

BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 7, 2006

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, August 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Board Office. 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
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Dr. Michael K. Amstein, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk

Among those in the audience were:

Mr. Mike Braswell
Mr. Gary Ritchie
Mrs. Mary Shaffer
Mrs. Ina Danko
Mr. David McGee, *Bristol Herald Courier*

Mr. Dennis Staton
Mr. Terry Caldwell
Mr. Jeff Shelton
Mrs. Joy Berry

Mrs. Debbie Leonard
Dr. Linda Brittle
Ms. Kathy Hicks
Mrs. Patty Bowers

Mr. Butch Tolley, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tolley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Virginia Goodson moved approval of the amended agenda, as presented. Mr. Randy White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. [The agenda was amended to add Item 3(C) Approval of Letter of Resignation from Rod Stipe, Middle School Cross Country Coach to the Consent Agenda.]

Mr. Tolley asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Goodson so moved. Mr. Ronald Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) Organizational Meeting/Regular Session /Board Retreat– July 8, 2006
 - (2) Called Session – July 25, 2006
- B. Approval of Payment of Bills
- (Add) C. Approval of Letter of Resignation from Rod Stipe, Middle School Cross Country Coach

(A copy of the letter of resignation is included with these minutes.)

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

Dr. Doug Arnold, superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report which included the following:

- He updated the Board on the plan to relocate the middle school alternative program back to the middle school from the high school. He reviewed the schedule and the components of the program.
- Dr. Arnold presented a report on Summer School 2006. He reviewed the school evaluations and noted that the lunch program was a success and the program was a very positive experience.

- He invited the Board members to attend the New Teacher Orientation on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room. He reviewed the schedule and also invited the Board to join the group for lunch.
- He reminded the Board members of the Opening Day Program scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2006. He noted that refreshments would be served at 8:15 a.m. and the program would begin at 9:00 a.m. in the VHS auditorium.
- Dr. Arnold distributed the following informational items to the Board:
 - Pictures of the new staff hired to-date
 - VHSL Calendar
 - VHS Calendar of Events
- Dr. Arnold informed the Board of some water damage in the library at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School due to a leak in the air conditioning line. He indicated that approximately 150 books were damaged beyond repair.
- Dr. Arnold asked for permission to add an item to each agenda which would allow the Board to consider any recommendations for employment or resignations which are received after the agendas are finalized and packets distributed. He indicated that this item would prevent amending the agenda. He distributed a copy of the sample agenda item. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this addition to the agenda.
- Dr. Arnold asked for permission to employ certain individuals, in consultation with Board members, before the formal Board meeting due to the need to fill certain vacancies, i.e., coaches for sports in season. He indicated that the Board would formally ratify the employment at the next regularly scheduled meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to allow employment of certain coaches when the need was immediate.

At this time, Mr. Cameron commended Mr. Jeff Shelton for the newly designed division web site. He reminded the principals to keep individual school information up-to-date, especially schedules of events. He also requested that school signs be kept current.

- Dr. Arnold asked Mrs. Ina Danko, principal of VHS, to update the Board on fall sports. Mrs. Danko noted that fall sports were off to a good start, and reviewed the number of students participating in fall sports to-date.

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(A) Approval of 2006-2007 School Board Budget Revision #1. He reviewed areas of the budget which were revised. Mr. White moved approval of the 2006-2007 School Board Budget Revision #1 as presented. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of 2006-2007 School Board Budget Revision #1 is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(B) Adoption of Resolution Declaring Intent of Reimbursement from Proceeds of Grant – Bristol City Schools. He indicated that this resolution was required in order to receive certain technology grant funds. Mrs. Goodson moved adoption of the resolution as presented. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the resolution is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(C) Adoption of Resolution Declaring Intent of Reimbursement from Proceeds of Grant – Crossroads Alternative Program – Bristol City Schools. He indicated that this resolution was required in order to receive certain technology grant funds. Mrs. Goodson moved adoption of the resolution

as presented. Mr. Eric Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the resolution is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(D) Approval of Renewal of Health Insurance. He reviewed the new rates and indicated that the Board would pick up the increase on the individual employee premium. Mrs. Goodson moved approval of the renewal of the health insurance as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the information sheet outlining the premiums is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(E) Approval of 2006-2007 Food Services Budget Revision #1. He reviewed the proposed revisions. Mr. Cameron moved approval of 2006-2007 Food Services Budget Revision #1 as presented. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the 2006-2007 Food Services Budget Revision #1 is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(F) Approval of Bread Bids for 2006-2007. He reviewed the bid tabulation information. Mr. Clark moved approval of awarding the bread bid to the lowest responsive bidder, Sara Lee, in the amount of \$192,003.13. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the bid tabulation is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(G) Approval of Ice Cream Bids for 2006-2007. He reviewed the bid tabulation information. Mr. Clark moved approval of awarding the ice cream bid to the lowest responsive bidder, Pet Dairy, in the amount of \$24,681.04. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the bid tabulation is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(H) Approval of Surplus Items. He indicated that these items would be disposed of appropriately as determined by the condition of the item. Mrs. Goodson moved approval of surplus items as presented. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the list of items to be surplus is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(I) Approval of 2006-2007 School Board Goals. He indicated that the goals had been determined at the annual Board Retreat held in July. Mrs. Goodson moved approval of 2006-2007 School Board Goals as presented. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the 2006-2007 School Board Goals is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(J) Approval of 2006-2007 Other Funds Budget Revision #1. Mr. White moved approval of 2006-2007 Other Funds Budget Revision #1 as presented. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the 2006-2007 Other Funds Budget Revision #1 is included with these minutes.)

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 5(K) Approval of Upgrading Part-Time English Position at Virginia High School to Full-Time Position. Mr. White moved approval of upgrading a part-time English position at Virginia High School to a full-time position as recommended. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the information outlining the request is included with these minutes.)

At this time, Mr. Tolley, on behalf of the Board, publicly thanked the Bristol Virginia City Council members for fully funding a resource officer at Virginia Middle School.

Mrs. Patty Bowers and Dr. Michael Amstein addressed Item 6(A) First Reading and Discussion of VSBA Recommended Policy Revisions as follows:

Patty Bowers presented:

- (1) JFC Student Conduct
- (2) JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct
- (3) JFCD Weapons in School
- (4) JFCF Drugs in School
- (5) JGDA Disciplining Students with Disabilities
- (6) JGDB Discipline of Students with Disabilities for Infliction of Serious Bodily Harm (New Policy)
- (7) JHDA Human Research
- (8) JO Student Records

Mike Amstein presented:

- (9) GBI Staff Gifts and Solicitations
- (10) GBM Professional Staff Grievances
- (11) GCBEB Military Leave and Benefits (New Policy)

No additions or deletions were suggested for these policies, and these policies will be presented for second reading and adoption in September.

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 6(B) First Reading and Discussion of Revised Policy GCBC Staff Fringe Benefits. He indicated that this revision further clarifies applicable grades for placement of certain employees' children, as preschool programs have regulations governing the placement of children in these respective programs. No revisions were suggested and policy will be presented for second reading and adoption in September.

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 6(C) First Reading and Discussion of Proposed Policy Revision, Policy GCE Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment. He indicated that the proposed revision would allow individuals with a GED certificate to qualify as a substitute teacher. There was some discussion about the minimum age requirement. This policy will be presented for second reading and adoption in September.

Dr. Arnold addressed Item 6(D) First Reading and Discussion of Proposed Revision for Regulation DLC-R Pre-Approved Expense Reimbursements. He reviewed the proposed revisions which were driven by budgetary constraints. No additions or deletions were suggested, and this regulation will be presented for second reading and adoption in September.

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: Consideration of Request for Release from Compulsory School Attendance due to Religious Convictions: Students:#01CA2007, #02CA2007, and #03CA2007.
- B. Discussion of Personnel as Authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Specifically:
 - (1) Employment of Elementary School Instructor

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 8:53 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 meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mrs. Goodson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cameron moved employment of Carlia Meehan as an elementary instructor at Van Pelt Elementary School. Mrs. Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of recommendation for employment is included with these minutes.)

Mrs. Goodson moved approval of the request for release from compulsory school attendance due to religious convictions, Students #01CA2007, #02CA2007, and #03CA2007. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mrs. Goodson, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Tolley voting "aye," and Mr. Clark and Mr. White voting "nay." (A copy of the letter requesting release from compulsory school attendance is included with these minutes.)

During the Old and New Business portion of the meeting, the following was discussed:

- Mr. Cameron discussed a parent request to retain a child in the middle school. Dr. Arnold indicated that he was aware of the request and noted that children are not retained at that level when the child has passed.
- Mr. Clark informed the Board of the recent newspaper article about one of Virginia High's former students, Latisha Sensabaugh.

Mr. Tolley adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

Butch Tolley, Chair