

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
July 06, 2020**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, July 06, 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, Vice Chair
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Also present were:

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

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent

Absent:

Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Ms. Sara Gunn
Ms. Vicki Kitts

Mr. Ben Parks
Ms. Kathy Musick

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Steve Fletcher, Chair, called the meeting to order immediately following the Re-Organizational meeting. 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. Randy Alvis so moved. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report, he noted the first full committee meeting for Re-Opening Schools was last week. He added over 60 community stakeholders were involved in this process. He noted the first draft of the plan that was developed by the Leadership Team was very well received. He added they are working in small groups to allow staff, parents, and students to provide input about the plan. He added his hope was to have a final version by July 15th. He noted some good ideas have already come from the committee. One of those from our very own Mr. Randy White, who suggested that we create a FAQ page for the public to access. Dr. Perrigan noted that our plan is also receiving good reviews from other divisions. He added some are using our model. In fact, as the plan has been shared with others, the idea developed to have a Summit for Rural School Division to share strategies. He noted they are in the final planning stages of this event now. He noted no bids have been received on the roof replacement for the pool area at Virginia High School. Both he and Mr. Buckles are meeting tomorrow to discuss the next steps. He noted those options include doing a rebid with Thompson-Litton or rebidding it ourselves. Dr. Perrigan noted he would typically discuss the progress towards meeting the School Board Goals

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at this meeting that were created last summer. However, with the full agenda tonight, he noted he would provide that report in the future.

Mr. Fletcher thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – June 8, 2020
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(A) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – iPads. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(B) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 – Pool Liner. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(C) Approval of 2020 VSBA Media Honor Roll Resolution. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(D) Approval of Approval of Revisions to Regulations GCPA-R (1) and GCPA-R (2) Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

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

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 4(F) Approval of Resolution to Grant School Boards Local Flexibility in Re-Opening Schools in Fall of 2020. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Policy FFA- School Names. Dr. Perrigan noted that as we have seen other school divisions across the country consider changing the names of their schools, he felt it was appropriate to review our policy.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(B) Presentation of Frist Draft of School Re-Opening Plan. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining the Re-Opening Plan in detail.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(C) Discussion of Policy JC – School Attendance Areas/Potential Rezoning. Dr. Perrigan reviewed Policy JC. He noted part of the consolidation plan was because

of overcrowding at Stonewall Jackson and Van Pelt Elementary. He added the need for social distancing that we are faced to implement makes it a challenge with overcrowded classrooms. He noted rezoning has been avoided because of being so close to building a new school. He noted to be able to provide a socially distanced environment we may have to do the uncomfortable act of re-zoning. Dr. Perrigan presented a PowerPoint outlining what the re-zoning may look like.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(D) Discussion of Changing School Start Times. Dr. Perrigan highlighted this topic has been avoided due to the possibility of consolidation. He noted that Governor Northam had challenged each division to reconsider middle and high schools to start later. He noted for the past 18 months a committee had met and discussed this topic and presented research. He added the ideal would be to flip the start times with our elementary schools. He presented options for parents that need early morning childcare and after school programs.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 6(A) Public Comment. No one addressed the Board.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)(A)(8) 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)(A)(8) per the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel, Recommendation for Employment, Resignations and Retirements
- B. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters and Potential Litigation

Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

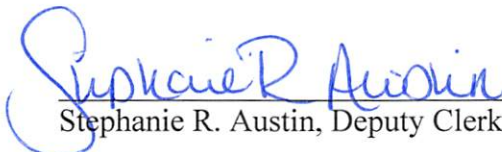
The Board went into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 9:21 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. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Steve Fletcher, Chairman