

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, January 11, 2018 (4:00 PM)

The meeting of the Suffolk City School Board was called to order by Mrs. Phyllis Byrum, Vice Chair. The following persons were present:

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

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

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:08 p.m.

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 regarding specific individuals relative to employment of prospective candidates, resignations, appointments, promotions, and disciplining of specific employees of the School Board; and
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.

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 – OPENING OF COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.
2. The following persons provided comments regarding the Proposed School Schedule and Rezoning: James Yunker; Jennifer Davis; Heather Wiggins; Joel Newberry; Kent Adams;

Linda Martin; Dawn Mathews; Brian Kinsey; Lisa McDonald; Stacey Griffis; Sharon Criner; Kim Moore; Emily Asbell; Maggie Fears; James Jache; Steve Ferguson; Lorita Mayo; Nichole Madison; Michael Modesitt; CoryAnne Mayfield; Frances Jones; Lindsey Darden; Amanda Pautte; Robert Fink; Kristi Willis; Alexandra Manso; Michael Harris; Amy Ford; Kyle Gilbertson; Sheri Jernigan; Pamela Sirelli; Mike Harrison; Debra McIntosh

7:00 PM – OPENING OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:27 p.m..
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 Judith Brooks-Buck 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: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 (Debranski)
The motion Carried 6 – 0

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA TOPICS

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

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. New School Construction – updates of the construction status of the new elementary school and new middle school were provided.
2. School Calendar Make-up Days
3. Calendar of Special Events

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no discussion requested, Board Member Linda Bouchard 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 Trip
4. Resolution 17/18-19

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Lakeland High School – Stadium Name Change Request

School Board Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve the Lakeland High School stadium name change to Edward S. Smither Jr. Stadium.

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

The motion Carried 6 – 0

2. Second Reading of Ordinances 17/18-32 through 17/18-41

School Board Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion, to approve Ordinances 17/18-32 through 17/18-41.

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

The motion Carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinances 17/18-42 through 17/18-54

No action was required of the first reading of the Ordinances.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no speakers to address the 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 other school or community 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 Lorraine Skeeter moved, and Member Phyllis Byrum seconded the motion, to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

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

The motion Carried 6 – 0

2. Pupil Personnel Report

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

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

The motion Carried 6 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the January 11, 2018 School Board meeting at 7:54 pm.

Enoch C. Copeland, *Chairman*

Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*