

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 07, 2020**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, December 7, 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. Frank Goodpasture  
Mr. Randy Alvis

Mr. Randy White, Vice Chair  
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Also present were:

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

Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent

Among those in the audience were:

Mr. Kenneth Smith  
Ms. Kathy Hicks  
Mr. Tim Slagle  
Ms. Kathy Musick, VPE

Ms. Mary Smith  
Mr. Noah Ashbrook  
Ms. Becky Slagle

Others were present, but failed to sign in.

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. Tyrone Foster so moved with the amendment of moving Discussion Item 6 (C) – Discussion of Virginia Department of Health Recommendation to an Action Item being 2(A) – Approval of Moving School Instruction to Virtual for December 8 – December 18 and Discussion Item 6(B) – VHSL Update to an Action Item being 5(D) – Approval of beginning Winter VHSL Season on December 8, with all other items moving down. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 2 (A) Presentation of Auditors. Mr. Scott Wickman with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, PLLC, presented the Audit Report. He noted a great job as done by Ms. Jones and the Finance Department. He added he was very happy with our District.

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

- New School Board Representatives
- Student Perspective on Virtual Week

- Student Opinions on Returning to School or going virtual: Instagram Poll Results
- Concerns about Athletics
- Virtual Dropbox Responses

Mr. Fletcher thanked Kelly and Sarah their report.

Dr. Perrigan presented the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Perrigan highlighted Dr. De Nobriga has been appointed to the VDOE's Culturally Relevant and Inclusive Education Practices Advisory Committee. The Legislative Listening meeting will be held later this week. You have the calendar invite. We had a very productive week last week in our Facilities and Logistics department. The pool liner is in, the pool roof and atrium are almost complete, the bi-polar ionization units are mostly installed, and we have a new bus to serve students with mobility challenges. Our buildings are spic and span and sanitized.

Mr. Fletcher thanked Dr. Perrigan for his report.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 2(D) Presentation of FBLA – Virginia High School. Sarah Stacy and Taylah Littleton highlighted FBLA and how they are dealing with COVID-19, and how FBLA has had a positive impact on their lives.

Mr. Fletcher and Board Members thanked both young ladies for their report.

Mr. Noah Ashbrook addressed the board during Public Comment.

Mr. Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Randy Alvis made a motion to approve the consent Agenda. Mr. Randy White 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 -Regular Session – November 02, 2020

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(A) Approval of Moving School Instruction to Virtual for December 8 – December 18, 2020. Mr. Tyrone Foster moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion. \*Mr. Foster – Yes \*Mr. Randy White – Yes \*Mr. Randy Alvis – No \*Mr. Frank Goodpasture – No \* Mr. Steve Fletcher – No.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(B) Approval of Contract Purchase Greater than \$50,000.00 - Laptops. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 5(C) Approval of MOU of Regional Virtual Academy. Mr. Randy Alvis moved approval. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fletcher addressed Item 6(A) Discussion of Flexibility and Waivers provided by the Virginia Department of Education. Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the following: Emergency Guidelines related to SOL testing In an effort to keep you up to date on some of the emergency guidelines that have been released from the state due to the pandemic relates to SOL testing and earning Locally Awarded Verified Credits, the following changes have been made for this school year: • The cap on the number of locally awarded verified credits (LAVC) has been removed during this time • LAVC considerations may be made in any SOL tested area. • The cut score for a student to be considered for a LAVC is 350 – 399. • Students are not required to make a second attempt at the End of Course SOL test to be considered for a LAVC as has been the traditional practice. • The established regulation IKFA-R will continue to be followed. Local school divisions have also been given the choice to offer performance-based assessments in Virginia Studies, Writing 8, and Civics instead of the traditional SOL tests. The division is currently evaluating the possibility of offering this new provision. Flexibility for the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program Schools that are eligible to participate in the K-3 Primary Class Size Reduction program may be allowed to exceed either the school ratio or maximum class size if the reason for needing flexibility is the direct result of reorganizing classrooms to accommodate some virtual instruction for a limited number of students. Length of School Term Waiver Process for the 2020-2021 School Year For the 2020-2021 school year only, schools or local school divisions unable to offer 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours to each student in a brick-and-mortar setting will be able to meet the length of school term requirement by demonstrating and certifying “completion” as described in the “2020-2021 Length of School Term Waiver Process.”

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.

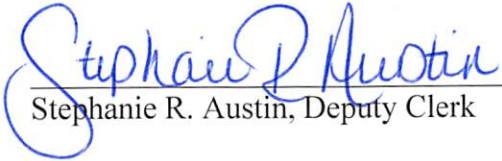
The Board went into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 9:10 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 Alvis moved Approval of Attachment (A) as recommended. Mr. Frank Goodpasture 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 9:12 p.m.

  
Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk

  
Steve Fletcher, Chairman