

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday, April 20, 2017 (4:30 PM)

The meeting of the Suffolk City School Board was called to order by Dr. Michael J. Debranski, Chairman. The following persons were present:

Board Members: Linda W. Bouchard
Judith Brooks-Buck, Ph.D.
Phyllis C. Byrum
Enoch C. Copeland, *Vice Chair*
Michael J. Debranski, Ed.D., *Chair*
David P. Mitnick
Lorraine B. Skeeter

Also in Attendance: Deran R. Whitney, Ed.D., *Superintendent*
Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*
Wendell M. Waller, *School Board Attorney*

4:30 PM – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING

School Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Boucbard seconded the motion, to go into a Closed Meeting to discuss the following items and subjects pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended:

1. The discussion and/or consideration of the Personnel Report and Related Information;
2. The discussion and/or consideration of the Pupil Personnel Report; and
3. The discussion and/or consideration of Student Appeal 16/17-4.

All of which is authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (1), (2) and (3) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 7 – 0

6:00 PM – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

PRESENTATIONS

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.
2. The School Board and attending public were led in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Recognition of Dr. Milton R. Liverman, former Superintendent.
4. Recognition of 2017 Lakeland High School Honor Graduates.

OPENING OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETNIG

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.
2. The School Board and attending public were led in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED MEETING

School Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Lorraine Skeeter seconded the motion, to approve the Resolution of Certificate of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 7 – 0

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There following speaker appeared before the School Board at this time.

1. Chris Dove – community member – comment on need for increase teacher support in dealing with disciplinary issues; city has neglected to adequately provide adequate funding for education; important function of school board is to obtain sufficient funding

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Teacher Feedback & Support Action Plan – Dr. Whitney advised that he and staff had met with six different teacher groups and plan to also meet with support staff groups. Dr. L. Harrison shared some of the feedback received from the teachers and the plans to address the concerns and comments shared during those meetings..
2. Community Service Hours – an update regarding student community service hours was presented.
3. Calendar of Special Events: Dr. Whitney noted a listing of upcoming events are provided to Board Members.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no discussion requested, Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Payment of Bills
2. School Board Meeting Minutes
3. Field Trips
4. Short Term Lease – East End Baptist Church
5. 2017 Curriculum Committees
6. Career and Technical Education – Local Plan & Budget 2017-2018

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 7 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. School Board's Approved Financial Plan 2017-2018

No additional information was provided at this time.

2. Scheduling of a Special Meeting to adopt the School Board's Financial Plan for 2017-2018

School Board Member Linda Bouchard moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to approve the scheduling of a special meeting on May 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. (location to be determined) for the purpose of adopting the School Board's Financial Plan for 2017-2018.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Education – Local Plan & Budget for 2017-2018

Information and accomplishments of the Special Education program was presented. School Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to approve the Special Education Local Plan & Budget for 2017-2018.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 7 – 0

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

The following speakers appeared before the School Board to address concerns regarding salaries and other funding presented in the 2017-2018 Financial Plan.

1. Chris Dove, community member – clarified that the information he presented during his earlier comments was obtained from city and/or state reports.

BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During this time on the agenda, School Board Members may provide updated reports regarding committees to which they may be assigned, or provide comments on school-related events.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items in this category are provided only for the Board's review and information. No action was required by the Board.

ACTION ON CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

1. Personnel Report

Board Member Enoch Copeland moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 7 - 0

2. Pupil Personnel Report

Board Member Enoch Copeland moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve the Pupil Personnel Report as presented.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 7 - 0

3. Student Appeal 16/17-4

Board Member Enoch Copeland moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to grant the request of Student Appeal 16/17-4, subject to the Superintendent's Alternative Educational Plan for the student.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 7 - 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the April 20, 2017 meeting.