

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
January 8, 2018

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, January 8, 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. Steve Fletcher

Mr. Tyrone Foster, Vice Chair
Mr. Ronald Cameron

Also present were:

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

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent

Absent:

Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Randall White

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Ms. Melissa Warren

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. Ronald Cameron so moved. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(C) Bearcat Elite – Cancelled due to weather.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2017
- B. Approval and Adoption of Revised VSBA Policies
- C. Approval of Payment of Bills

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the following:

- He noted he continues to work on improving in the area of making school cancellation/schedule change decisions. He noted last night's forecast called for ice during our normal bus routes. This morning it was changed to occur during our delayed routes. As you know, the worst weather did not materialize.
- He noted he has received lots of positive feedback about our feeding plan on Friday. He highlighted he is now talking with other organizations to develop a better plan for every day we are forced to close. He added to stay tuned and kudos to Kathy Hicks, Bill Buckles, and our principals for making it work.
- He noted the Vision/Mission/Beliefs team met today for the Comprehensive Plan. He added he would share some of their work in the near future.
- He noted that from a CTE standpoint we have a lot going on! He noted he hoped to add Electricity and Firefighting to our course offerings next year. He added, Steve (BTCS) and Mr. Gary Ritchie met on Wednesday, January 3 and several areas of common interest were discussed.
 1. Sharing students for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - He shared the list of CTE course offerings where he believed we would have additional space based upon current enrollment trends. Steve stated that they had Machine 1 and 2 and may possibly have some space in Health Occupations. We talked about planning a field trip to interested Virginia High School students to Tennessee High School to view the Machine Lab
 2. We talked about a conversation that Wellmont had with Steve related to offering a LPN program at the hospital. The goal would be to convince Wellmont to take on the cost of a teacher; we could certainly provide our share of students for the program. Plans are in motion to talk to the CEO in the near future.
 3. Discussion about the possibility of having a joint week or two during the summer where we could bring sixth and or seventh grade students from both sides of town to participate in a CTE Camp. The idea would be that students would select five areas of interest and participate one day per area of interest. For example, a student might participate in Culinary Arts – Day 1, Robotics, - Day 2, Criminal Justice - Day 3, and so forth. We could include field trips that would match various interests. Possibilities are endless as we could pursue students with high absenteeism or low grades. Roanoke County/City have been doing this for years and it has been a tremendous success.
- He noted he would be attending the VASS Winter Conference Wednesday – Thursday. He noted he had a meeting with Delegate Rasoul from Roanoke tomorrow to work on a budget amendment to increase at-risk funding. He also highlighted he was very proud that 2 of the educational initiatives mentioned by our Legislators in the Bristol Herald Courier yesterday are spearheaded and/or supported by Bristol Virginia Public Schools. Those include SOL superscoring and enrollment loss protection.

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

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3(B) School Board Student Representative Report. Students were not present due to the weather.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 3 (C) School Presentation. Cancelled due to weather

No one addressed the board during Public Comment.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(A) Approval of Sole Source Purchase Greater than \$30,000.00. Mr. Ronald Cameron moved approval. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(B) Approval of Resolution to Support Small Rural Local Governments and School Divisions. Mr. Steve Fletcher moved approval. Mr. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(C) Approval of 2017-2018 School Board Budget Revision #5. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(D) Approval of Proposal for Exclusive Beverage Services for Virginia High School. Mr. Steve Fletcher moved approval. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(A) Approval of Mark III for Administration of Section 125 Plan and Related Voluntary Supplement Insurance Programs. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Steve Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Potential Sites for Elementary Construction. Dr. Perrigan stated he felt the Public Hearings that were held at each elementary school were very informative. He noted there were issues brought to their attention and some very good feedback. He also noted there was a tremendous support for building a new elementary school. He noted there were also concerns, which were mainly financial, but also included, tax increases, traffic increase and or change. In addition, a main concern was when the current schools are closed, what would happen to the buildings. Dr. Perrigan stated overall, the input was positive from the meetings and left a lot to think about.

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

Mr. Steve Fletcher 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 7:21 p.m., Mr. Tyrone 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. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ronald Cameron moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Steve Fletcher 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 7:23 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman