

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
February 27, 2017**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building. Mr. C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman, presided.

The Call to Order

Mr. Bunn called the meeting to order. He welcomed visitors to the meeting and informed them that a printed agenda for the meeting was available.

Roll Call

Dr. Jean Infantino called the roll and recorded attendance as follows:

Present:	Mr. Samuel L. Boone, Jr. Mrs. Colleen C. Leary Mr. Thomas L. Mercer, Sr. Mr. Harry A. Murphy Mr. Louis J. Tayon, Jr. Mr. Michael J. Woods Mrs. Victoria L. Proffitt, Vice Chairman Mr. C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman
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Arrived Late:	Mrs. Christie New Craig – arrived at 4:33 p.m.
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Also present were Dr. James T. Roberts, Superintendent; Dr. Jacqueline C. Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Anita B. James, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Victoria Lucente, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance; Ms. J. Paige Stutz, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Dr. Alan L. Vaughan, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and School Services; Dr. Jean A. Infantino, Executive Director of Administrative Services/Clerk of the Board; Mr. Robert J. Barry, Attorney; and Mrs. Brenda A. Turbeville, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Roberts had no amendments to the agenda, but said he would need a closed session for five pupil matters, two personnel matters, and one legal matter. Mrs. Proffitt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Leary seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

Closed Session

Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Barry to prepare the language for the Board to go into closed session. Mr. Barry stated that the motion should read as follows:

“The Board should convene in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, for consideration of five pupil matters, two personnel matters, and one matter requiring consultation with legal counsel.”

Mr. Murphy moved that the Board go into closed session as provided in the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Proffitt and approved, with all Board members voting yes.

Reconvene in Open Meeting

The meeting reconvened in open session. Mrs. Proffitt moved the record show that the only items discussed in the closed meeting were those specifically cited in the motion to convene into closed session. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion, which passed with all Board members voting in favor of the motion.

Items Resulting from Closed Session

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1, Student #2, Student #4, and Student #5 under the conditions discussed. Mr. Mercer moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary and passed with all Board members voting in favor of the motion.

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #3. Mrs. Leary moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boone and passed with a vote of 8-1, with Mr. Woods voting in opposition.

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #3 under the conditions discussed. Mr. Tayon moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. New Craig and passed with a vote of 8-1, with Mr. Murphy voting in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Murphy moved there were no grounds given for the request, and there has already been a long hearing with a different attorney. He moved to decline the request for a new hearing. Mrs. Leary seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-0, with Mr. Mercer abstaining.

Mr. Murphy moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary and passed with a vote of 8-0, with Mr. Mercer abstaining.

Invocation

Reverend Carlotta Cochran, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Olivia McDonald, a fifth grader at Deep Creek Central Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk's Items

None

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Proposed Operating, Categorical, and Special Funds Budgets, 2017-2018:

None

Hearing of Citizens

Jennifer Lewis, 2000 Sanderson Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322, spoke regarding development of the installation of a humanities academy at Great Bridge High School.

Unfinished Business

Proposed School Calendar, 2017-2018 – Update: Dr. Dalphine Joppy, Director of Staff Development, reviewed the two proposed options for the school calendar for 2017-2018 that were presented initially at the Board meeting on January 30, 2017. Dr. Joppy said Option 1 appears to be the most popular option based on feedback received to date. She encouraged citizens and employees to take the on line survey that is available on the Division's website through Friday, March 3, 2017. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at the School Board meeting scheduled for March 13, 2017.

Legislative Update: Dr. Infantino reported the 2017 General Assembly session adjourned shortly before noon on Saturday, February 25, 2017. One of the last acts of the session was approval of the budget conference report that was approved by the Senate unanimously and the House approved with only one dissenting vote. Legislators will reconvene on April 5, 2017, for a session to act on gubernatorial vetoes and amendments to bills. Highlights of all bills were included in the School Board packet. Senator Cosgrove carried a bill for our division with minor changes to the procurement procedures. This bill easily passed both houses and will ease the workload for our division.

This is the final session for the General Assembly Building with legislators' offices and committee meeting rooms relocating down the hill from the Capitol to the Pocahontas

Building at Bank Street for the next several years. During this period, the old building will be demolished with a new structure erected on the same site that will be connected to a new parking deck across the street.

Superintendent’s Proposed Operating, Categorical, and Special Funds Budgets, 2017-2018 – Work Session: Ms. Lucente addressed the inquiries from Board members from the School Board meeting on February 13, 2017, regarding the Revenue Sharing Formula (RSF). Dr. Roberts said the final numbers from the General Assembly are not yet available but are expected in March. In Dr. Roberts’ discussion with the Appropriations Chairman, the Chairman anticipated final numbers would be close to those proposed in the House. Final changes included the removal of the 1.5% bonus, the redirection of funds from the 1.5% bonus to the lottery and teacher and support staff pay raise, and the lifting of use restrictions on the 35% of the lottery proceeds to be distributed to schools. The House proposed budget is \$200,000 to \$300,000 more than the Governor’s proposed budget. Dr. Roberts said the Division is still showing a budget with a \$4.6 million shortfall, but that amount is expected to decrease with the receipt of lottery funds. Action on a School Board proposed budget will be requested at the School Board meeting scheduled for March 13, 2017. The City Council is scheduled to take final action on the budget at its meeting scheduled for May 9, 2017. Final action will be requested from the Board at its meeting scheduled for May 22, 2017.

New Business

None

Consent Agenda

The chairman requested approval of the consent agenda. Items included the following:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- B. Bid
- C. Department of Human Resources – Personnel Report

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Leary. The motion passed all Board members voting in favor of the motion.

Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Lucente presented the interim financial report for the period ending January 2017. A revenue shortfall of approximately \$3 million is expected. All expenditures are still being monitored and staffing remains a decision at the Assistant Superintendent level. No information has been received regarding additional Impact Aid or Department of Defense Funding, but it is possible that additional federal revenue could impact the expected shortfall.

Superintendent's Report

Announcements: The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. The Superintendent's Planning Council will meet at Traditions on Thursday, March 2, 2017, with breakfast beginning at 7:50 a.m. The program will ask for citizen input on the 2017-2018 school calendar options as well as a presentation on the high schools of the future.
2. The second School Board Planning Session for 2017-2018 will be held at the School Administration Building on March 23, 2017, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Topics were included in Board members' packets. Board members were asked to notify the Clerk of the Board or the Superintendent if they had additional topics they would like discussed. Board action on final topics will be requested at the School Board meeting scheduled for March 13, 2017.

Instructional Presentation: School Improvement Plan: A Memorandum of Understanding between Chesapeake Public Schools and the Virginia Department of Education requires the division provide monthly school improvement reports to the School Board. Ms. Diane C. Watkins, Director of Assessment & Accountability, updated the Board on the academic achievement progress at those schools in the Division that are not fully accredited. Mrs. Michelle K. Porter, Director of High School Curriculum/Instruction, updated the Board on the anticipated changes in high school programming in response to new legislation aimed at preparing every student for a successful future.

Board Member Items

Mrs. Proffitt said she, Mr. Tayon, and Mr. Mercer visited Georgetown Primary School, Sparrow Road Intermediate School, and Indian River High School. She said they were able to see a Distance Learning course being taught as well as a Credit Recovery class when they visited Indian River High School. Mrs. Proffitt said she was a judge at the Miss Deep Creek High School Pageant, and congratulated Miss Rowan Springle who won the title this year.

Mr. Boone visited the Chesapeake Juvenile Detention (CJD) Center and thanked Mr. Spruill and Mrs. Kline for inviting him to speak with the students regarding choices and decisions. He also thanked the staff at CJD for their hard work.

Mrs. Leary thanked the students and staff at Cedar Road Elementary School for the goody bags given to Board members in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman