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. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman