

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 6, 2010

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Virginia High School Library, 1200 Long Crescent, Bristol, Virginia. A quorum was present. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Chair	Mr. Randall J. White, Vice Chair
Mr. Randy Alvis	Mr. Tyrone Foster
Ms. Beth D. Rhinehart	

Also present were:

Dr. Mark Y. Lineburg, Superintendent	Mr. Rex Gearheart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk	

Among those in the audience were:

Mrs. Patty Bowers	Mayor Don Ashley	Mrs. Virginia Goodson
Mrs. Debbie Leonard	Mr. Gary Ritchie	Mrs. Molly Boyle
Dr. Martin Ringstaff	Mr. Dewey Cashwell, City Manager	
Mr. Jeff Shelton	Mr. David McGee, <i>Bristol Herald Courier</i>	
Mrs. Dee Halstead	Mrs. Helen Marlowe	

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

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Chair, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cameron asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Randy White moved that the agenda be amended to add the following items: Item 3(D) Approval of Letter of Resignation from Sandra Kerney, Virginia Middle School Choral Teacher and an additional item immediately following the Consent Agenda – Update on Process for Relocation of School Board Office – Mayor Don Ashley and City Manager Dewey Cashwell. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) Regular Session – June 7, 2010
 - (2) Called Session – June 22, 2010

- B. Approval of Payment of Bills
- C. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Terry Smith, Van Pelt Elementary School
- D. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Sandra Kerney, Virginia Middle School Choral Teacher

(Copies of the letters of resignation are included with these minutes.)

At this time, Mayor Don Ashley and City Manager Dewey Cashwell presented an update regarding the process of relocating the School Board Office. Mayor Ashley welcomed Dr. Mark Lineburg and his family to Bristol on behalf of City Council. He added that he looked forward to working with the School Board on the relocation project. Mr. Cashwell also welcomed Dr. Lineburg. He outlined another possible source to assist with the relocation project, a consulting firm in Richmond, Virginia, Decide Smart. He indicated that the project may qualify for state and federal tax credits which could result in additional savings. He also outlined the architectural firm, Mosley Architects, which partners with Decide Smart. He indicated that he would keep the Board informed as more information is received. Mr. White thanked Mr. Cashwell for his work on this project and also thanked Council for its support as well. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Cashwell and Mayor Ashley for the report and also for working jointly with the Board on this endeavor.

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 reminded the Board of the upcoming VSBA Hot Topic Conference – August 18th.
- He also reminded the Board of the Annual Board Retreat on July 14th at 5 p.m. at The Bristol Trainstation. He asked Board members to let him know of any specific information or items that they might wish to address or discuss.
- He distributed copies of the individual board member's information posted on the division web site and asked members to update the information as needed so the web site would be current and accurate.
- He thanked Mayor Ashley and Mr. Cashwell for attending the meeting and keeping the Board informed regarding the relocation project. He also thanked former board member, Virginia Goodson, for her attendance at the meeting as well.

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(A) Approval of Student Overnight Travel Request – Football Camp, Salisbury, NC. Mr. Foster moved approval of the request as presented. Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the Student Overnight Travel Request is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 5(B) Second Reading and Adoption of New VSBA Recommended School Board Policy – IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs. Mr. White moved adoption of School Board Policy IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of School Board Policy IGBGA is included with these minutes.)

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 discussing the following specific matters:

- A. Discussion of Personnel as Authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Specifically:
- (1) Approval of Employment of Non-Tenured Staff for 2010-2011
 - (2) Approval of Employment of Coaching Staff for 2010-2011
 - (3) Approval of Reorganization of Central Office and Employment of Director of Personnel and Support Services

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 7:15 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. White moved approval of employment of non-tenured staff for 2010-2011 as recommended. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A list of the non-tenured staff for 2010-2011 is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Foster moved approval of the coaching staff for 2010-2011 as recommended. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A list of the coaching staff for 2010-2011 is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Foster moved approval of the reorganization of Central Office and the employment of Dr. Martin Ringstaff as Director of Personnel and Support Services, as recommended. Ms. Rhinehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the reorganization plan and recommendation for employment of Dr. Ringstaff is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Cameron adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

Ronald Cameron, Chair