

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD  
CALLED WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in a Called Work Session on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the School Board Office. The purpose of the Called Work Session to tour and discuss current attendance zones for elementary students. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Butch Tolley, Chair  
Mr. Eric Clark  
Mr. Randall J. White

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Virginia Goodson

Also present were:

Dr. Douglas E. Arnold, Superintendent  
Mr. Terry Caldwell, Coordinator of Support Services  
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Clerk

Mrs. Patty Bowers, Director of Student Services &  
Special Education  
Mr. David McGee, *Bristol Herald Courier*

Mr. Butch Tolley, Chair, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Doug Arnold, Superintendent, reviewed statistical information provided to the Board members relating to distribution of students for each elementary school; out-of-zone placements, building capacities, square footage and acreage, and historical information regarding student distribution when Douglass Elementary School was closed. He also discussed the K-3 Class Size Reduction Initiative which impacts maximum class sizes in specific schools.

At approximately 10:20 a.m., the Board began a bus tour of specific attendance areas. The Board returned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

After considerable discussion about the attendance zones, out-of-zone and tuition placements, and the housing development planned in the Van Pelt area, the Board tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing for April 16, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the parents and principals as well. Depending upon the status of the budget process, the Public Hearing may be scheduled in May.

The Board directed Dr. Arnold to design a plan for consideration which would use natural boundaries to determine the attendance zones.

It was the consensus of the Board to extensively study this issue as it is very complicated and can be an emotional issue for families.

Mr. Tolley adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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Cathy M. Moss, Clerk

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Butch Tolley, Chair