

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
September 10, 2018**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, September 10, 2018, in the Bristol Virginia Public Schools Administration Office, 220 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Mr. Randall White
Mr. Ronald Cameron

Also present were:

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

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Vice Chair

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Mr. Jason Matlock
Ms. Tracey Mercier

Dr. Linda Brittle
Megan Fabbri

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 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. Mr. Tyrone Foster so moved with the conditions of removing Item 2(C) and placing it as an Action Item and also, adding Approval of Resolution of Support for Bristol Mall as an Action Item. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(C) Recognition of Bearcat Elite. Dr. Perrigan and School Board Members recognized Mrs. Megan Fabbri for her heroic actions and dedication to the students of Bristol Virginia Public Schools. Mrs. Fabbri was presented with a certificate.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2 (D) School Board Student Representative Report. Dr. Perrigan introduced the two senior Student Representative's, Hely Patel and Mary Douthitt. Both Hely and Mary expressed their excitement to serve on the board. They added with this being the beginning of the school year, they have not yet had time to visit elementary or middle schools, but the intention is to have that done by the next meeting. Hely and Mary added Virginia High now has a Spirit Club, which is sponsored by Mrs. Kim Clear. The goal is to boost attendance at sporting events and school spirit. In addition, "Strive for 5" initiative has been implemented this year. Both the middle and high school are encouraging less than 5 absences or tardies. They added, Virginia Middle has begun their afterschool academy and has had a good turnout.

Mr. Alvis thanked Hely and Mary for their report and welcomed them.

Mr. Alvis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Tyrone Foster so moved. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session, August 6, 2018 – Called Session, August 20, 2018
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the following: He noted he is working to move forward with Highlands Community Service's attempt to seek additional licensing for all Bristol school locations to be eligible to provide Outpatient Behavioral Counseling within the school settings. He noted he is excited about this partnership opportunity for several reasons. It will expedite and simplify access to therapy services for referred children who can receive the services within their school setting and avoid transportation challenges and burdens on families. He added he is confident this option will begin to show improvements in attendance rates for students who will no longer have to leave school to access this type of care. He noted, while we intend to build this service cautiously and at a measured pace, we feel this is a win-win-win scenario for our school system, Highlands Community Services, and for the children and families in our community. Dr. Perrigan also gave the following transportation report:

Total Daily Buses: 16
Regular Daily Bus Routes: 11
Special Needs Bus Routes: 5

August Daily Averages

Students transported daily: 1026
Miles driven daily: 974

September Daily Averages

Students transported daily: 1062
Miles driven daily: 1012

Daily Programs Supported:

1. Service Learn Academy
2. Interchange School
3. Alternative School
4. APA- VHS
5. Minnick School
6. Washington Lee Afterschool
7. VMS Afterschool Academy
8. Boys & Girls Club for each elementary school
9. Various Athletic & Band trips

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He also added, last week we kicked off our Strive for Less than 5 Campaign with United Way. He noted a quick snapshot of attendance consisted of the following:

Virginia High School – 92% - 10th grade 95%
Virginia Middle School – 91% - 6th grade 92%
Stonewall Jackson – 97% - PK and 3rd 100%
Highland View – 96% - 1st grade 100%
Van Pelt – 95% - 1st and 5th 99%
Washington Lee – 96% - PK 100%

He added we currently have 2,282 students in the Division. He noted about 120 of those students do not count towards ADM, which leaves about 2,160 students for state funding. He added this is a slight increase since last spring and about 40 additional students in comparison to the Governor's projections. He added we are monitoring class sizes in Kindergarten at Stonewall Jackson and Van Pelt, and 3rd grade at Van Pelt. He added possible adjustments might be made to take advantage of K-3 Class Size reduction monies. He highlighted he had met with team members of the Bristol Resort and Casino last week. He noted they are dedicated to helping ensure that our school system sees a positive impact from the revenue that will be generated from this project.

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for a great report.

No one addressed the board during Public Comment.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(A) Approval of 2018-2019 Budget Revision #2 Mr. Foster moved approval. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(B) Approval Resolution to Proceed with PPEA Process and Negotiations with J.A. Street, Inc. Mr. Foster moved approval. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. White made the request to hold off until all board members were present to move forward with the approval. Mr. Alvis stated with the motion and second being recorded, the Resolution to Proceed would be approved.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Three Hour Weather Delay. Dr. Perrigan presented to the Board the possibility of utilizing a three-hour delay in the event of inclement weather. He noted a couple of times last year we could have been in session with a 3-hour delay. He added this would be a good option to have in place and would only be used on occasions. Mr. White requested literature on the impacts (positive and negative) it would have. Mr. Foster added if implemented, it should only be used in a dire emergency.

Mr. Ronald Cameron arrived.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Discussion of Start and Dismissal Times. Dr. Perrigan noted we are making good progress with the new school and felt it would be an appropriate time to change the start and dismissal times as the doors open to the new school. He noted research shows that elementary students should start earlier and older students start later. He noted at this time, we are doing it backwards.

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Mr. Alvis addressed 5 (C) Discussion of Behavioral Therapist Partnership. Dr. Perrigan highlighted the possibility of collaborating with Ballad Health and Highlands Community Services to have a Behavioral Therapist at Virginia Middle School. He noted this was a new position and would be beneficial at Virginia Middle School. He added they would only be removed from Virginia Middle in the case of a Day Treatment Counselor being absent and then they would fill in that position.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Foster 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) per the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment, and Resignations.
- B. Discussion of Negotiations with J.A. Street Under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (“PPEA”)

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

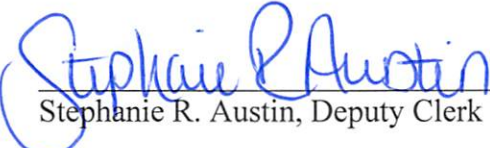
The Board went into Closed Session at 6:53 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 7:57 p.m., Mr. Foster 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. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White moved approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

No items were discussed during the Old and New Business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman

**Attachment A
Personnel Agenda
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Hires:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes
Adam Moore	Assistant Middle School Football	VMS	Annual	\$3,191.00
Cierra Lee	Substitute	Division-wide	None	\$10.20
Langley Shazor	Substitute	Division-wide	None	\$10.20
Janet Stevens	Substitute	Division-wide	None	\$10.20
Leroy Worley	Teacher	VMS		\$45,153.00
Taylor Borowski	Substitute	Division-wide	None	\$12.20

Resignations:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes
Josh Blackburn	Boys' Basketball ONLY	VMS	Annual	\$ 2,380.00

Transfers:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes

Terminations:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes