

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
June 27, 2011**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, June 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building. Mr. Harry Murphy, Chairman, presided.

Opening Ceremony

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

Pastor Dr. Tommy P. Smith of Divine Baptist Church gave the opening invocation. Gracen Machupa, who recently graduated from the fifth grade at E. W. Chittum Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Dr. Alan Vaughan called the roll and recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Mr. C. Jeff Bunn
 Mrs. Christie N. Craig
 Mrs. Bonita B. Harris
 Mrs. Brenda J. Johnson
 Mr. Thomas L. Mercer, Sr.
 Mrs. Christina F. Pullen
 Mr. Michael J. Woods
 Mr. James A. Leftwich, Jr., Vice Chair
 Mr. Harry A. Murphy, Chairman

Also present were Dr. James T. Roberts, Superintendent; Dr. William E. Russell, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Steven M. Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Ms. Victoria Lucente, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance; Dr. Patricia L. Powers, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Alan L. Vaughan, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and School Services/Administrative Assistant and 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 said he had no amendments to the agenda, but would need a closed session for three pupil matters, one legal matter, and one personnel matter. The Chair also had one personnel matter. Mrs. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Bunn seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Special Events

Special Recognitions: Dr. Vaughan introduced Mrs. Linda J. Byrd, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, who introduced the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, SCA President, and Senior Class President, for each of the seven high schools in Chesapeake.

Dr. Vaughan introduced Mr. Thomas L. Vaughan, Supervisor of Pupil Discipline, who introduced students and administrators who had distinguished themselves through special achievements and/or accomplishments. Mr. Vaughan introduced Ms. Cathryn Burby, Senior Community Manager for the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society, Inc. Ms. Burby thanked the Chesapeake Public Schools for their wonderful effort during the recent Relay for Life event. There were 35 teams made up of 728 participants from Chesapeake Public Schools. The 35 teams raised \$130,835.67.

A list of all individuals who were recognized is available from the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

Clerk's Items

None

Hearing of Citizens

The following individuals spoke regarding the Charlestown Lakes South subdivision.

1. Mrs. Marlene Van Zyl
1005 Dustin Court
Chesapeake, VA 23320
2. Miss Joni Van Zyl
1005 Dustin Court
Chesapeake, VA 23320
3. Ms. Aubree Malone
1024 Emory Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
4. Mr. John (Patrick) Belby
1025 Emory Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
5. Mrs. Doris O'Brien
828 Stacey Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
6. Mrs. Maggie Mitchell
836 Stacey Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Old Business

Lock Box Projections and CIP Funding: Dr. Roberts reminded the Board members City Council, in May, approved their 2012-16 Capital Improvement Budget. As approved, funding for major maintenance projects in the school's CIP will be restricted after the first year. Dr. Roberts stated staff is working on a proposal for consideration by the Board. Ms. Lucente then updated the Board by reviewing the historical funding sources for the CIP and the history of the Lock Box. Ms. Lucente reviewed the City's 2012-16 CIB. Information will be presented to the Board at a future meeting regarding proposed changes in the funding methodology currently used by the City in the development of their 2012-16 CIB. Dr. Roberts added there would be a discussion with the City about changing to 10-year debt part of what the City has earmarked as cash funded.

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. Personnel Report
- D. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy – P 5-12 – Complaints from the Public – Second Reading and Final Action

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Pullen seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion, with the exception of Mr. Murphy, who abstained.

Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Lucente presented a report on the financial activity for expenditures and revenue through May 31, 2011. A shortfall is expected in state revenue. Federal revenue may be better than previously expected. The revenue shortfall for local revenue is going to be less than originally expected. Expenditures are holding as expected.

Superintendent's Report

Announcements: The Superintendent announced the following:

1. All schools and facilities will be closed July 4, 2011. Regular office hours will be observed Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8, 2011. Employees will return to a four-day work week on Monday, July 11, 2011.

2. The Superintendent thanked the committee in charge of the graduation ceremonies, headed by Mrs. Linda Byrd and Mr. Wayne Martin, for a job well done. He thanked the principals and staff members of each high school and the central office staff who assisted with each of the graduation ceremonies. He thanked the students for their efficient and professional execution of each event. Approximately 3,200 seniors graduated this year earning over \$23 million in scholarships. A survey is available on the website for input from parents and the community regarding graduation ceremonies.

Migration Update: Dr. Roberts asked Mrs. Kate Pitchford, Director of Information Technology, to present an update on the migration to the new network operating system. Mrs. Pitchford stated that the migration started on September 9, 2010, and has a projected completion date of June 30, 2011. Over the past 21 weeks, the Division migrated 54 buildings, 5,400 E-mail accounts, and 45,000 network accounts with minimal impact on the instructional day. The migration allowed the Division to consolidate many of its servers, resulting in less demand on electrical power as well as cooling requirements for the equipment.

The migration also allowed for the remote management of servers. The system now provides for a centralized backup of information, which removes the burden from schools to back up data. A disaster recovery site has been established and the E-mail system has been improved.

Mrs. Pitchford thanked the Information Technology staff as well as the faculties and staffs in the schools. She also thanked Electronic Systems and the crew the company committed to this endeavor. Mrs. Pitchford closed by thanking Dr. Roberts and the Board for their continued support.

Board Member Items

Mrs. Johnson thanked the Chesapeake Noblemen of Chesapeake who gave a dictionary to every third grader in each of the Title I schools. Mrs. Johnson said she attended all seven high school graduations, and noted that each of the high schools had a different focus. At the Great Bridge High School ceremony, Mrs. Sheli Porter, principal, gave carnations to each graduate. Graduates were instructed to give the carnation to someone in the next twenty-four hours who had helped them through their high school career. The graduates from Deep Creek High School celebrated the school's 100th year. Grassfield High School graduated its first class where graduates had attended the school since their freshman year. Mrs. Alfredia Turner stated at Hickory High School's ceremony that they were the Best of Chesapeake. Mrs. Johnson stated she loved when the national anthem was sung at the ceremony for Indian River High School and the final words were "home of the brave." The graduation ceremony for Oscar Smith High School provided tradition by girls wearing white and males wearing black pants and white shirts and ties. She enjoyed the quote used at the Western Branch High School graduation ceremony by Mr. John Sykes, principal. Mrs. Johnson also attended the GED graduation, and congratulated Ms. Patricia Perkins who received her GED.

Mr. Bunn traveled to Roanoke for the annual Miss Virginia Pageant. Miss Chesapeake, Crystal Brickhouse, a graduate of Indian River High School, made the top 11 and was also chosen to receive the Miss America Community Service Award. Ms. Elizabeth Crot, a graduate of Hickory High School, was crowned Miss Virginia. Mr. Murphy congratulated Mr. Bunn on being presented a community service award by the Pageant staff.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Harris expressed condolences to family and friends of Jasmine Foreman, a recent graduate of Grassfield High School, who lost her life in a traffic accident. Mrs. Harris shared that Jasmine was a valued member of the Chesapeake schools' family and will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Mr. Mercer mentioned that this past Saturday, a football camp was sponsored by Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan. The co-leader for the camp was Mr. Cadillac Harris, football coach at Indian River High School and husband of Mrs. Bonita Harris. Mr. Mercer thanked all of the coaches and players from Chesapeake Public Schools who participated in the camp. Mr. Mercer, Mrs. Pullen, and Mrs. Harris attended the culminating event for the camp on Saturday. Mr. Mercer provided the blessing for the meal during the culminating activities. Mr. Mercer stated that tonight would be the final meeting for Dr. Vaughan as Clerk of the Board. On behalf of the Board, he thanked Dr. Vaughan for the assistance he has given Board members during his tenure as Clerk and welcomed Dr. Jean Infantino who will become Clerk of the Board effective July 1, 2011.

Mrs. Craig reminded everyone of the upcoming Fourth of July parade in South Norfolk.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mrs. Johnson for accompanying him to the GED graduation. He stated that Dr. Roberts and Dr. Powers also attended the event. The GED program provides a valuable service to the citizens of Chesapeake and he thanked all who participated in the ceremony.

Closed Session

Mr. Murphy 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 three pupil matters, two personnel matters, and one matter requiring consultation with legal counsel.”

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

Reconvene in Open Meeting

The meeting reconvened in open session. Mr. Leftwich moved that 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. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes.

Recommendations from Closed Session

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1 and Student #2 under the conditions discussed in closed session. Mr. Leftwich moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Mercer seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #3. Mr. Leftwich moved to accept the recommendation. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

The Superintendent recommended that services be provided to Student #3 during the period of expulsion. Mrs. Pullen moved to accept the recommendation. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which passed with Mr. Bunn, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Leftwich, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pullen, and Mr. Woods voting in favor of the motion. Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Mercer voted against the motion.

The Superintendent recommended the following administrative appointment.

1. Mrs. Michelle A. Ferebee, from assistant principal I, Western Branch High School, to assistant principal, Western Branch High School.

Mr. Bunn moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Leftwich seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Alan L. Vaughan, Ph.D., Clerk

Harry A. Murphy, Chairman