

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, June 8, 2017 (5:30 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*

5:30 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 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; and
2. The discussion and/or consideration of the Pupil Personnel Report;

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: 7 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 7 – 0

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 were no speakers appearing before the School Board at this time.

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Colonial Pipeline Company: Mr. Terry Mock of Colonial Pipeline Company advised of an anomaly in its pipeline in the middle of the Nansemond River requiring a replacement of a section pipe. Mr. Mock further explained additional work that the company would be required to do within its existing right-of-way easement on multiple pieces of property in the area. Mr. Mock stated the company was requesting to utilize a portion of the John Yeates Middle School property to accommodate its equipment during the period of August through November 2017.
2. Calendar of Special Events: Dr. Whitney commented on several upcoming events shown on the listing provided to Board Members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented, excepting Item 5 (*Appointment of School Board Clerk and Deputy Clerk for fiscal year 2017-2018*), which was taken as a separate action.

- Payment of Bills
- School Board Meeting Minutes
- Field Trips
- Salary of School Board Clerk for fiscal year 2017-2018
- Resolution 16/17-31: Granting the Superintendent the authority to expend End-of-Year Funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 for certain designated repair and/or purchasing needs
- Resolution 16/17-32: Authorizing Chairman and Superintendent to make an award and enter into a contract to provide fiber installation services and maintenance
- 2017-2018 VHSL Membership Dues
- Title I Summer Curriculum Committees
- Mandated Student Meal Price Increases
- 2017-2018 Local Consolidated Application
- 2017-2018 Title III Statewide Consortium Application

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

Item 5: Appointment of School Board Clerk and Deputy Clerk for fiscal year 2017-2018

Following the Superintendent's recommendation, Board Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve Cynthia B. Chavis as Clerk and LaToya Harrison as Deputy Clerk of the Suffolk City School Board for fiscal year 2017-2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUISNESS

There was no new business to come before the Board at this time.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no speakers appearing before the School Board at this time.

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 Judith Brooks-Buck 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 Judith Brooks-Buck 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

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the June 8, 2016 meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*