

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING/REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 6, 2011**

The Bristol Virginia School Board conducted a Student Disciplinary Hearing and met in Regular Session on Monday, June 6, 2011, in the Virginia High School Library, 1200 Long Crescent, Bristol, Virginia. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Chair
Mr. Randy Alvis
Ms. Beth Rhinehart

Mr. Randall J. White, Vice Chair
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Also present were:

Dr. Mark Y. Lineburg, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Lyle, School Board Attorney
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Rex Gearheart, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Among those in the audience for the Regular Session were:

Mrs. Patty Bowers

Mr. Ian Frye

Mrs. Virginia Goodson

Mr. Dennis Staton

Mr. Jeff Shelton

Mr. Gary Ritchie

Mr. Mark Frye

Ms. Suzanne Goins

Mayor Don Ashley

Mrs. Jennifer Hurt

Ms. Jan Huffman

Mrs. Dana Frye

Ms. Kathy Hicks

Mr. Ronnie Collins

Councilman Jim Steele

Others may have been present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Ronald Cameron called the Student Disciplinary Hearing to order at approximately 5:11 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) 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: Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters concerning a student or students of any state institution of higher education or any state school system as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia, specifically: Consideration of Recommendation for Long-Term Suspension: Student #10SH2011. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 6:14 p.m., Mr. 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.

Ms. Beth Rhinehart moved the following regarding Student #10SH2011: Student is suspended from school attendance for 364 days, until April 24, 2012; however, student will be allowed to attend the APA Program for the first semester of school year 2011-2012 provided that the student receives anger management counseling. Upon successful completion of the APA Program, school administration will determine placement in an alternative program. Student will be placed on probation for one year, until April 25, 2012, with the understanding that any violation of school rules, School Board policies and regulations and/or laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia may result in the imposition of the long-term suspension until April 24, 2012. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. [Note: Student #10SH2011 was found in violation of Bristol Virginia School Board Policy JFC and Regulation JFC-R. This policy and regulation deal with continued defiance and unacceptable behavior.]

Mr. Cameron adjourned the Student Disciplinary Hearing at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Cameron called the Regular Session to order at approximately 6:25 p.m. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

Mr. Cameron asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Rhinehart so moved. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) Regular Session – May 2, 2011
 - (2) Student Hearing/Called Session – May 16, 2011
 - (3) Called Session – May 27, 2011
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills
- C. Approval of Requests for Transfer of Sick Leave
- D. Approval of Letter of Retirement from Randy Almany, Transportation Supervisor
- E. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Mike Locke, VHS Teacher
- F. Approval of Letter of Retirement from Dr. Teresa Marshall, Special Education Teacher at Interchange Day Treatment Program
- G. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Sharon Kistner, APA Position

(Copies of report outlining transfer of sick leave requests and letters of retirement and resignation are included with these minutes.)

No one addressed the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Dr. Mark Lineburg, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report which included the following:

- He expressed gratitude to the staff and Board members for the successful school year. He noted that the VHS graduation was the best graduation ceremony ever.
- He reminded the Board of a joint meeting with City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. He added that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation on historic tax credits.
- He commended VHS student Nikolas Huffman for winning the state track championship in discus throw.
- He also commended VHS student Ian Frye who was named VHSL Group A Male Athlete of the Year for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ian was in the audience and was congratulated by all Board members, Dr. Lineburg, and VHS Principal Ronnie Collins. Mr. Collins noted that Ian would be attending the University of Virginia and would receive a VHSL Scholarship.
- Dr. Lineburg congratulated the VHS softball team which would be playing in the state finals at Radford, Virginia. He commended them for the very successful season and wished them luck in the play-offs.
- He commended VHS graduation keynote speaker Lt. Governor Bill Boling for his excellent speech. Mr. White noted that this graduation was the best that he had ever attended and indicated he had received numerous comments commending the speaker this year.
- Dr. Lineburg updated the Board regarding the repair work in progress at Van Pelt Elementary and Highland View Elementary.
- Dr. Lineburg reviewed the School Board Focus Goals for 2010-2011 and noted how these goals had been addressed. He shared many of the accomplishments/highlights of the 2010-2011 year. Mr. Cameron commended Dr. Lineburg for his leadership this year as well as Rex Gearheart for his leadership.

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(A) Approval of 2010-2011 School Board Budget Revision #9. Mr. Foster moved approval of the budget revision as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of 2010-2011 School Board Budget Revision #9 is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(B) Approval of Renewal of Capital School Projects Fund Certificate of Deposit. Mr. White moved approval of the renewal of the certificate of deposit as recommended. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the recommendation to renew the certificate of deposit is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(C) Approval of Renewal of Food Service Fund Certificate of Deposit. Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of the renewal of the certificate of deposit as recommended. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the recommendation to renew the certificate of deposit is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(D) Adoption of 2011-2012 School Board Budget. He noted that all employees would receive some type of raise, either a step raise or a percentage adjustment. He reviewed the budget assumptions and highlights. Mr. Foster moved adoption of the 2011-

2012 School Board Budget as presented. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cameron commended Mrs. Tammy Jones, Director of Finance, and Dr. Lineburg for their work on this budget. (A copy of the 2011-2012 School Board Budget is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(E) Adoption of 2011-2012 School Nutrition Budget. Ms. Kathy Hicks, School Nutrition Supervisor, noted that this budget did include a mandatory increase in meal prices per legislation of 5 cents. She updated the Board on the final numbers of students receiving free and reduced lunch (60.95% division wide). Mr. White moved adoption of the 2011-2012 School Nutrition Budget as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the 2011-2012 School Nutrition Budget is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(F) Approval of Computer Sale. He indicated that these computers would be sold upon being designated as surplus. Mr. Jeff Shelton, Director of Technology, noted that this sale was in accordance with the 5-year computer replacement plan. Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of the computer sale as presented. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the request is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(G) Approval of Technology Plan. Mr. Shelton thanked the Board for its support, vision and leadership regarding technology and its affect on instruction. Mr. Alvis moved approval of the Technology Plan as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Shelton for preparing the excellent Technology Plan. (A copy of the Technology Plan is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(H) Approval of Student Overnight Travel – Girls' Basketball Camp to Chattanooga, TN; Boys' Basketball Camp to Conway, SC; Boys' Basketball Camp to Altavista, VA; and Leadership and Enrichment Academy to Williamsburg, VA. Mr. White moved approval of the student overnight travel requests as presented. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (Copies of the overnight travel requests are included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(I) Approval of 2011-2012 Tuition Rates. He recommended that tuition rates remain at \$100 per student per year for in-state residents and \$200 per student per year for out-of-state residents. Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of 2011-2012 Tuition Rates as recommended. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the recommendation is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(J) Approval of Math Textbook Adoption. Mr. Rex Gearheart reviewed the process which included display of books for public review. Mr. Foster moved approval of the math textbook adoption as presented. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (The list of textbooks to be adopted is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(K) Approval of New Middle School Course. Mr. Gearheart noted that due to an increase in 7th and 8th grade Spanish enrollment, another course was needed for the rotation class for 6th grade in lieu of an introduction to foreign language. He outlined the recommendation to add the new course, Make It Your Business (8112), for the 2011-2012 school year. VMS Principal Gary Ritchie indicated that the business teacher would teach this course. Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of the new course, Make It Your Business, as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the recommendation is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(L) Approval of Amendment to 2011-2012 School Calendar. He noted that due to SOL testing, the early release date of Wednesday, October 19, 2011, was being changed to Friday, October 21, 2011. Mr. Foster moved approval of the revision as presented. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the Revised 2011-2012 School Calendar is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 6(A) Discussion of Scheduling of Annual Board Retreat and Reorganizational Meeting. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule the meetings as follows: July 1, 2011 Reorganizational Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the School Board Office; July 11, 2011 Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. in the VHS Library, and July 21, 2011 School Board Retreat at Beth Rhinehart's lake house at 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. White moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussion of the following specific matters: Discussion of personnel as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, specifically:

- A. Approval of Employment of Business Education Teacher at Virginia Middle School
- B. Approval of Employment of Special Education PreK Teacher at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School
- C. Approval of Employment of Librarian at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School
- D. Approval of Employment of Secondary Math Teacher at Virginia High School
- E. Approval of Employment of Secondary Alternative Teacher at Virginia Middle School
- F. Evaluation of Superintendent
- G. Discussion of Job Performance of School Board Employee

Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 9:15 p.m., Mr. 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. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster moved approval of employment of Mr. Allen Childress as Business Teacher at Virginia Middle School. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

Mr. White moved approval of employment of Ms. Laura Forbes as Special Education Pre-K Teacher at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Alvis moved approval of employment of Ms. Rita Rust as Librarian at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of employment of Mr. Brian Sansom as Mathematics Teacher at Virginia High School. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Foster moved approval of employment of Mr. Aron Turner as Alternative Teacher at Virginia Middle School. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Alvis, Mr. Foster, Ms. Rhinehart, and Mr. Cameron voting “aye” and Mr. White voting “nay.” (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

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

Mr. Cameron adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

Ronald Cameron, Chair