

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING - REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2018**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 4, 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 J. White
Mr. Steve Fletcher

Mr. R. Tyrone Foster, Vice Chair
Mr. Ronald Cameron

Also present were:

Dr. Keith Perrigan, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Ms. Kathy Musick, VPE
Ms. JoAnn Price

Ms. Tracey Mercier

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Randy Alvis, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(C) Bearcat Elite. Dr. Perrigan highlighted the following individuals for Bearcat Elite: Virginia Leonard and Hely Patel. Dr. Perrigan and School Board Members presented each recipient present with a Bearcat Elite Certificate.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 1(D) Recognition of 2017-2018 Retirees. Dr. Perrigan and School Board Members recognized Leigh Stewart and Sara Ellis. Both were presented with a gift and a reception was held in their honor. Not present, Teresa McNeil, Debra McGrady, and Catherine Best.

After a brief reception, Mr. Alvis called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 6:25 p.m. He ask for any comments or questions in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. No one addressed the board. Mr. Alvis closed the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

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- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2018
- C. Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$30,000
- D. Approval of Certificate of Deposit Renewals
- E. Approval of Federal Consolidated Application – Title I, II, IV, and Title III

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the following: Dr. Perrigan highlighted this year's graduation was a huge success. He noted we have a few students who are continuing to work on finishing up on some final requirements. He added we have two students who took advantage of walking when an SOL test was the only obstacle. Dr. Perrigan stated, "One of the students told me he loved me with tears in his eyes". He noted, he sure that was a result of the decision as a Board on this practice. He added our custodial team has started summer cleaning. He noted that due to the project at Van Pelt, one side of the building is already complete. He added walls should be up this week. He stated the cleaning schedule has changed around a little bit to ensure elementary teachers can be in their buildings sooner this year. He noted our PPEA Counsel has provided summary documents about the two PPEA proposals. He added he would share those with the Board and City Council this week. He also noted, Skansa is also preparing documents and will be ready to help us get to our "next step" decision soon. He noted our leadership team set a goal for our division and our schools to be extraordinary this year. He noted part of that goal was that every student would show positive academic growth which would potentially lead to all schools being fully accredited. He stated he was happy to report that based on preliminary results, all schools could reach that milestone. He noted Washington Lee students and teachers blew the top off the SOL, which should make them eligible for three-(3) year accreditation. He added this is not bad for a school that was a Focus school three-3 years ago. He noted Highland View also had tremendous growth and should meet the requirements for Full Accreditation. Virginia Middle School has a chance to earn Full Accreditation, but we will not know until all summer calculations are completed for subgroups. He noted of course, Virginia High, Stonewall Jackson, and Van Pelt all qualified for three-3 accreditation last year and continued to have success on State testing this year. He highlighted, our staff and students are truly extraordinary. Dr. Perrigan recommended that our July reorganizational meeting be held on July 2, at 5:45 p.m. immediately preceding our Regular Board Meeting. He also recommended that twelve-12 month employees be granted July 5 as an additional holiday "day".

Mr. Alvis thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

No one addressed the board during Public Comment.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(A) Approval of School Board Budget Revision #9. Mr. Ronald Cameron so moved. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(B) Approval of Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fletcher so moved. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 4(C) Approval of 2018 Legislative Positions Proposal Form. Mr. Ronald Cameron so moved. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Golden V Criteria. Dr. Perrigan presented recommendations to the Board for possible changes to the criteria of Golden V. Numerous options were discussed, including the students GPA, adding life skills, no more than 10 absences, and removing SOL requirements. Dr. Perrigan requested feedback from Board Members before any changes are made.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5(B) Discussion of 2018-2019 School Board Budget. Dr. Perrigan presented the budget presentation pending the changes to the budget per City Council's decision on June 12. He noted if adjustments were needed to balance the budget, it may consist of the following: reduce salary increase to 1% plus step, reduce administrative changes to ½ of original increase, reduce Bus Aides, remove Logistic Secretary, absorb one CTE position, reduce Cosmetology position by 1/3, remove tutors and reduce one of the VMS additional positions, remove Electricity position, reduce heating, move technology expense to textbook fund, remove bus purchase, reduce postage, transfer maintenance to athletics, and cover Band out of FY 2018 unexpected Medicaid funding.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 5 (C) Discussion of High School Courses Offered at Virginia Middle School. Dr. Perrigan noted that currently students have the opportunity to leave VMS with five high school credits. He noted the 26 credits required to graduate. He noted students are having a difficult filling their schedules once in high school due to the classes offered at the middle school level. He noted they have met their responsibility, have ample credits and want to graduate early. His recommend to the Board that Earth Science be removed and replaced with Science 8 and the remaining high school credit classes be left.

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:

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment, Resignations.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:02 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. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cameron moved Approval of Attachment A as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Alvis adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Randy Alvis, Chairman