

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD  
CALLED SESSION  
JUNE 15, 2006**

**6:00 P.M.**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in a Called Session on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Office. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Randall J. White, Chair  
Mr. Ronald Cameron  
Mrs. Virginia Goodson

Mr. Butch Tolley, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Jaymie Derden

Also present were:

Dr. Douglas E. Arnold, Assistant Superintendent      Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk  
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk

Among those in the audience were:

Mrs. Patty Bowers  
Mrs. Brenda Carroll  
Mr. Eric Clark

Dr. Michael Amstein  
Mr. David McGee, *Bristol Herald Courier*

Mr. Joseph Marler

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

Mr. Randy White, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. White asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Virginia Goodson requested that the agenda be amended to add an action item, Item 4(A) Approval of 2006-2007 School Board Budget, and that Items 4 and 5 be renumbered accordingly and moved approval of the amended agenda. Mrs. Jaymie Derden seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the recent meetings with City Council and the budget dilemma. Mr. Butch Tolley explained the projected revenues from the state and the anticipated local funding. He expressed concern about the two unknown items at this time – VRS increase and health insurance increase. Mr. Ronald Cameron expressed his concern as a citizen of Bristol Virginia with the proposed budget cuts by the city to the police department and to the school division. Mr. White, Mrs. Goodson and Mrs. Derden also presented concerns about the proposed local funding. Dr. Arnold noted that the proposed level of funding from the city for 2006-07 was at the level of local funding in 2000-01. He explained the funding from the state and the other agencies which receive educational funds from the state. He clarified the portion of the state funding that the school division would actually receive.

Mrs. Tammy Jones, Director of Finance, explained the governor's Caboose Budget and how it affected the 2005-06 School Board Budget. She indicated that the state reduced the basic aid allocated to school divisions and adjusted the sales tax revenue which resulted in a \$92,088 increase in sales tax. She indicated that the Board would request only \$60,878 from the sales tax revenue be reappropriated by the City Council since that is the figure budgeted.

The Board reviewed the list of proposed cuts to the 2006-2007 School Board Budget and discussed some of the alternatives which impacted several programs. Mr. Danny Wallace, parent of VHS students,

addressed the Board and supported the International Baccalaureate Program at VHS as his daughter was a recent IB graduate and his son was taking IB classes. He reminded the Board of the prestigious colleges the IB graduates were attending. The Board directed the administration to send the members of City Council a copy of the list of proposed cuts. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that cutting this budget in order to balance to the proposed local funding amount was too severe. Mrs. Derden moved to table Item 4(A) Approval of 2006-2007 School Board Budget. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (Copies of the Cuts to Adopted Budget Prior to Negotiation with the City and the list of Proposed Cuts to Accommodate City Appropriation of \$8,427,000 are included with these minutes.)

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Tolley 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) Employment of Educational Consultant
- (2) Approval of Letter of Retirement
- (3) Employment of VHS Chemistry Teacher
- (4) Employment of VMS Science Teacher

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 9:30 p.m., Mr. Tolley 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. Mrs. Derden seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Goodson moved approval of the letter of retirement from Ms. Myra Orr, Virginia High School instructor. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of retirement is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Cameron moved approval of employment of the following individuals: Ms. Elizabeth Yost, Educational Consultant; Ms. Elizabeth Stacy, VHS Chemistry Instructor; and Mr. David Ashley, VMS Science Instructor. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (Copies of the letters of recommendation for employment are included with these minutes.)

It was the consensus of the Board to call a meeting for the purpose of approving the 2006-2007 School Board Budget on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. in the School Board Office.

Mr. White adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

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Randall J. White, Chair