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MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
AT SUFFOLK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, January 11, 2018 (3:30 PM)

OPENING OF MEETING: The Organizational Meeting of the Suffolk City School Board was called to order by Dr. Deran Whitney, Superintendent.

Upon the roll being called, the follow persons were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Phyllis Byrum
 David Mitnick
 Enoch Copeland
 Judith Brooks Buck, Ph.D.
 Linda Bouchard
 Lorraine Skeeter
 Michael Debranski, Ed.D.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Deran R. Whitney, Superintendent
 Cynthia B. Chavis, Clerk
 Wendell M. Waller, School Board Attorney

I. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK

Dr. Whitney presided over the election of Chair of the School Board.

1. Nomination/Election of School Board Chairman for Year 2018

Enoch Copeland was nominated by Dr. Michael Debranski to serve as Chairman of the Suffolk City School Board.

There being no other nominations put forth to serve as Chairman, Member Lorraine Skeeter moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, that the nominations for Chair of the Board for the 2018 year be closed. Mr. Copeland shall serve as the School Board Chairman for the 2018 calendar year.

Chairman Copeland presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2 Nomination/Election of Vice Chair for Year 2018

Phyllis Byrum was nominated by Dr. Michael Debranski to serve as Vice Chair of the Suffolk City School Board for the year 2018.

There being no other nominations put forth to serve as Vice Chair, Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Lorraine Skeeter seconded the motion, that the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board for the 2018 year be closed. Mrs. Byrum shall serve as the School Board Vice Chair for the 2018 calendar year.

3. Appointment of Clerk and Deputy Clerk through December 31, 2018

Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Michael Debranski seconded the motion to appoint Cynthia B. Chavis to serve as Clerk, and Dr. LaToya Harrison to serve as Deputy Clerk of the School Board through December 31, 2018.

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

II. SETTING OF SALARIES

1. Setting of School Board Members and Chair Salaries for Year 2018

Member Linda Bouchard moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion to approve an annual salary of \$10,000 for each school board member and an additional \$1,400 payable to the Chair for performance of duties required by that position.

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

III. SETTING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

1. Setting of School Board Meetings for the 2018 Calendar Year

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to approve regular meetings to be held as follows for the 2017 calendar year: 4:30 pm - Public Work Meeting; 5:30 pm - Dinner/Closed Meeting; 7:00 pm - Public Meeting; to be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the City Council Chambers.

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

IV. APPOINTMENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

1. Approval of Board Member Appointments for Calendar Year 2018

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Board Members to Committees as presented.

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

All appointments are for the calendar year 2018 unless otherwise noted.

ACCESS Committee — Chair/Vice Chair meets 4 times per year
Member — Lorraine Skeeter

City Council Liaison Committee — Chair/Vice Chair - meets as needed
Member— Enoch Copeland and Phyllis Byrum

Finance Committee - 2 Members / Alternates - meets as needed
Members— Enoch Copeland, Chair and Phyllis Byrum, Vice Chair
Alternates— Linda Bouchard, Judith Brooks-Buck, Michael Debranski, David Mitnick, Lorraine Skeeter

The Governor's School for the Arts - Member & Alternate - meets 4 times per year
Member— Linda Bouchard; Alternate — Deran Whitney

Local Special Education Advisory Committee -Ex-Officio Member / Alternate - meets 6 times per year
Member— David Mitnick; Alternates- Judith Brooks-Buck; Linda Bouchard

Pupil Personnel Committee - Members / Alternate - meets weekly as needed (9:00 a.m. on Thursdays @ SAO)
Members—Linda Bouchard, Judith Brooks-Buck, Phyllis Byrum, David Mitnick
Alternates —Enoch Copeland, Michael Debranski, Lorraine Skeeter

School Board Policy Sub-Committee - 2 Members / Alternate -meets as needed
Members— Enoch Copeland, Judith Brooks-Buck; Alternate- Phyllis Byrum

SECEP Board Member — meets 4 times per year
Member— Judith Brooks-Buck; Alternate — Linda Bouchard

Suffolk Education Foundation (SEF) Ex-Officio Member / Alternate
Member— David Mitnick; Alternate — Michael Debranski

Virginia School Board Association Voting Delegate & Alternate @ VSBA Delegate Assembly and Regional Meeting in November 2018 - Chair & Vice Chair
Member — Enoch Copeland; Alternate— Phyllis Byrum

WHRO Governing Board of Directors - Member & Alternate - meets 4 times per year
Member— Linda Bouchard; Alternate— Judith Brooks-Buck

V. SUPERNTENDENT'S DESIGNEES

1. Superintendent's Designees

Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to appoint Dr. LaToya Harrison, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Suzanne Rice, Assistant Superintendent, as Designees to execute documents and/or to appear at meetings in the absence of the Superintendent as may be required.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the Organizational Meeting of January 11, 2018, at 4:05 p.m.

Enoch C. Copeland., Chairman

Cynthia B. Chavis, Clerk