

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA  
January 30, 2017**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building. Mr. C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman, presided.

**The Call to Order**

Mr. Bunn called the meeting to order. He welcomed visitors to the meeting and informed them that a printed agenda for the meeting was available.

**Roll Call**

Dr. Jean Infantino called the roll and recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Mrs. Colleen C. Leary  
Mr. Thomas L. Mercer, Sr.  
Mr. Harry A. Murphy  
Mr. Louis J. Tayon, Jr.  
Mr. Michael J. Woods  
Mrs. Victoria L. Proffitt, Vice Chairman  
Mr. C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman

Excused: Mr. Samuel L. Boone, Jr.  
Mrs. Christie New Craig

Also present were Dr. James T. Roberts, Superintendent; Dr. Jacqueline C. Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Anita B. James, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Victoria Lucente, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance; Ms. J. Paige Stutz, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Dr. Alan L. Vaughan, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and School Services; Dr. Jean A. Infantino, Executive Director of Administrative Services/Clerk of the Board; Mr. Robert J. Barry, Attorney; and Mrs. Brenda A. Turbeville, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Dr. Roberts had no amendments to the agenda, but said he would need a closed session for four pupil matters and one real estate matter. Mrs. Proffitt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **Closed Session**

Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Barry to prepare the language for the Board to go into closed session. Mr. Barry stated that the motion should read as follows:

“The Board should convene in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, for consideration of four pupil matters and one real estate matter.”

Mrs. Proffitt moved that the Board go into closed session as provided in the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and approved, with all Board members present voting yes.

## **Reconvene in Open Meeting**

The meeting reconvened in open session. Mrs. Proffitt moved the record show that the only items discussed in the closed meeting were those specifically cited in the motion to convene into closed session. Mrs. Leary seconded the motion, which passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **Items Resulting from Closed Session**

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #2 and Student #4 under the conditions discussed. Mrs. Leary moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Proffitt and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1. Mr. Woods moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The Superintendent recommended that Student #1 be expelled under the conditions discussed. Mr. Tayon moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Proffitt and passed with a 4-3 vote with Mr. Bunn, Mrs. Proffitt, Mr. Tayon, and Mr. Woods voting in favor of the motion and Mrs. Leary, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Murphy voting against the motion. The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student#3. Mr. Mercer moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The Superintendent recommended Student #3 be expelled under the conditions discussed. Mr. Woods moved to approve the recommendation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

## **Invocation**

Reverend Deacon Keith Fournier, St. Stephen, Martyr Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Mason Quimby, a fifth grader at Deep Creek Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Clerk's Items**

**Special Recognitions – Chesapeake Scholar Athletes:** Mr. Wayne B. Martin, Director of Student Services, recognized ninety-two Chesapeake Scholar Athletes who had distinguished themselves through special achievements or accomplishments.

**Special Recognitions – Fall Chesapeake Champions:** Mr. Martin introduced sixty students who had distinguished themselves through special achievements or accomplishments.

**2017 VSBA Tidewater Region Spring Network Forum – May 1, 2017:** Dr. Infantino announced that the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) will hold the 2017 VSBA Tidewater Region Spring Network Forum on May 1, 2017, in Surry County. Several Board members indicated they may want to attend, but were unsure at this time. Mr. Murphy moved to approve attendance for any Board member wishing to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

A complete list of the students and staff who were recognized is available through the Office of the Clerk of the Board. After Clerk's Items were presented, the Board took a brief recess to allow students and parents to leave the Board room, and to give the overflow citizens time to come over from Great Bridge Primary School.

## **Hearing of Citizens**

The following citizens spoke regarding rezoning.

1. Mr. Tom Hernandez  
2003 Angler Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23323
2. Mr. Bill Devens  
316 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
3. Mrs. Nicole Anderson  
448 Currituck Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

4. Mrs. Joy Julian  
428 Gloria Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
5. Mrs. Wendy Edelson  
1213 Winfall Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
6. Mrs. Linda Ferrara  
561 Fair Oak Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
7. Mrs. Michelle Hunter  
400 Berndale Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
8. Dr. Jennifer Wright  
628 Sherringfield Terrace  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
9. Theo Gionis  
2221 Angler Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23323
10. Dr. Stan Richeson  
404 Bracey Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23323
11. Phillip Prestipino  
1012 Grantham Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
12. Brian Ness  
2421 Annie Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23323
13. James Corlett  
203 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
14. Jason Dipietro  
820 Priscilla Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

15. Joey Genco  
821 Catrina Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

The following citizen spoke regarding his concerns at a high school.

16. James Collins  
1360 Bells Mill Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

The following citizen spoke regarding rezoning.

17. John Dalton  
967 Painted Lady Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23323

The following citizen spoke regarding the band program at a high school.

18. Lori Barnhart  
983 Speight Lyons Coop  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

## **Unfinished Business**

**Proposed Plan for the Establishment of New Attendance Zones to Include: Deep Creek Middle, Great Bridge Middle, Greenbrier Middle, Hickory Middle, and Hugo A. Owens Middle – Work Session:** Dr. Roberts asked if there were any items the Board wanted staff to prepare for next Board meeting. Mr. Mercer asked Dr. Roberts and/or Ms. Stutz to elaborate on the use of proffer funds. Dr. Roberts stated proffer funds can only be used in the area from which the funds are received, and must be used on brick and mortar settings. Ms. Stutz added that proffer funds are received by the Division in small amounts. Proffer funds are based on the homes that are actually built, not on the number of home sites available. Mr. Mercer asked Dr. Roberts to address whether the proffer money for Oscar F. Smith High School had been delayed and why. Dr. Roberts said the funds have been delayed but he is not aware of the reason why. Ms. Stutz said there is about \$4 million in proffer funds for the addition to Oscar F. Smith High School. The \$4 million would not fully fund the addition to Oscar F. Smith High School, but would indeed help.

Mr. John Bertocchi, New Construction & Planning Administrator, reminded the Board that at the School Board meeting held on January 23, 2017, staff presented three options to relieve overcrowding at Hickory Middle School and utilize existing capacity at other middle schools. At that meeting, the School Board asked for residential development information in the Greenbrier Middle School attendance zone. School Board members also suggested additional attendance zone options to be drafted by staff. The two options suggested by the Board were presented as Option D and Option E.

Option D would reassign portions of Hickory Middle School to Hugo A. Owens Middle School and to Great Bridge Middle School. This option would also reassign a portion of Hugo A. Owens Middle School to Deep Creek Middle School. Option E would reassign a portion of Great Bridge Middle School to Hugo A. Owens Middle School. This option would also reassign a portion of Hugo A. Owens Middle School to Deep Creek Middle School and reassign portions of Hickory Middle School to Great Bridge Middle School.

Mr. Woods moved to deny the proposed plan to establish new attendance zones to include: Deep Creek Middle School, Great Bridge Middle School, Greenbrier Middle School, Hickory Middle School, and Hugo A. Owens Middle School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon. After discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 4-3 with Mrs. Leary, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tayon, and Mr. Woods voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Bunn, Mrs. Proffitt, and Mr. Mercer voting in opposition to the motion.

### **New Business**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

The chairman requested approval of the consent agenda. Items included the following:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- B. Bids
- C. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy P 5-12 – Complaints from the Public – Second Reading and Final Action
- D. Proposed New School Board Policy P 8-51.4 – Wellness Leave – Second Reading and Final Action
- E. Department of Human Resources – Personnel Report

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **Monthly Financial Report**

Ms. Lucente presented the interim financial report for November/December. She reminded the Board that Dr. Roberts presented an update to them at the last Board meeting regarding the Governor's amended budgets for 2016-2017. While a shortfall of \$1.7 million was expected, the expected shortfall has increased to \$3.1 million. In order to make up the additional shortfall, the recommendation is that all vacancies, all part-time work, and all expenditures be reviewed and approved at the assistant superintendent level.

## Superintendent's Report

**Announcements:** The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. Because of changes in the calendar due to inclement weather, a teacher workday is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017, and second semester will begin Thursday, February 2, 2017.
2. On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, the newly organized Teacher's Store will open in Deep Creek Middle School. Thanks to local businesses, organizations, and citizens, teachers can get supplies for their classrooms at no cost to them. The store is sponsored by the Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation. Any business or individual wishing to donate supplies may contact Mrs. Andrea Vail at (757) 547-0153.
3. Various staff and Board members visited members of the General Assembly last week. They attended the recognition of Dr. Toney McNair, Virginia's Teacher of the Year, by the Virginia Board of Education and by the General Assembly.

**Legislative Update:** Dr. Infantino presented the Legislative Update. She said the General Assembly began its session on January 11, 2017, and that this will be a short session with close to 3,000 bills and resolutions introduced. Because this is a short session, major committees are likely to hold only three meetings before crossover on February 7, 2017. The hot topics other than budget include full day kindergarten, student discipline, virtual schools, charter schools, and firearms in schools. Due to the length of the Board meeting, Dr. Infantino updated the Board on only those bills regarding student discipline. There is a package of companion bills that would cap long-term suspensions at 45 days, prohibit suspensions or expulsions for students in pre-K through grade 5 except for criminal acts, and eliminate the ability to suspend students for "disruptive behavior" except in case of a physical injury or threat. The genesis of these bills is a study conducted on school disciplinary practices in Virginia by the Children's Justice Project of the Virginia Poverty Law Center. Many of these bills are still alive and were put off until the next committee meeting.

A full list of all legislation was included in BoardDocs. Dr. Infantino asked Board members to let her know if there were any specific bills they wished her to track.

**Proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar Options:** The Director of Staff Development, Dr. Dalphine A. Jopyy, presented two options for the 2017-2018 school calendar. Following the initial public presentation, the calendar options will be posted on the school division's web site for review by employees and citizens. In addition, an online calendar survey will be posted to solicit input before a final recommendation is made to the Board. Adoption of a calendar for the 2017-2018 school year will be requested at a later meeting.

**Board Member Items**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

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C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman