

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT KING'S FORK HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday, April 12, 2018 (4:00 PM)

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

Linda Bouchard
Judith Brooks Buck, Ph.D
Phyllis Byrum, *Vice Chair*
Enoch Copeland, *Chair*
Michael Debranski, Ed.D
David Mitnick
Lorraine Skeeter

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

4:00 PM - OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:10 pm.

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING

1. Motion to go into a Closed Meeting

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded to approve 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 regarding specific individuals relative to employment of prospective candidates, resignations, appointments, promotions, and disciplining of specific employees of the School Board;
2. The discussion and/or consideration of the Pupil Personnel Report relative to out of zone requests and disciplinary matters regarding specific students enrolled in Suffolk Public Schools where the discussion in open meeting would involve the disclosure of information contained in the student's scholastic record; and
3. The discussion and/or consideration of Student Appeals 12/18-5, 17/18-6, and 17/18-7. 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

6:00 PM - 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 Honor Graduates - King's Fork High School

OPENING OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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 CLOSED MEETING

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, 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 public speakers to address the Board at this time.

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Calendar of Special Events

CONSENT AGENDA

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Payment of Bills and Payroll March 2018

School Board Meeting Minutes

Field Trips

2018 Curriculum Committees

Textbook Adoption Committees

2018-2019 Additional Course Proposal / Revisions

Resolution 17/18-23

Local Plan and Budget for Career and Technical Education - 2018-2019

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. School Board's Approved Financial Plan 2018-2019

No action was required by the School Board at this time.

2. Energy Performance Contracting

Dr. Whitney summarized the current status of the Energy Performance contracting program that was previously explored. He advised that he and the City Manager were exploring energy contracting at a smaller scale to address some of the needs of the school division. The Board discussed the costs and other aspects of trying to move forward with the Trane Energy Performance Contracting proposal.

Member (David Mitnick) Moved, Member (Linda Bouchard) Seconded the motion to approve the School Board pursuing an Energy Performance Contract with the City's backing.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 (Bouchard, Debranski, Mitnick) Nay: 4 (Brooks-Buck, Byrum, Copeland, Skeeter). The motion Failed. 3 - 4

3. Revision of Approved Elementary Zone

A revision to the elementary rezoning boundary lines was presented.

Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Moved, Member (Michael Debranski) Seconded the motion to approve the adjustment to the rezoning boundary lines as presented.

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

4. Adjustment to 2017-2018 School Calendar

An adjustment to the 2017-2018 School Board for make-up of missed time due to weather was presented.

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve the adjustment to the 2017-2018 School Calendar for make-up of missed time due to weather.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the 2018-2019 School Calendar

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks-Buck) Seconded the motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar, as proposed.

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

There were no speakers to address the School Board at this time.

BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During this time on the agenda, School Board Members are to provide comments on matters of interest.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION ON CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

1. Personnel Report

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Report as submitted.

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

2. Pupil Personnel Reports

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Lorraine Skeeter) Seconded the motion to approve the Pupil Personnel Reports as submitted.

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

3. Student Appeal 17/18-5

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve to deny the request of Student Appeal 17/18-5 and to modify the student's assignment.

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

4. Student Appeal 17/18-6

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to deny the request of Student Appeal 17/18-6.

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

5. Student Appeal 17/18-7

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to table the request of Student Appeal 17/18-7 until the May 2018 School Board meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the School Board meeting at 8:25 pm.

Enoch C. Copeland

Cynthia B. Chavis