

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
September 26, 2011**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, September 26, 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 Darrel L. McClary of New Light Baptist Church gave the opening invocation. Miss Ashley Riddick, a fifth grader at Camelot 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; 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 had no amendments to the agenda, but added he would need a closed session for one legal matter. The Chairman also had one personnel matter. Mr. Bunn moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting yes.

Clerk's Items

Memorial Resolution – Mrs. Lorraine B. Taylor: Dr. Infantino advised a Memorial Resolution honoring the life and service of Mrs. Lorraine B. Taylor had been prepared. Mr. Thomas L. Hutchens, Supervisor, Educational Resource Center, introduced members of her family: Arrel B. Taylor, husband; Leah Hancock, daughter; Glen Hancock, son-in-law; Kaylee Hancock, granddaughter; Mallory Hancock, granddaughter; Murial Hancock, friend of the family; Laura West, daughter; Christopher West, son-in-law; John West, grandson; Larry Butler, brother; Jacque Butler, sister-in-law; Christopher Butler, brother; Margaret Butler, sister; Madeline Merritt, sister; Joseph Butler, nephew; and Elizabeth Butler, niece.

**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF
MRS. LORRAINE B. TAYLOR**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that we, the Members of the Chesapeake School Board, here assembled on this twenty-sixth day of September 2011, do hereby pay tribute to the life and memory of Mrs. Lorraine B. Taylor.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor was employed as an Inventory Control Specialist for fifteen years at the Educational Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, during that time she performed all of her responsibilities with a spirit of teamwork, dedication, and commitment; her degree of expertise and professionalism in so many areas related to maintaining our school system's asset management program, and outstanding work ethics were an asset to both the Educational Resource Center and Chesapeake Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, she was highly esteemed by her colleagues 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 her service to the school system and extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy at her 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 her family as evidence of our esteem and reverence for the memory of Mrs. Lorraine B. Taylor.

Attest:

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

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

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolution, Mr. Bunn moved for adoption. Mr. Leftwich seconded the motion, which passed with all members voting in favor of adoption.

Dr. Infantino added that since the last meeting, Mrs. Harris had determined her schedule would allow her to attend the VSBA Annual Conference in Williamsburg, VA, scheduled for November. Mr. Mercer moved to approve the attendance of Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Craig seconded the motion which passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Hearing of Citizens

None

Old 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. Personnel Report
- D. Proposed New School Board Policy – P 9-20.2 – Electronic Reading Devices – Second Reading and Final Action
- E. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy – P 9-20.1 – Cellular Telephones, Other Portable Telecommunications Devices, and Electronic Devices – Second Reading and Final Action
- F. Religious Exemptions from Compulsory Attendance

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

Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Lucente presented the financial report ending August 31, 2011. Ms. Lucente reported there was very little activity in August since the majority of school system expenses are incurred beginning in September. A total of \$29.7 million in revenue has been received from State and the City of Chesapeake. No Federal revenue will be received until December. Approximately \$1.4 million remain of the funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (AARA). Remaining AARA funds will be expended by September 30, 2011. There have been no expenditures of the \$9.36 million Education Jobs Fund to date.

Superintendent's Report

Announcements: The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. The Open Enrollment count taken on September 14, 2011, was 38,514, thirty-six fewer students than projected. An official count will be taken at the end of September.
2. The Virginia Department of Education will publish a news release on school accreditation later in the week. Chesapeake Public Schools is expecting to be 100% accredited.

Legislative Agenda Items: During the July School Board meeting, when the Board set its calendar for the coming year, the Board designated December 5, 2011, as a special meeting date for the Board to meet with the Chesapeake Delegation to the General Assembly. In order to prepare for that meeting, a legislative package needs to be established that would direct much of the discussion at this meeting and would establish the Board's position on several issues. Dr. Roberts presented a proposed list of topics for the meeting. Mr. Bunn moved to approve the list of topics proposed by the Superintendent. Mrs. Craig seconded the motion, which passed with all Board members voting in favor of the motion. The Superintendent's staff will research the topics and prepare information for Board members. The recommended packet will be presented to the Board on November 14, 2011. After the motion was approved, Mrs. Johnson requested to add the topic of bus maintenance required to be performed by bus drivers. Dr. Roberts offered to draft recommended wording for review by Board members.

2012-2013 Budget Calendar: Dr. Roberts reminded Board members this year's budget packet will include the operating budget as well as budgets for categorical grants. Ms. Lucente then provided an update on the 2012-2013 budget calendar.

Board Member Items

Mrs. Johnson visited Oscar Smith High School and observed their AVID program. She spent an hour with students hearing about their goals for the next ten years. She also visited Dr. Satterfield, a security monitor, at G. W. Carver Intermediate School, and complimented him for his hard work. Mrs. Johnson attended the Southeastern Virginia Music Games at Hickory High School. She congratulated Grassfield High School for winning first place, and Great Bridge High School for placing second at the event.

Mrs. Harris said she was happy to see the "Bloomberg BusinessWeek" rated Chesapeake the 21st best city in which to live, and ranked the school system the highest in the State. She congratulated Greenbrier Intermediate School which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this week.

Mr. Murphy, at the invitation of Mrs. Johnson, spoke to the Women's Club of South Norfolk in celebration of education month. He thanked Board members and staff for the productive planning session held on September 22, 2011, and said he is looking

forward to the next planning session. He wished Mrs. Johnson a happy birthday, and wished her luck at the Bra-ha-ha, a fund raiser for the prevention of breast 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 one personnel matter and one matter requiring advice of 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. Johnson 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. Mr. Mercer seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting yes.

Recommendations from Closed Session

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

Harry A. Murphy, Chairman