

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
CALLED SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2008**

5:00 P.M.

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in a Called Session on Monday, February 18, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office, 222 Oak Street, Bristol, Virginia. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Butch Tolley, Chair
Mrs. Virginia Goodson

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Vice Chair
Mr. Randall J. White

Absent: Mr. Eric Clark

Also present were:

Dr. Douglas E. Arnold, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Lyle, School Board Attorney
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk

Dr. Michael K. Amstein, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Among those in the audience were:

Mr. Gary Ritchie
Officer Robin Loudy

Mrs. Vicie Dotson
Mrs. Betsy Turnbull

Mrs. Joy Berry

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

Mr. Butch Tolley, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:12 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tolley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Randy White so moved. Mrs. Virginia Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Cameron moved that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

- A. Discussion or Consideration of Admission or Disciplinary Matters Concerning Any 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:

- (1) Consideration of Recommendation for Expulsion: Student #04SH2008
- (2) Consideration of Admission Request – Student #08SH20008

- B. Discussion of Personnel as Authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Specifically: Discussion of Anticipated Personnel Transfers

Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 7:25 p.m., Mr. Cameron 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

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meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cameron moved approval of long-term suspension from school for Student #04SH2008 for a period of 364 calendar days until February 7, 2009, with the following conditions: Student #04SH2008 will be permitted to return to school at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, 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 reimposition of the suspension until February 7, 2009. Additional conditions are:

1. Homebound instruction will be provided for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Upon readmission in Fall 2008, student will be placed on school probation for the 2008-2009 school year term.
3. Student will be required to meet monthly with school counselor during the term of probation.
4. Student will be required to meet monthly with school resource officer during the term of probation.
5. Student will be subject to locker and/or personal search during the term of probation.
6. Student and guardian must meet with the superintendent prior to readmission in Fall 2008.
7. Student must cooperate with services provided for her/him.

Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. [Student #04SH2008 was found in violation of School Boards Policies JFC, JFCD, and Regulations JFC-R and JGD/JGE-R. These policies and regulations deal with the possession of a weapon on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.]

Mr. Cameron moved approval of the recommendation to allow Student #08SH2008 to enroll in the Administrative Placement Academy (APA) at Virginia High School for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year with the following conditions:

1. Student may attend only the Administrative Placement Academy.
2. Student may complete English 12 and U. S. Government in the Academy.
3. Student is allowed on campus from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. only, Monday through Thursday, and only to attend the APA.
4. Student may not participate in any school-sponsored activities.
5. Upon successful completion of the required course of study, a diploma will be mailed to student.

Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Doug Arnold, Superintendent, addressed Item 4(A) Second Reading and Adoption of Revised School Board Policy IICA – Field Trips and School Board Regulation IICA-R – Field Trips. He reviewed the changes made from first reading. Mrs. Goodson moved adoption of the policy and regulation as presented. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of School Board Policy IICA and School Board Regulation IICA-R is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(A) Discussion of Capital Needs. He shared a quotation received to provide 500 replacement seats in the new gym at Virginia High School. He stated that athletics and boosters have agreed to pay \$30,000 of the \$62,316 needed to purchase the seats. He asked for direction from the Board as to whether to go ahead and bid the project or wait. After some discussion regarding the uncertainty of the budget at this time, it was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with bidding the project, and consider funding at a later date when budgetary implications are known.

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Dr. Arnold shared a brief video made by Virginia Middle School students regarding Internet safety. The video will be submitted in a competition through the state attorney general's office.

Mr. Tolley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

Butch Tolley, Chair