

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
October 24, 2011**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, October 24, 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.

Senior Pastor Heath Burris, Pastor of River Oak Church, gave the opening invocation. Kendall Bynum, a fifth grader at E. W. Chittum Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Dr. Jean Infantino 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 Chairman
 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; 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 said he had no amendments to the agenda but would need a closed session for the consideration of five pupil matters. The Chair also had one personnel matter for consideration in closed session. Mr. Bunn moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes.

Clerk's Items

High School Sports Recognition Award: Mr. Wayne Martin, Director of Student Services, introduced Mrs. Carolyn Bernard, Principal at Grassfield High School, and Mr. Matthew Puryear, Athletic Director at Grassfield High School. Grassfield High School was selected as the first recipient of the Chesapeake School Board Cup for the 2010-2011 school year. This award recognizes year-long athletic excellence in high school varsity athletic competition in 24 sports at the district level. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Mercer thanked Mr. Murphy for initiating the idea for the Chesapeake School Board Cup.

Hearing of Citizens

None

Old Business

Summary of Uses of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF): Beginning in fiscal year 08/09, Chesapeake Public Schools received various amounts of funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Funds were provided for program-specific purposes, such as Title I, Title VI B, Title II D, and Special Education Preschool as well as less restrictive spending provisions from State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) provided under ARRA. Ms. Lucente presented a summary of the amounts and uses of these various funds.

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. Personnel Report
- C. Advisory Committee on Gifted Education
- D. Ocean Tumblers – Building Use Request at Oscar Smith High School
- E. Religious Exemptions from Compulsory Attendance

Mr. Bunn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Craig seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Lucente presented a financial report for September 2011. According to Ms. Lucente, Impact Aid will be received earlier than expected this year. Expenditures for September are in line with those of the past several months. All ARRA funds have been expended. Educational Jobs Funds have not yet been expended.

Superintendent's Report

Announcements: The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. Representatives from Chesapeake Public Schools will attend the City Budget Input meeting on October 27, 2011, to hear the concerns and comments of Chesapeake's citizens.
2. A public hearing and work session for the Superintendent's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2022 is scheduled for November 7, 2011.
3. Twenty Chesapeake schools will be used as voting precincts for the November 8, 2011, general election.
4. Chesapeake Public Schools is awaiting verification from the State on the official enrollment number.
5. Schools will be closed Thursday, November 10, 2011, for a teacher work day. All schools and facilities will be closed Friday, November 11, 2011, in honor of Veteran's Day.
6. The Virginia Department of Education confirmed Chesapeake Public Schools' On Time Graduation Rate of 90.2% and Drop Out Rate of 5.6% as presented at the October 10, 2011, School Board meeting. Dr. Roberts thanked everyone in the School System for making those numbers possible.

Health Insurance and OPEB: Dr. Roberts read a statement from the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB 45) regarding the financial reporting of post-employment benefits other than pensions. Dr. Roberts reminded Board members the School System was not required to fund the unfunded liabilities. Also, actuarial services must be hired to perform the calculations necessary to determine the unfunded liabilities. The health insurance plan for retirees was changed in 2007 in an effort to reduce liability, and a trust fund was established to begin funding the liability in 2008. Ms. Lucente then provided historical reviews of health insurance, GASB 45, financial statement disclosures, OPEB, and funding.

Overview of Common Core State Standards: Dr. Powers provided an overview of Common Core State Standards. Mr. Robert Shirley, Supervisor of Secondary English, and Mrs. Sharon Huber, Supervisor of Elementary Mathematics, assisted with the presentation. Dr. Powers presented a brief background of the development of the Common Core State Standards. Mr. Shirley reported the Virginia Department of Education conducted a complete comparative analysis of the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Common Core State Standards and found there was little reason to forego the Virginia Standards of Learning for the Common Core State Standards. Mrs. Huber reported that content in the Virginia Standards of Learning is

aligned with the content of the Common Core State Standards, although learning progressions may not completely mirror each other. Dr. Powers said the Chesapeake Education Association expressed reservation of how the Common Core State Standards would interact with the Virginia Standards of Learning. Mr. Mercer thanked the staff for the presentation. There was a consensus of the Board for Mr. Mercer to oppose the adoption of the Common Core State Standards when he attends the Virginia School Board Association Delegate Assembly.

Superintendent’s Proposed Capital Improvement Plan – 2012-2022:

Annually the School System is required to submit an update of the capital needs for the next five years. This was the first public presentation of the annual update. Mr. John Bertocchi, Planner, presented an overview of the Superintendent’s Proposed Capital Improvement Plan – 2012-2022 (CIP). He reminded Board members that the CIP is a fluid document used as a management tool for planning capital improvement projects costing more than \$100,000. Ms. Paige Stutz, Director of New Construction and Planning, reminded Board members that the focus of the CIP remains the Major Mechanical and Maintenance Projects needed throughout the School System. The total cost of the first five years of the CIP is \$485,942,000, this includes an inflation factor. The next presentation on the CIP will be Monday, November 7, 2011. Additional copies of the CIP are available in the New Construction & Planning Department, at www.cpschools.com, and at all branches of the public library.

Board Member Items

Mr. Bunn said he and Mrs. Johnson attended the Chesapeake Farm Bureau Annual Banquet. He thanked Mr. Lyle Pugh for the invitation to attend. Mr. Bunn and Mrs. Johnson also attended the Dunedin Civic League Annual Banquet. He thanked Mr. Phillips for inviting them to attend. He and Mrs. Johnson also attended an anti-bullying program sponsored by the guidance department at Oscar Smith High School.

Mrs. Pullen said she attended a meeting of the Chesapeake Council of the PTA. A representative from the Chesapeake Friend of the Arts attended the meeting and reminded everyone that “Arts Alive” will take place on February 18, 2012, at Oak Grove Methodist Church. This event allows students to audition for grants and scholarships and obtain professional critiques from some of the area’s well known and respected artists.

Mrs. Johnson attended the homecoming at Oscar Smith High School. She congratulated Oscar Smith High School and Western Branch High School on a great game. As the liaison to the Special Education Advisory Committee, she thanked all special education teachers for their hard work. She also visited Western Branch Intermediate School. She thanked all of the volunteers who take care of the football fields throughout the School System.

Mr. Leftwich congratulated the bands at Hickory High School and Grassfield High School for placing second and eighth, respectively in the Bands of America competition at Towson. Several future voting constituents, including his daughters, approached him about having the day after Halloween as a holiday. He told them he

doubted that would happen because of the required seat hours during the year, but he would present it to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Mercer announced the Aspire Program sponsored by the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department would be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

Mr. Murphy announced he ran the first Chairman's Challenge for this school year at Western Branch Primary School. He sent kudos to the PTA at Western Branch Primary for a wonderful fall festival. He also reminded everyone that members of the Board will be participating in the Pink Bowl, a Dodge Ball Tournament, at Oscar Smith Middle School on November 9, 2011. Coaching and managing the Board members' team will be Mrs. Johnson. He invited everyone to stop by Oscar Smith High School Tuesday, October 25, 2011, and participate in the fund raiser to assist Mrs. Pam Zwimmer, a teacher at Oscar Smith High School, in her battle against cancer.

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 five pupil matters and one personnel matter.”

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

Recommendations from Closed Session

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1, Student #2, Student #3, and Student #4, under the conditions discussed. Mr. Leftwich moved to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harris and passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

Harry A. Murphy, Chairman