

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING
February 3, 2020

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, February 3, 2020, 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. Steve Fletcher, Chair
Mr. Randy Alvis
Mr. Randall White

Mr. Ronald Cameron, 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. Whitney Gabury
Ms. Jennifer Monk
Mr. Brenden Powers
Mr. Aiden Powers
Ms. Sierra Powers
Ms. Savana Fields
Ms. Chloe Fields
Mr. John Ed Hogans, III
Ms. Jenny Hay
Dr. Linda Brittle
Ms. Tracey Mercier
Mr. Mason Berstler

Mr. Robert Gabury
Mr. Frankie Powers
Mr. Braylee Powers
Mr. Bryson Powers
Ms. Heather Summers
Ms. Madison Fields
Ms. Drucilla Hogans
Mr. Doug Mitchell
Ms. Kathy Musick
Ms. Vicie Dotson
Ms. Virginia Sapp

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

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

Mr. Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Tyrone Foster so moved to amend the Agenda to include moving 3C – 3D- 5D to Action Items. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 2 (A) Bearcat Elite – Dr. Keith Perrigan and School Board Members recognized several of people who helped to facilitate the First Annual Bristol Classic. Dr. Perrigan highlighted what a special event this was and a wonderful way to kick off Black History month. He noted the tremendous impact it had.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 2(B) School Presentation – Virginia Middle School. Mr. Jason Matlock, Principal, highlighted various events that had taken place throughout the school year,

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which included inducting 60 members into the Junior Chapter of the Beta Club, a luncheon for First Responders, and a Veteran's Day program. Mr. Scott DeBusk, Choir Director, introduced Justin and Wilson which played a song on their saxophones. Alove, Dominic, and Mykella sang two songs from Shrek Jr.

Mr. Fletcher and Board Members congratulated the students on a job well done.

Mr. Alvis addressed Item 2(B) School Board Student Representative Report. Abigail, and Kelly highlighted their report included much of what Mr. Matlock had just covered. Abigail highlighted Virginia High would be presenting the play Greece at Spring Festival.

Mr. Fletcher thanked, Abi, and Kelly for their report.

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the following. He highlighted the work that has been completed recently. He noted we are currently below 80 work orders and installation of the safety vestibule at Highland View has started. He noted the renovations to 2 restrooms at Stonewall Jackson have begun and we have released the elevator company to begin work. He noted we have continued to work our plan to provide additional sanitation as part of our normal cleaning routine. He highlighted he had a couple of productive meetings in Richmond since the last School Board meeting. He noted he had met with key members of the Senate and House money committees during his first visit and presented to the K-12 subcommittee of House Appropriations on his second visit. He added Delegate O'Quinn's school facility bill was tabled, but Senator Pillion's is still alive. He noted we are pressing hard as we approach cross over to ensure that zip code bias is removed from the state budget. Dr. Perrigan highlighted February is School Board Appreciation Month. He noted he is thankful that Bristol has such a student and employee centered Board. He noted he hoped you will let them know how much you appreciate them this month and every month. He noted it is also School Counselor week, CTW Month, and Black History Month. He noted he is looking forward to all of the events and activities associated with these important designations. He noted our partnership with Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems has begun. He added we will have a Nurse Practitioner on site a couple of days a week to provide Urgent Care type services. He noted release forms have been sent home to parents. He highlighted that staff from Washington Lee Elementary School are leaving tomorrow for Atlanta to be recognized as a National School of Distinction. He noted they will have a week of collaboration and sharing with other top schools in the country. He noted he would be heading down Wednesday to join them for a day of honor and celebration. He highlighted School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. The Board honored the Clerks for their outstanding service to the Division, Teachers, Students, and Board.

Mr. Fletcher thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

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

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The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – January 07, 2020
- C. Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00
- D. Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00

After discussion of Item C – Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00, Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion of Item D – Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00, Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(A) Approval of Virginia School Board Appreciation Month Resolution. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(B) Approval of School Calendar Proposals for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. After a lengthy discussion. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval to table this Item until the March Board meeting. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4 C) Approval of 2019-2020 School Board Budget Revision #6. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4 (D) Approval of Code of Conduct for School Board Members. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of IB Program. Dr. Perrigan noted he felt it would be beneficial to our students to have the IB Program back. He noted if the process was started now, we would be ready for the 2021-2022 school year. He added it would cost \$23,000 - \$29,000 annually. He recommended that students be polled to see the amount of interest. He highlighted this could become budget neutral if students transfer in as tuition, as we receive \$6,000 - \$6,500 per student.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(B) Introduction of 2020-2021 School Board Budget. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint and explained in detail the specifics. He noted that item #10 could be removed as an additional Science teacher is not needed at Virginia High School.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(C) Public Hearing on Proposed 2020-2021 School Board Budget. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining each slide in detail. He opened the floor for comment.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5 (D) Discussion of Financing of New School Construction. Dr. Perrigan recommended to the Board to add an extension to the current Comprehensive Plan. He explained there had been added language to change the square footage without changing the price, added city terms, and removed language. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval to authorize the Superintendent to execute the Comprehensive Agreement in substantially the form of the attached document and further authorize the Superintendent to make any changes or amendments to the Comprehensive Agreement so long as such changes or amendments benefit the School Division and will not cause an increase in annual payment.

Mr. Randy Alvis – yes

Mr. Ronald Cameron – yes

Mr. Randy White – abstain

Mr. Tyrone Foster – yes

Mr. Steve Fletcher - yes

Numerous individuals addressed the board during Public Comment.

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

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment, and Resignations.
- B. Approval of Superintendent's Contract.
- C. Approval of Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Convictions #01CA2020.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 10:05 p.m., Mr. Ronald Cameron 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.

Mr. Randy Alvis moved Approval of Attachment (B) as recommended. Mr. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Alvis moved Approval of Item (B) as recommended. Mr. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Ronald Cameron moved Approval of Item (C) as recommended. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion.

Mr. Randy Alvis – yes

Mr. Ronald Cameron – yes

Mr. Randy White – no

Mr. Tyrone Foster – yes

Mr. Steve Fletcher - yes

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

Mr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Steve Fletcher, Chairman