

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
June 5, 2023

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 5, 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
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

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis announced the fifteen-day notification for Interviews of Superintendent – June 12-27, 2023.

Mr. Alvis noted at this time; the meeting would be in recess for a reception to recognize Dr. Keith Perrigan, for his contributions to Bristol Virginia Public Schools. Each Board Member thanked Dr. Perrigan for his time with Bristol Virginia Public Schools.

Back in Session, Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (A) Superintendents Report. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent, highlighted the roof was on both wings and progress was being made. He noted he was prouder of the Inclusive Playground, in which all children would be able to enjoy. He added a lot of brick work has been done and he is eager to see the bricks from each existing elementary school go up, making Virginia Intermediate the cornerstone of former buildings. He highlighted Secretary Guidera will be in Bristol Saturday for a tour of Virginia Intermediate School and a Roundtable will be held at Van Pelt Elementary with Leaders from Southwest Virginia. He noted Bristol Virginia Public Schools had been recognized as a Common Sense District. He gave credit to Board Members for this recognition and added he was proud of Mr. Jeff Shelton, Director of Technology and his staff. Dr. Perrigan encouraged Board Members to continue to disagree and to have a collective willingness. He added when he came to Bristol Virginia Public Schools, the schools were dirty. He noted very early on a change was made from contracted custodial services and custodians were hired in house. He highlighted the grant Bristol Virginia Public Schools had received for \$7.5 million to offset the building of the new school. Dr. Perrigan noted his career with BVPS started with a bang and ended with a bang.

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Mr. Alvis and Board Members thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report and his time with Bristol Virginia Public Schools.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (B) Discussion of Scheduling June Called Session Meeting. Dr. Perrigan noted we are obviously waiting on the State to approve the budget and once this is done, a Called Session meeting will be held for Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget. He noted he anticipates after the Primaries it will be approved.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (C) Discussion of Office Space for Virginia Intermediate School. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent noted last fall he met with Administration and started brainstorming and a list was created. He noted a survey had been sent out for office setup. He added a conversation was recently had with stakeholders to ensure space for them and he felt very confident in their space.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (D) Discussion of Master Schedule Development for Virginia Primary and Intermediate Schools. Mr. Ritchie noted a survey had been sent out to gather feedback on grade level and subject preference, if they have plans to retire or would not be making the transition to the new school. He added the Master Schedule Committee has been formed and will be meeting to develop a schedule. He added the Committee is considering contracting with an expert to develop the schedule.

Mr. Noah Ashbrook addressed the board during Public Comment.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval and Mrs. Vanessa Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Regulations GCPA-R (1) and GCPA-R (2)
- C. Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing - Regular Session – May 1, 2023

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Approval of ARP Act ESSER Local Plans for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Services. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B). Approval of Grading Scale. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, with Mr. Frank Goodpasture being the solo vote of No. The motion carried.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(C) Approval of 2022-2023 Board Adopted Budget Revision #6. Mr. Fletcher so moved. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(D) Approval of Establishment of City of Bristol Capital School Projects Fund Bank Account and School Nutrition Fund Bank Account. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(E) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 - All-Inclusive Playground Equipment - Phase 1 - \$221,638.00. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(F) Approval of Policy JHB- Animals in the Classroom. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(G) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 - Dell Latitude 3440 Laptops - Student Use - \$382,380.00. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(H) Approval of Policy GCQAB- Tutoring for Pay. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(I) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between June 6, 2023, and July 10, 2023, in Consultation with the School Board. Mrs. Forbes-Hubbard moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(J) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Simplex/Johnson Controls – Fire System at Van Pelt Elementary School - \$58,595.00. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mr. Goodpasture 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 at 7:25 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:35 p.m., 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 moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion, with Mr. Goodpasture being the solo vote of No. The motion carried.

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman