

**MEETING OF
SUFFOLK SCHOOL BOARD
Thursday, March 8, 2018 (5:00 PM)**

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

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

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 was called to order by the Chairman.

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING

1. Motion to go into a Closed Meeting

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Michael Debranski) 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;
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 the Student Appeal Number 17/18-4.

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 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

1. Public Input Meeting was called to Order by the Chairman.
2. The Public may provide comments regarding the Proposed Financial Plan FY 2018-2019
... Sidney Neighbours
... Thelma Hinton

The Chairman closed the Public Input Meeting at 7:03 pm.

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

1. Certificate 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

1. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items
... Brandy Roberts-school scheduling and rezoning
... Thelma Hinton-concerns regarding non-accredited schools
... Parent-concern that later school times affect other student activities
... Robert Tank-rezoning add increased time on school buses
... Amy Ford- encourage to have all schools accredited and safe
... Pamela Serielie-proposed rezoning prevents parent participation
... Wendy Murray-rezoning would require own child to attend non-accredited school
... Shelly Nuney-do not feel rezoning for racial balance will be possible in some schools

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Annual Fine Arts Report
2. School Safety
3. Calendar of Special Events

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Payment of bills and payroll

School Board Minutes

Field Trips

Application to lease building

Resolutions

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Superintendent's Proposed Financial Plan FY 2018-2019

No action was required by the Board.

2. Revise March 20, 2018 Special Meeting: 4:30 pm- Closed Meeting; 6:00 pm- LHS Honor Graduates; 7:00 pm- Strategic Plan Update; Approval of Financial Plan FY 2018-2019

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Linda Bouchard) Seconded the motion to approve the revision of a Special Meeting scheduled for March 20, 2018 as follows: 4:30 pm- Closed Meeting; 6:00 pm- LHS Honor Graduates; 7:00 pm- Approve Financial Plan FY 2018-2019.

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

3. Proposed School Schedule Changes

Member (Linda Bouchard) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve Proposal 1 for the proposed school schedule change..

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

4. Proposed Rezoning - Elementary Schools

Member (Lorraine Skeeter) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve Proposal 1 for rezoning for Elementary Schools.

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

5. Proposed Rezoning - Middle Schools

Member (Linda Bouchard) Moved, Member (Phyllis Byrum) Seconded the motion to approve Proposal 1 for rezoning for Middle Schools.

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

6. Proposed Rezoning - High Schools

Member (David Mitnick) Moved, Member (Michael Debranski) Seconded the motion to approve Proposal #1 for rezoning for High Schools.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 1 (Mitnick) Nay: 5 (Bouchard, Brooks-Buck, Byrum, Copeland, Skeeter) Abstain: 1 (Debranski).

The motion failed. 1 - 5 - 1

Member (Linda Bouchard) Moved, Member (Judith Brooks Buck) Seconded the motion to approve Proposal #2 for the zoning for High Schools.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 (Bouchard, Brooks-Buck, Byrum, Copeland, Skeeter) Nay: 1 (Mitnick) Abstain: 1 (Debranski).

The motion Carried. 5 - 1 - 1

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 (Linda Bouchard) 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 17/18-4

Member (Phyllis Byrum) Moved, Member (Linda Bouchard) Seconded the motion to approve that, relative to Student Appeal 17/18-4, the student shall be allowed to pursue an advanced degree; continue Egenuity; shall be allowed to participate in graduation exercises; allowed to take the SAT and ACT at school; and suspension shall continue through June 8, 2018.

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

The motion Carried. 6 - 1 (Mitnick)

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the March 8, 2018 meeting of the School Board at 8:27 pm.

Enoch C. Copeland

Cynthia B. Chavis