

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT NANSEMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 (5:30 PM)

The meeting of the Suffolk City School Board was called to order by Mr. Enoch C, Copeland, Vice Chairman. The following persons were present:

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

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

5:30 PM – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Copeland, Vice Chairman.

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING

School Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck 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;
3. The discussion and/or consideration of Student Appeal 16/17-3; and
4. The discussion and/or consideration of Personnel Action 16/17-1.

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

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

7:00 PM - OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Vice 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. Lisa Cross – recommendation for name of new middle school for consideration
2. Robert Stephens – recommendation for name of new middle school for consideration

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Good News: Recognition of School Board Appreciation Month –
The Governor of Virginia recognizes February as School Board Appreciation Month for board member efforts towards improving public education. Board members were presented with certificates from VSBA and an appreciation gift created by students in the school division.
2. The Pruden Center Redesign Presentation – information concerning the instructional program redesign was provided
3. Calendar of Special Events: A listing of upcoming events was provided for the Board ‘s information.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no discussion requested, Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck 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. Summer School Programs 2017
5. Resolutions: 16/17-22; 16/17-23; 16/17-24; 16/17-25; 16/17-26

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)

The motion Carried 6 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Superintendent’s Proposed Financial Plan 2017-2018
Dr. Whitney and Ms. W. Forsman, Executive Director- Finance, presented the Superintendent’s Proposed Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 based on financial information known at this time.
2. Committee Recommendation for Naming of New Middle School
(1) School Board Member Lorraine Skeeter moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to waiver its policy 6-2.5(b) requirement that “Schools and schools facilities may be named for individuals wo have been deceased for at least 10 years.”

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)

The motion Carried 6 – 0

- (2) School Board Member Linda Bouchard moved, and Member David Mitnick seconded the motion, to approve the name of the middle school as: Colonel Fred Cherry

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)

The motion Carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dual Enrollment Program

Changes affecting the Dual Enrollment Program were shared with the School Board. School Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to approve the Dual Enrollment Program changes as presented.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

2. Proposed Courses 2017-2018

A listing of the proposed courses for 2017-2018 was provided, including proposed new courses, amended courses, and course recommendations for deletion.

School Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to approve the courses for 2017-2018 as presented.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Two of the speakers signed up to address the School Board at this time provided their comments during the 7:00 pm Public Input meeting; the other speaker did not appear.

1. Keisha Bryant-Butts, employee – ability of substitutes to obtain full time employment

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 Linda Bouchard moved, and Member Phyllis Byrum seconded the motion, to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

2. Pupil Personnel Report

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

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

3. Personnel Action 16/17-1

Board Member Linda Bouchard moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer regarding Personnel Action 16/17-1.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

4. Student Appeal 16/17-3

Board Member Linda Bouchard moved, and Member Lorraine Skeeter seconded the motion, to reject the suspension recommendation of the Pupil Personnel Committee and accept the Homebound Contract presented regarding Student Appeal 16/17-3.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (*Debranski*)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Vice Chairman adjourned the February 9, 2017 meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Michael J. Debranski, *Ed.D., Chairman*

Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*