

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
November 5, 2018

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, November 5, 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. Randall White
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Vice Chair
Mr. Ronald Cameron

Also present were:

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

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

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Ms. Melissa Warren
Ms. Kathy Musick
Mr. Jason Matlock
Ms. Melissa Warren
Ms. Janet Blevins
Mr. Mark Kegley
Ms. Alice Graham

Dr. Linda Brittle
Dr. Faith Mabe
Ms. Glenda Scantlin
Ms. Amanda Harper
Ms. Kim Locke
Ms. Tracey Mercier

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 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 made a motion to amend the agenda, moving Item 4(C) Approval of Resolution of Bristol Virginia School Board Acknowledging Limited Requests for Local Appropriation During Fiscal years 2020-21 to 2024-25 from an Action Item to 5(C) a Discussion Item. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(C) Recognition of Bearcat Elite. Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent and School Board Members recognized all Students receiving a Perfect 600 Score on SOL Testing and all School Nutrition Employees for receiving the Dorothy S. McAuliffe School Nutrition Award. Everyone was presented with a Bearcat Elite certificate and a reception followed.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(D) School Board Student Representative Report. Hely introduced the Junior Student Representatives, Abigail Dalton and Peyton Rader. Hely highlighted that her and Mary had met with Mr. Rader at Van Pelt and discussed the innovative ideas they have implemented this year. She noted a major idea prevailing at Van Pelt is that relationships are more

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important than test scores. She noted that parents are becoming even more educated about the Strive for 5 Initiative. She noted this ensures that parents are aware of the idea rather than it simply being a rule. She also highlighted the many changes, including, the new 2 way radio system, 4th grade classrooms now have walls and there are collaborative spaces where the kids can work, and every student also has a laptop. She also explained the Zones of Regulations, which regulates emotion control.

Mr. Alvis thanked Hely for her report and welcomed Abigail and Peyton.

Mr. Alvis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ronald Cameron so moved. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session, October 1, 2018
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills
- C. Approval of Contact Purchase Greater than \$30,000.00

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the following: He highlighted the upcoming VSBA Annual Convention. He noted he looked forward to learning with Board Members in Williamsburg and to the presentation while they are there. He noted the Christmas Parade is on December 6 and if anyone has interest in participating to let him know. He noted we had received an opinion today from the Attorney General and as expected, he opined that our finance plan would not count against the City's legal debt margin. He noted that was the final request that Council had made from us in regards to the new school. He noted we have met every criteria they set to gain their approval. He noted he looks forward to their affirmative vote on November 20. He highlighted our preliminary report on attendance improvement is very promising at our elementary and middle schools. He noted we are still waiting on data from the high school. Dr. Perrigan noted we had a very successful Bullying Prevention Month. He added all of our schools participated in initiatives to discourage bullying and to help students who have been bullied. He added the highlight was the message brought by our guest speaker, Doug Reavis. He noted this was in partnership with Bristol Tennessee City Schools. He noted students at all levels were moved by his message. He added, however, we can never do enough to help our students so he challenged our leadership team to think radically outside the box on how we improve in this vital area. He noted he looked forward to sharing their ideas. He highlighted this month is Take a Legislator to School Month. He noted all of our schools would invite policy makers to come for a visit. He noted a date and time has been secured for our annual meeting with our Legislators. He added it would be on Thursday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Higher Education Center. He noted this would provide us the opportunity to speak to our local legislators prior to the upcoming session.

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

No one addressed the board during Public Comment.

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

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(B) Approval of Agreement with Highlands Community Services. Mr. Fletcher moved approval. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Student Safety Work Group Recommendations. Mr. Foster noted this item was an F.Y.I. item to make Board Members aware of recommendations made to the First Lady from the Governor’s Task Force Committee, in which Mr. Foster serves on. Mr. Foster went through the recommendations and explained that one of the major recommendations was for additional funding for School Resource Officer’s.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (B) Discussion of School Start Times. Dr. Perrigan noted he would like to continue the conversation in regards to altering school start times. He noted that the Governor had already made the recommendation to move all high school starting times until after 8:15 a.m. He noted that studies show high school students perform better later in the morning and elementary students perform better earlier. He noted Virginia Beach Schools had made the change and he would request they share their research with him. He noted a committee would be formed to study and review the research. He recommended that if the times change, we do it effective next school year. In the case the new school comes to fruition, it would be more difficult to have a new school and new start times.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (C) Discussion of Resolution of Bristol Virginia School Board Acknowledging Limited Requests for Local Appropriation during Fiscal years-21 to 2024-25. Dr. Perrigan explained the Resolution in detail. He noted he would like to submit the Resolution for approval before the final vote on the new school. Board Members voiced their concerns in regards to the Resolution.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(A)(2)(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Fletcher 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)(A)(2)(A)(6) per the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment, and Resignations.
- B. Discussion of Comprehensive Agreement Under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (“PPEA”)
- C. Approval of Request of Release from Compulsory School Attendance: Student #01CA2018

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:40 p.m., Mr. Fletcher 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

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

Mr. Fletcher moved Approval of Request of Release from Compulsory School Attendance: Student #01CA2018. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, Mr. Alvis – yes, Mr. Cameron – yes, Mr. Foster, yes, Mr. Fletcher, yes, Mr. White, no.

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

Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman

**Attachment A
Personnel Agenda
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Hires:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes
Jacqueline Nophlin	Substitute	All	As Needed	\$12.20
James Woody Van Nostrand	VMS Swim Coach	VHS	Annual	\$1,460.00
Sheri Jessee	Substitute	All	As Needed	\$10.50

Resignations:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes
Kregg Mabe	Assistant Softball ONLY	VHS	Annual	\$ 2,831.00
Dana Rasnick	JV Cheerleading ONLY	VHS	Annual	\$ 1,772.00

Transfers:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes

Terminations:

Name	Position	Location	Contract	Notes