

**MEETING OF  
SUFFOLK SCHOOL BOARD  
Thursday, June 14, 2018 (5:00 PM)**

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Upon the Roll being called, the following persons were present:

David Mitnick  
Enoch Copeland, Chairman  
Judith Brooks Buck  
Linda Bouchard  
Lorraine Skeeter  
Michael Debranski  
Phyllis Byrum, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Dr. Deran R. Whitney, Superintendent  
Cynthia B. Chavis, Clerk  
Wendell M. Waller, School Board Attorney

**5:00 PM - OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The School Board Meeting is called to order by the Chairman.

**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;
3. The discussion and/or consideration of Student Appeal 17/18-10;
4. The discussion and/or consideration of Personnel Action 17/18-1. 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0

**7:00 PM - OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

## CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Linda Bouchard) Seconded 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 to address the School Board at this time.

## REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

### 1. Good News Report - Recognition of Top Partners and Top Volunteers

Certificates were presented to various top partner and top volunteers for their work/contributions to schools. The individuals and organizations were thanked for their efforts and contributions to the school system.

### 2. Calendar of Special Events

## CONSENT AGENDA

Member (Linda Bouchard) 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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. State Budget - Update

Ms. Forsman, Executive Director-Finance, provided an update regarding increased state funds to be provided in the amount of \$550,559. She advised that the funds, once appropriated by the City, would be used towards school safety initiatives.

### 2. Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Lorraine Skeeter) Seconded the motion to approve the Strategic Plan 2018-2023.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Re-scheduling of the August 9, 2018 School Board Meeting and setting of a School Board Vision Planning Meeting for August 16, 2018; 9:00 am at King's Fork High School

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Lorraine Skeeter) Seconded the motion to approve the re-scheduling of its August 9, 2018 monthly meeting and the setting of a School Board Vision Planning Meeting for August 16, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am, at King's Fork High School.

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

### 2. No action was required at this time on the First Readings of Ordinances 18/19- 1 through 18/19-8.

## PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

1. Chrisi Duman- requested that homeschool daughter be allowed to attend school on a part-time basis.

2. William Newsome – shared concerns regarding student needs and teacher salaries

## BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During this time on the agenda, Board Members may provide comments on matters of interest.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

Various information is provided that does not require School Board approval.

## ACTION ON CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

### 1. Pupil Personnel Reports

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) 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

### 2. Personnel Report

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Lorraine Skeeter) 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

### 3. Withdrawn -Student Appeal 17/18-10

The request of Student Appeal 17/18-10 was withdrawn and no action was required.

### 4. Personnel Action 17/18- 01

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to deny the request of Personnel Action 17/18-01 and re-assigned the employee from a full-time position to a substitute position for a year and placement on probation.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 1 (Mitnick). The motion Carried. 6 - 1

## ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the School Board meeting.

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Enoch C. Copeland, Chairman

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Cynthia B. Chavis, Clerk