

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT SESSION WITH
BRISTOL VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

The Bristol Virginia School Board met in a Joint Session with the Bristol Virginia City Council on Monday, September 11, 2006, at Virginia High School. The Virginia High School culinary arts students prepared a meal for the Board and Council members in the culinary arts room at 6:00 p.m. After dinner the Board and the Council convened the Joint Session in the library at approximately 7:10 p.m. The following Board and Council members were present:

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

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Board Vice Chair
Mrs. Virginia Goodson, Board Member

The Honorable Farnham Jarrard, Mayor
Mr. Fred Bowman, Council Member
Mr. James Rector, Council Member

Mr. Harold Leonard, Vice Mayor
Mr. Frank Goodpasture III, Council Member

Also present were:

Dr. Douglas Arnold, Superintendent
Mr. Bill Dennison, Assistant City Manager
Mrs. Cathy Moss, School Board Deputy Clerk

Dr. Michael Amstein, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Tammy Jones, School Board Clerk
Mrs. Ina Danko, Virginia High School Principal

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

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

Mr. Tolley opened the discussion and expressed appreciation to Council members for agreeing to continue the joint meetings. He also commended the culinary arts students for the delicious meal. He noted that the Board was very proud of the refurbished culinary arts classroom. He added that a strong relationship between the Board and the Council was a priority.

Mayor Jarrard expressed appreciation to the Board for hosting the joint session. He indicated that City Council was also very proud and supportive of the Bristol Virginia Public Schools. He stated that nothing was more important in America today than the education of the youth. He also expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council for the dinner.

Dr. Doug Arnold, Superintendent, invited both Board and Council members to attend an event being planned at Virginia High School. He indicated that the Virginia Secretary of Education, Tom Morris, had requested to visit Virginia High School on Monday, September 18, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. He stated that the division was very pleased to host the event.

Dr. Arnold updated both boards on the enrollment figures to-date. He also discussed the commonalities of both boards and stressed the need to work together to thrive as success depends upon working in a collaborative and cooperative manner.

Mr. Cameron publicly thanked the Council for funding a resource officer at Virginia Middle School for 2006-2007.

After several remarks, it was the consensus of both the Board and Council members to foster a respectful honest relationship.

Other items of mutual interest discussed were:

- Grant Funding – Must be appropriated by Council
- Business Development
- Vocational Education
- City Population Demographics
- Facilities Needs
- Dual Enrollment
- Staffing – Salary Scale, Number of Teachers Eligible for Retirement (39 with 30+ years of experience)
- State Department of Taxation – Miscalculation of Sales Tax – Governor's Proposed Legislation
- Scheduling of Future Joint Sessions – It was the consensus of both the Board and the Council to use last year's schedule as a model to schedule the meetings for this year.

Mr. Tolley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Cathy M. Moss, Deputy Clerk

Butch Tolley, Chair