

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION – ORGANIZATION
January 8, 2024**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, January 8, 2024, in the Bristol Virginia Public Schools Administration Office, 280 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard, Chair
Mr. Randy Alvis
Mr. Frank Goodpasture

Mrs. Vanessa Guffey, Vice Chair
Mr. Steve Fletcher

Also present were:

Dr. David Scott, Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Mr. Gary Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Austin, Deputy Clerk

Dr. David Scott, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Scott asked for a motion to elect the School Board Chair for 2024. Mrs. Vanessa Guffey nominated Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Chair for 2024. Mr. Frank Goodpasture seconded the motion, and Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard was elected unanimously to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Chair for 2024.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard, Chair, asked for a motion to elect the School Board Vice Chair for 2024. Mr. Steve Fletcher nominated Mrs. Vanessa Guffey to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Vice Chair for 2024. Mrs. Forbes Hubbard seconded the motion, and Mrs. Vanessa Guffey was elected unanimously to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Vice Chair for 2024.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard asked for a motion to elect the School Board Clerk for 2024. Mr. Fletcher nominated Mrs. Tammy Jones to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Clerk for 2024. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and Mrs. Tammy Jones was elected unanimously to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Clerk for 2024.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard asked for a motion to elect the School Board Deputy Clerk for 2024. Mr. Alvis nominated Mrs. Stephanie Austin to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Deputy Clerk for 2024. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and Mrs. Stephanie Austin was elected unanimously to serve as Bristol Virginia School Board Deputy Clerk for 2024.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 2 (E) Committee Appointments by Chair:

Career & Technical Committee – Mr. Randy Alvis and Mr. Steve Fletcher
Communications Committee – Mrs. Vanessa Guffey and Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard
Advanced Programs Committee – Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard and Mrs. Vanessa Guffey
Curriculum Committee – Mr. Frank Goodpasture and Mr. Randy Alvis
Special Education Committee – Mr. Randy Alvis and Mrs. Vanessa Guffey
Health Committee – Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard and Mr. Frank Goodpasture
Technology Committee – Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard and Mrs. Vanessa Guffey
Governor's School Board – Mr. Steve Fletcher
Region VII Virtual Academy – Mrs. Breanne Forbes Hubbard

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Mrs. Forbes Hubbard asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Guffey so moved. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 3 (A) Superintendents Report. Dr. David Scott, Superintendent, presented the following:

School Construction

- Construction progress is moving right along, and completion is still on target. Sidewalks are in progress; sanding of gym floors and painting of ceilings is ongoing.

Safety Training

- The day after our last school board meeting, those who work here at the Central Office spent the late part of our afternoon at Virginia High School talking through and simulating our parent-child reunification plan. This gave us an opportunity to collaborate and imagine the obstacles that we would face if there is ever event that causes us to relocate students from one building and then have their parents or guardians reunited with them at a relocation site. This event, and others like it that we will conduct throughout the school year, is part of our mission to provide a safe and orderly environment for our students, and that extends to training for events that could really be disruptive to a lot of families.
- In that same spirit, the Code of Virginia requires a second round of lockdown drills. We will be conducting those at all schools during the month of January, if everything goes as planned. Dr. Scott has invited the Bristol Police Department to participate in these drills. We will be calling or otherwise notifying families of the upcoming drills well ahead of time. Then on the day of the drill, we will message families to let them know the drill has initiated, and we will message them again when the drill has concluded.

B-180

- Over the winter break, we had approximately 30 students participating in our B-180 program at Van Pelt Elementary School. Even on the snow day, 23 young students were still able to attend and allow their parents to work as scheduled during the time that regular school was out of session.
- Good news from the School Nutrition Department – Leeah Parks informed Dr. Scott last week that 98% of the employees in her department have earned ServSafe Food Handler Certification. This is a great achievement and reflective of Leeah's leadership. We are very proud to call her our own, and he wanted to highlight the accomplishment of her staff members and just say that we recognize and appreciate the level of professionalism and dedication that is evident when such a high percentage of staff members have earned certification. This certification—the ServSafe certification—is what students in Lisa Adkins class at Virginia High School can earn when they complete the course work.
- A couple of updates from Mr. Buckles and the Maintenance Department – Coming out of the winter break, one of our hard-working custodians made us aware of a number of seats in the gymnasium that had worked loose over time to the degree that the bolts that anchor them to the concrete slab were no longer holding them in place. Mr. Buckles diverted basically his entire maintenance department to address that issue as soon as it was known, and they have been able to re secure these seats before we host a couple of major events in the next several weeks. Dr. Scott noted he didn't want for this to have sounded misleading or sugar-coated. When he says there

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- The boys' basketball team is currently in first place in their district.
- They also had a notable win over Winter break, where they beat Abingdon 59-48.

V-T Week

- Before the basketball team's games against Tennessee High last month, the high school participated in V-T spirit week.
- Spirit Squad made posters to hang around the school, while the PTO helped choose the theme days.
- The themes were school colors, winter wonderland, decades, jerseys, and ugly Christmas sweaters.

Swim and Dive

- The Swim and Dive team hosted meets both on December 5th and December 12th this past month.
- They have been practicing daily throughout winter break in preparation for the second half of their season this month.
- The next dive meet will be held on January 5th and the next swim meet on the 6th, with both taking place at Virginia High.

Scholastic Bowl

- The scholastic bowl team is preparing for the second half of the season.
- So far this season, the team has picked up district wins against Lebanon and Marion, as well as several wins in weekend tournaments.
- On Saturday, the team traveled to Richlands for the Tornado Invitational tournament. Their next match is on Wednesday January 10th in Tazewell.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard thanked everyone for their report.

Ms. Montana Grimes addressed the Board during Public Comment.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 5 (A) Approval of Consent Agenda. Mr. Alvis moved approval. Mr. Fletcher 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 – December 4, 2023

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 6(A) Approval of School Board Budget Revision #4. Mr. Alvis moved approval. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 6(B) Discussion and Approval of Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Goodpasture moved approval. Mrs. Guffey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard addressed Item 6(C) Second Reading/Discussion and Approval of Proposed Revisions for Cell Phone Regulation – JFC-R2. Mr. Goodpasture moved approval. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Mrs. Guffey 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) the Code of Virginia, Specifically,

- A. Discussion of Certain Personnel and Recommendation for Employment and Resignations
- B. Approval of Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Convictions: #05CA2023-24 and #06CA2023-24

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

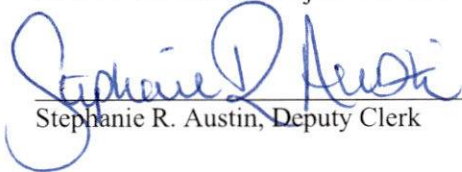
The Board went into Closed Session at 6:51 p.m.

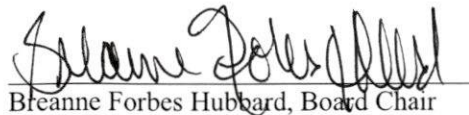
Back in Public Session at 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Guffey moved Certification of Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mr. Goodpasture seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Guffey Moved Approval of Approval of Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance Due to Religious Convictions: #05CA2023-24 and #06CA2023-24. Mr Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Forbes Hubbard adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m.


Stephanie R. Austin, Deputy Clerk


Breanne Forbes Hubbard, Board Chair