

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
June 12, 2017**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, June 12, 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: Mr. Samuel L. Boone, Jr.
 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: 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 five pupil matters and a number of personnel appointments. 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 multiple personnel matters and five pupil matters.”

Mr. Murphy moved that the Board go into closed session as provided in the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Proffitt 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. Mr. Mercer 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. Proffitt moved to approve the recommendation, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary. The motion passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1 and Student #3. Mr. Woods 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 that Student #1 be expelled under the conditions discussed. Mrs. Leary moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon, and passed with a vote of 6-2 with Mr. Mercer and Mr. Murphy voting against the motion. The Superintendent recommended that Student #3 be expelled under the conditions discussed. Mr. Woods moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon, and passed with a vote of 5-3 with Mrs. Leary, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Murphy voting against the motion.

The Superintendent recommended the appointment of the following effective July 1, 2017.

1. Dr. Jean Jones, from principal, Camelot Elementary School, to Title I instructional administrator
2. Mr. Robert J. Sander, principal, Grassfield Elementary School, to principal, Camelot Elementary School
3. Dr. Kimberly C. Pinello, principal, Hickory Elementary School, to principal, Grassfield Elementary School
4. Mr. James S. Lewter, principal, Butts Road Primary School, to principal, Hickory Elementary School

5. Mrs. Brenda H. Hobbs, principal, Rena B. Wright Primary School, to principal, Butts Road Primary School
6. Mrs. Micheal W. Ottley, assistant principal, Cedar Road Elementary School, to principal, Rena B. Wright Primary School
7. Dr. Karen Cooper-Collins, from student enrollment administrator, School Administration Building, to human resources administrator, School Administration Building
8. Mr. Christopher H. Vail, assistant principal, Oscar Smith Middle School, to assistant principal, Grassfield High School
9. Mr. Ed Ewing, assistant principal, Indian River High School, to assistant principal, Oscar Smith Middle School
10. Mr. Scott Mincheff, assistant principal, Indian River Middle School, to assistant principal, Indian River High School
11. Mr. John P. Cavanaugh, assistant principal, Great Bridge Middle School, to assistant principal, Indian River Middle School
12. Ms. Becky A. Grandinetti, assistant principal, Indian River Middle School, to assistant principal, Great Bridge Middle School
13. Mrs. Stephanie P. Galloway, assistant principal, Crestwood Middle School, to assistant principal, Indian River Middle School
14. Ms. Khadijah Q. Alexander, assistant principal, Grassfield Elementary School, to assistant principal, Camelot Elementary School
15. Mr. John E. Irving, assistant principal, Deep Creek Middle School, to supervisor of maintenance and supply services
16. Mrs. Tracey S. Sabato, assistant principal, Oscar Smith Middle School, to assistant principal, Deep Creek Middle School
17. Ms. Brenna L. Anderson, assistant principal 1, Indian River High School, to assistant principal, Indian River High School
18. Mrs. Latashia M. Baker-Hardison, assistant principal 1, Truitt Intermediate School, to assistant principal, Truitt Intermediate School
19. Ms. Kristina C. Elkins, assistant principal 1, Chesapeake Alternative School, to assistant principal, Chesapeake Alternative School
20. Mrs. Kathryn B. Galford, assistant principal 1, Great Bridge Primary School, to assistant principal, Great Bridge Primary School
21. Mrs. Mattie Gould, assistant principal I, Southwestern Elementary School, to assistant principal, Southwestern Elementary School
22. Mrs. Johanna D. Howell, assistant principal 1, Western Branch Middle School, to assistant principal, Western Branch Middle School
23. Ms. Pamela Laster, assistant principal 1, Georgetown Primary School, to assistant principal, Georgetown Primary School
24. Mrs. Kathy S. Roberts-Walker, assistant principal 1, Camelot Elementary School, to assistant principal, Indian River High School
25. Mrs. Allison O. Taylor, assistant principal 1, Jolliff Middle School, to assistant principal, Jolliff Middle School
26. Mrs. Alexandria N. Taylor, assistant principal 1, Western Branch High School, to assistant principal, Western Branch High School
27. Mr. Chad D. Triolet, assistant principal 1, Sparrow Road Intermediate School, to assistant principal, Sparrow Road Intermediate School

28. Ms. Kimberley W. Turner, assistant principal 1, Oscar Smith High School, to assistant principal, Oscar Smith High School
29. Mrs. Julie A. Greene, special education administrator 1, to special education administrator, Edwards-Wilson Center

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the recommended appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

Listed below are the individuals selected to fill Assistant Principal I positions for the 2017-2018 school year.

1. Cedar Road Elementary School - Kristin R. Rankin (former elementary school instructional coach)
2. Crestwood Middle School - Tara L. Culpepper (former high school English teacher)
3. Deep Creek Central Elementary School - Heather A. Brusso (former elementary school teacher)
4. Deep Creek Elementary School - Heather K. Febus (former elementary school teacher)
5. Grassfield Elementary School - Karen R. Settles (former middle school instructional specialist)
6. Great Bridge High School - Karen D. Black (former academy coordinator)
7. Hickory Middle School - Latricia T. Davenport (former middle school social studies teacher)
8. Oscar Smith High School - Ryan L. Wieck (former high school science teacher)
9. Oscar Smith Middle School - Cynthia N. Brady (former middle school title 1 resource teacher)
10. Thurgood Marshall Elementary School - Helene M. Robinson (former elementary school instructional coach)

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Tommy P. Smith, Divine Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Madilyn Guilfoy, a fifth grader and SCA President at Southeastern Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk's Items

Memorial Resolution for Mr. Blair Alexander Taylor: Dr. Infantino advised a Memorial Resolution honoring the life and service of Mr. Blair Alexander Taylor had been prepared. Mr. Taylor was employed with Chesapeake Public Schools for 15 years. Mrs. Terry Reitz, Principal of Georgetown Primary School, gave opening comments. Mrs. Reitz recognized Mr. Taylor's family and the faculty and staff of Georgetown Primary School who were attending.

**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF
MR. BLAIR ALEXANDER TAYLOR**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that we, the members of the Chesapeake School Board, here assembled on this twelfth day of June 2017, do hereby pay tribute to the life and memory of Mr. Blair Alexander Taylor.

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor after graduating as an honor graduate from Smithfield High School, went on to graduate from Norfolk State University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education (NK-4), and then received his master's degree in educational leadership and supervision preK-12 in 2003 from Regent University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor, taught for a total of sixteen years and was employed by Chesapeake Public Schools as an elementary teacher in 2001 at Georgetown Primary School and for the last fifteen years taught grades first through third and most recently was a second grade teacher, he served the children, their parents, and others with distinction and honor in this position of educational leadership; and

WHEREAS, he loved his students, had faith in each of them and their talents, and will always be remembered for his quiet strength, gentleness, smile, special gift of making everyone feel important, and for his love of teaching and the joy it brought to everyone; and

WHEREAS, he was always willing to assist those who needed help, as evidenced by his devotion to his students' success and his love of learning, and often stated that he felt teaching was a gift that God gave him; and

WHEREAS, he was highly esteemed by his colleagues, students, and friends and was recognized by them as an invaluable asset to the school system and to the community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the School Board of the city of Chesapeake, do gratefully acknowledge his service to the school system and extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy at his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the minutes of this date and the original presented to his family as evidence of our esteem and reverence for the memory of Mr. Blair Alexander Taylor.

Attest:

C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman
Victoria L. Proffitt, Vice Chairman
Samuel L. Boone, Jr.
Colleen C. Leary
Thomas L. Mercer, Sr.
Harry A. Murphy
Christie New Craig
Louis J. Tayon, Jr.
Michael J. Woods

James T. Roberts, Superintendent
Jean A. Infantino, Clerk

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolution, Mrs. Proffitt moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy with all Board members present voting in favor of adoption.

Charles B. Cross, Jr., Citizenship Award: Mr. Albert Hartley, a member of the Charles B. Cross, Jr. Citizenship Award Selection Committee, introduced the 2017 award winner. The award, in the amount of \$3,000, was given to a deserving senior, whose applications and interviews indicated a strong desire to be involved in the community and expressed a desire to become more altruistic after completing their education.

Mr. Bunn recognized Mr. James L. Frye, former principal of Indian River High School, who was in attendance.

W. Randolph Nichols Scholarship Foundation Awards: On behalf of the W. Randolph Nichols Scholarship Foundation Executive Committee, Mr. Wayne B. Martin, Director of Student Services, introduced the scholarship recipients from each of the seven Chesapeake high schools. This is the fourteenth year the committee has been honored to be able to give a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to one senior from each of Chesapeake's seven high schools.

Special Recognitions – Chesapeake Spring Champions: Mr. Martin introduced fifty students who had qualified as CMSL Chesapeake Champions.

Special Recognitions – Chesapeake Scholar Musicians: Seventy-five students who qualified as Chesapeake Scholar Musicians were recognized for their special achievements and accomplishments.

A list of all of the students and employees who were recognized is available through the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

Public Hearing

Renaming of the Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology: No citizens requested to speak.

Hearing of Citizens

None

Unfinished Business

None

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. Religious Exemption from Compulsory Attendance
- D. Department of Human Resources – Personnel Report

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer. The motion passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Announcements: The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. The schedule of all graduation ceremonies was reviewed.
2. The annual Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation's Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Cahoon Plantation.
3. The GED graduation will be held June 22, 2017, at Oscar Smith High School.
4. Summer School will begin June 26, 2017.
5. School Board members will have a training session with the Virginia School Boards Association June 28, 2017, at Grassfield High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy P 9-24 – Student Wellness –

First Reading: Dr. Vaughan said the proposed changes to this policy were mandated by recent legislation. The policy revisions are intended to promote student health across the Division. Mrs. Joanne Kinsey, Director, School Nutrition Services, Mrs. Jennifer McDermott, Nutrition Educator, School Nutrition Services, and Mrs. Trudy Jelderks, Supervisor of Health Services then updated the Board on the major changes to recent legislation. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the proposed revisions on First Reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The proposed revisions will appear on the Consent Agenda at the June 26, 2017, Board meeting for the Board's final decision.

Proposed Revisions to School Board Regulations R 9-24 – Student Wellness:

If the proposed revisions to School Board Policy P 9-24 are approved by the Board, changes will be made in School Board Regulations R 9-24 to align with the policy. Changes to Regulations do not require School Board action.

Proposed Revisions to School Board Regulations R 6-41 – Student Records:

At the request of the Division's records and Special Education personnel, one change has been made to School Board Regulations R 6-41 that aligns the Division's timeline for

producing records with FERPA requirements of 45 days. Changes to Regulations do not require School Board action.

Proposed New School Board Bylaws B 2-33 – Remote Participation at Meetings – First Reading: At the School Board Planning Meeting held on March 23, 2017, the Board directed the Superintendent to draft a policy allowing an absent School Board member to participate electronically. Board members provided several suggestions for the policy. During the discussion at the planning meeting, it was the consensus of the Board that the reason for the absence did not have to be stated publicly. However, the Code of Virginia requires a stated reason which the proposed policy reflects. All other Board suggestions were included. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the proposed new policy on First Reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The proposed new School Board Bylaws B 2-33 will appear on the Consent Agenda at the Board meeting on June 26, 2017.

Board Member Items

Mrs. Leary thanked the Board members for their hard work as another school year comes to a close. She also thanked the teachers, staffs, and students at each of the schools for a successful school year. Mrs. Leary thanked the Superintendent and staff for their leadership and their total commitment to excellence.

Mr. Tayon congratulated all the employees who were appointed to new positions.

Mr. Boone thanked the family of Mr. Blair Alexander Taylor for attending the meeting. He also congratulated those who were appointed to new positions. This weekend Mr. Boone said he will host his first car and motorcycle show to raise awareness for MS at the Applebee's in Grassfield from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Proffitt said she and several Board members attended the Virginia School Boards Association law conference. She thanked all of the teachers who have worked so hard this past school year.

Mr. Mercer said he spoke to ten kindergartner classes on being a School Board member at career day at Georgetown Primary School. He also congratulated Dr. Hope P. Terrell, Principal at Southeastern Elementary School, on her retirement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman