

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
September 14, 2020

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 2020, in the Bristol Virginia Public Schools Administration Office, 220 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia. The meeting was live streamed due to COVID-19. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Chair
Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Mr. Randy Alvis

Mr. Randy White, Vice Chair
Mr. Tyrone Foster

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 were:

Ms. Danielle Rife
Ms. Lynne Barker
Ms. Jo Hutton
Ms. Erica Nophlin
Ms. Susan Sturgill
Ms. Kiyanna Court

Ms. Darlene Becker
Ms. Becky Fletcher
Mr. Ron Hutton
Ms. Kim Locke
Ms. Misty Russell
Mr. Steven Davis, Sr.

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(A) School Board Student Representative Report. Kelly Locke and Sarah Stacy presented a PowerPoint to include the following topics:

COVID-19 protocol in our school and what that looks like
Clubs, CTSO's, and select athletics begin to safely start their activities
Student and Teacher opinions about returning to school (Virtual and In Person)
Thank you to all BVPS staff for a safe start to school

Mr. Fletcher welcomed both Kelly and Sarah and thanked them for their report.

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Perrigan noted the current enrollment figures are looking pretty good as compared to the enrollment number from which we created our budget, which was 2121. Currently we have 2134 K-12 students, however a few of those students are not part of the Basic Aid calculation. We also have around 90 Pre-K students who are not part of the Basic Aid Formula. Of those students, 1476 are learning in-person. That equates to almost 70% of our students have returned to a learning environment that is as close

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to normal as we can make it. We are having more and more requests for virtual students to return to in-person learning. Due to capacity issues related to social distancing we may have to bring those students back in a hybrid format.

Our community Health Metrics are as bad as they have been since we reopened school. However, in conversations with VDH, we are aware that many of the recent increases do not have a significant impact on the general population or on our school community. We have reached the point in our school year that the metrics in the community are not as important as the individual impact that COVID-19 has on our schools. We have had 2 cases so far which looks much better than the number of cases in our community. I remain very proud of our staff and students for following our plan and mitigations with fidelity. Rapid testing has been a tremendous help and stress reliever.

I have scheduled our initial advisory team meetings for 2020-21. The dates are:

Equity Stakeholder Committee

Thursday, September 17th, at 5:30 p.m.

Communications Committee

Tuesday, September 22nd, at 3:30 p.m.

Parent Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 24th, at 5:30 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 29th, at 9:30 a.m.

VHS Student Equity Committee

Tuesday, September 29th, at 10:15 a.m. – VHS

COVID-19 has caused delays in many areas of our lives. One of those was the publication of our Calendar/Handbook. The wait was worth it! Congratulations to Stephanie and others for a job well done! You have a copy at your desk, and we welcome those in attendance to take one as well.

Mr. Fletcher thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Numerous people addressed the board during Public Comment.

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Mr. Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Randy White made a motion to approve the consent Agenda. Mr. Frank Goodpasture 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 – Re-Organizational Meeting – July 6, 2020 – Regular Session – July 6, 2020 – Regular Session – August 3, 2020 – Called Session – August 17, 2020
- C. Approval to Waive 30 Day Vacation Limit for October 2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(A) Approval of 2020-2021 VSBA Bullying Prevention Proclamation. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(B) Approval of 2020-2021 School Board Budget Revision #2. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(C) Approval of Pool Roof Bid. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 6(A) Discussion of Schools' Crisis Plan. Dr. Perrigan noted the Crisis Plans are mandates by the state and updated yearly. He added Mr. Gary Ritchie; Assistant Superintendent would be able to answer any questions.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Randy White 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. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 7:54 p.m., Mr. Randy White 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. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk



Steve Fletcher, Chairman