

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
August 07, 2023

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, August 07, 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. David Scott, 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 6:07 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 addressed Item 2 (A) Superintendents Report. Dr. David Scott, Superintendent, gave a brief update of progress being made on Virginia Intermediate School. He added the he would be part of a canopy meeting within the week and noted a decision would need to be made on a plaque soon for the Intermediate School and he would have a mock up at next month's meeting. Dr. Scott thanked everyone for their part in preparing for the return of students. He added he had recently attended the Administrative Retreat and New Teacher Orientation. He highlighted our Annual Convocation would be held Thursday, August 10, at Virginia High School and the first day for students is August 16.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Scott for his report.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (B) School Board Report. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard gave a brief, detailed report of numerous positive items that she had taken away from attending the VSBA Conference on Education, to include; Differing Minds: Considering Neurodiversity in Education Design, Recovery Academy, Sources of Strength, and Teacher Assistant Career Ladder.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (C) Discussion of Implementation of New Grading Policy. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent, noted the new grading scale had previously been adopted. He noted the hope was to implement the new policy across the district at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (D) Discussion of Disciplinary Hearing Placements. Mr. Ritchie presented a PowerPoint detailing the analysis of Disciplinary Hearings for middle school students. He noted when hearings warrant placing a student in Region VII Virtual Academy, it

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has been discovered some students need additional academic support and this would happen by placing them at the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (E) Discussion of School Board Retreat. Dr. Scott noted it was time to schedule a date for the Annual School Board Retreat. After discussion, Board Members agreed to hold the meeting at Waldo Miles, on August 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (A) Public Comment. Mrs. Donna Mumpower addressed the Board.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mr. Frank Goodpasture moved approval. 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 Minutes – Regular Session – July 10, 2023
- C. Approval of VSBA Policy Updates
- D. Approval of Compensation to Gary Ritchie for Serving as Acting Superintendent

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (A) Approval of Contractual Services for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – United Elevator Services for Sourcing Project. Virginia Middle School Elevator Repair and Services - \$66,800.00. Mrs. Guffey moved approval. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (C) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Deel Technologies – Apple iPads for Student Use \$186,500.00. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (D) Approval of Granting Superintendent Permission to Hire New Employees Between August 8, 2023 and September 11, 2023, in Consultation with the School Board. Mr. Goodpasture moved approval. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard 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.
- B. Approval of Request for Release of Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Convictions: #04CA2023.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

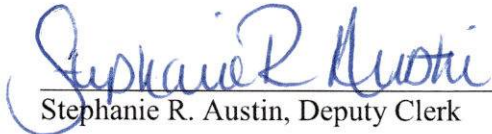
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Back in Public Session at 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Forbes Hubbard moved Certification of Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open 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 Hubbard moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:54 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman