

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**AT NANSEMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**  
Thursday, May 10, 2018 (3:30 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: Judith Brooks-Buck, Ph.D.  
Phyllis C. Byrum, *Vice Chair*  
Michael J. Debranski, Ed.D.  
David P. Mitnick  
Lorraine B. Skeeter

*Absent:* Linda W. Bouchard  
Enoch C. Copeland, *Chairman*

Also in Attendance: Deran R. Whitney, Ed.D., *Superintendent*  
Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*

**3:30 PM – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair.

**MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING**

School Board Member Michael Debranski moved, and Member Lorraine Skeeter 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 Student Appeals 17/18-7, 17/18-8, and 17/18-9.

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: 4 Nay: 0 (*Absent from vote only: Brooks-Buck*) The motion Carried 4 – 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

**6:00 PM – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**PRESENTATIONS**

1. The School Board Meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair.

2. The School Board and attending public were led in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Recognition of 2018 Nansemond River High School Honor Graduates.

### **7:00 PM – OPENING OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETNIG**

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 A CLOSED MEETING**

School Board Member Michael Debranski 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: 5 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 5 – 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

### **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. Strategic Plan Update – a review of the current status of the Strategic plan was provided to the School Board. The Board will approval a final plan at the June 2018 meeting.
3. Community Service Hours –information was provided regarding the number of students who have completed the community service hours requirement.
4. Calendar of Special Events: Dr. Whitney commented on several upcoming events on the listing provided to Board Members.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no discussion requested, Board Member David Mitnick 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 Trips
4. Special Education Annual Plan 2018-2019

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 75 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 – 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. School Board's Approved Financial Plan 2018-2019  
Dr. Whitney advised that no action was required as the City Council would not vote on the School Board's request for funding until May 16, 2018.

## **NEW BUISNESS**

### **1. Scheduling of a Special Meeting to adopt a Financial Plan 2018-2019**

School Board Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member David Mitnick seconded the motion, that a Special Meeting to adopt a Finance Plan 2018-2019 would be scheduled for 9:00 am on May 18, 2018, at the School Administrative Offices.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion Carried 5 – 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

## **PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

The following speakers appeared before the School Board to share comments.

1. Robert Lincoln
2. Meg Diggs
3. Renata Lassiter
4. Latoya Kaye

## **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 David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5- 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

### **2. Pupil Personnel Report**

Board Member David Mitnick 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5- 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

### **3. Student Appeal 17/18-9**

Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Michael Debranski seconded the motion, to deny the request of Student Appeal 17/18-9.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5- 0 (*Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland*)

4. Student Appeal 17/18-8

Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to deny the request of Student Appeal 17/18-8.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5- 0  
(Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland)

5. Student Appeal 17/18-7

Board Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion, to grant the request of Student Appeal 17/18-7.

Upon a roll call being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5- 0  
(Absent from meeting: Bouchard, Copeland)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice Chair adjourned the May 10, 2018 meeting at 7:57 pm.

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Enoch C. Copeland, *Chairman*

Cynthia B. Chavis, *Clerk*