

**MEETING OF
SUFFOLK SCHOOL BOARD
Thursday, October 18, 2018 (5:30 PM)**

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

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

Absent: Lorraine Skeeter

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

5:30 PM - OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The School Board Meeting is called to order by Mr. Enoch C. Copeland, Chairman.

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Michael Debranski 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; 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.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)

The motion Carried. 6 - 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, and 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: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)
The motion Carried. 6- 0

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA TOPICS

The following speakers provided comments to the School Board at this time:

- 1- Nathaniel Hollowman – Inclusive Playground Project
- 2- Andrea Hayden – Inclusive Playground Project
- 3- Jennifer Brennon – Capital Improvements Plan
- 4- Courtney Wolfe – Traffice Safety at CFCMS
- 5- Ann Dunn – Capital Improvements Plan

REPORTS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Good News Report – (1) Disability Awareness Month-student presentation; (2) Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Academy Awards
2. Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Annual Report
3. Advanced Instruction Update
4. Bully Prevention Initiatives
5. Introduction of School Administration Office and School Administrators
6. Calendar of Special Events

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Payment of bills/payroll
- School Board Meeting Minutes
- Field Trips
- Committee Membership 2018-2019
- Resolutions 18/19-5 through 18/19-14

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)

The motion Carried. 6 - 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inclusive Playground Proposal

Dr. Whitney advised that has the School Board had requested at its September meeting, a committee was formed to investigate the proposal presented regarding the installation of an Inclusive Playground at Northern Shores Elementary School. Two of the committee members, Meg Diggs and Terry Napier, Director of Facilities & Planning, provided information obtained by the committee.

Dr. Whitney recommended that the School Board accept the proposal with the understanding that installation would be in conjunction with the division's planned school expansion; that Suffolk Public Schools would have its own contractor install the playground infrastructure; that the location of the playground would have to be aligned with the proposed Northern Shores Elementary School addition; and that the playground be a joint-use facility with the City of Suffolk.

Member Judith Brooks-Buck moved, and Member David Mitnick seconded the motion to accept and approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the installation of an Inclusive Playground at Northern Shores Elementary School.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)The motion Carried. 6 - 0

2. Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) / Northern Shores Elementary School

School Board Member Mitnick requested that consideration of a 2-story expansion to Northern Shores Elementary School be considered to accommodate more students and provide additional space.

Mr. Terry Napier, Director of Facilities & Planning, advised that the current expansion proposed in the Capital Improvements Plan would only provide a net of ten additional classrooms, with space for approximately 250 additional student seats. He shared that movement of approximately 175 students from existing mobile units into the new renovation would take up most of the 250 new seats.

Member David Mitnick moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to explore the construction of a 2-story building to replace the currently proposed classroom addition for the Northern Shores Elementary School renovation.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)The motion Carried. 6 - 0

3. Second Reading of Ordinances 18/19-20 through 18/19-29

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Judith Brooks-Buck seconded the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinances 18/19-20 through 18/19-29.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*). The motion Carried. 6 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Col. Fred Cherry Middle School – Traffic Zones

School Board Member Judith Brooks-Buck expressed neighborhood concerns that a flashing light speed sign and reduction in maximum speed limit in the school zone area would improve safety.

Mr. Napier advised that, based on a traffic study that was conducted before the school was built, the City indicated that flashing lights were not needed. He also stated that, as this is a residential area, the speed limit is 25 mph. Dr. Whitney advised that further discussion with the City would be held to re-address flashing light signs and changes in speed limits in the school zone area.

2. No action was required at this time on the First Readings of Ordinances 18/19-30 through 18/19-39.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA TOPICS

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

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. Personnel Reports

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Reports as submitted.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)

The motion Carried. 6 - 0

Pupil Personnel Report

Member Phyllis Byrum moved, and Member Linda Bouchard seconded the motion to approve the Pupil Personnel Report as submitted.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 (*Absent: Skeeter*)

The motion Carried. 6 - 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the School Board's October 18, 2018 meeting at 8:48p.m..

Enoch C. Copeland, Chairman

Cynthia B. Chavis, Clerk