

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA  
January 23, 2017**

A meeting of the School Board of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, was held on Monday, January 23, 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.  
                      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

Excused:           Mrs. Colleen C. Leary  
                      Mrs. Christie New Craig

Also present were Dr. James T. Roberts, Superintendent; 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, four matters requiring consultation with legal counsel, and two personnel matters. Mr. Mercer moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent with an amendment to move the Proposed Plan for Rezoning to follow Clerk's Items and precede the Hearing of Citizens and then be readdressed under Unfinished Business. Mrs. Proffitt 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 four matters 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 present 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 present voting in favor of the motion.

## **Items Resulting from Closed Session**

The Superintendent recommended the expulsion of Student #1, Student #2, Student #3, Student #4, and Student #5 under the conditions discussed. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Proffitt moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer in the personnel matter under review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tayon and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **Invocation**

Reverend Shannon Terhune, Raleigh Heights Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Mr. Tayon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Clerk’s Items**

**None**

**Proposed Plan for the Establishment of New Attendance Zones:** Dr. Roberts said that in determining the Capital Improvement Plan, the Board reviewed some general options to relieve the overcrowding at Hickory Middle School. Ms. Stutz then introduced Mr. John Bertocchi, New Construction & Planning Administrator, who provided more

specific options regarding the attendance zone study including Deep Creek Middle School, Great Bridge Middle School, Greenbrier Middle School, Hugo A. Owens Middle School, and Hickory Middle School. Options were limited to middle schools only and do not apply to elementary or high schools. Mr. Bertocchi reviewed background information with the Board and presented Attendance Zone Options A, B, and C. In Attendance Zone Option A, a portion of Hickory Middle School would be reassigned to Greenbrier Middle School. In Attendance Zone Option B, portions of Hickory Middle School would be reassigned to Hugo A. Owens Middle School and Great Bridge Middle School. Option B would also reassign a portion of Great Bridge Middle School to Greenbrier Middle School. In Option C, portions of Hickory Middle School would be reassigned to Greenbrier Middle School and Hugo A. Owens Middle School. Option C would also reassign a portion of Hugo A. Owens Middle School to Deep Creek Middle School. Mr. Bertocchi reviewed several alternatives once considered by staff but no longer under consideration.

Mr. Mercer presented an additional option for consideration which would move those students in Viridian Reserve and Berkshire Forest into the Great Bridge Middle School attendance zone. Mr. Mercer also suggested any students who are not currently in the Hickory Elementary School zone and live to the west of the attendance zone would be zoned for Hugo A. Owens Middle School.

Mr. Bunn requested staff gather information on the numbers of students who live on Cedar Road and attend Great Bridge Middle School, but then go to Grassfield High School. Mr. Bunn requested enrollment numbers for the neighborhood on Hillwell Road who currently Hickory Middle School.

Other Board members requested additional information which staff will work to present at the next Board meeting.

### **Hearing of Citizens**

The following citizens addressed the Board regarding rezoning for Hickory Middle School.

1. Phillip Prestipino  
1012 Grantham Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
2. Heather Harris  
500 Fall Ridge Court  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
3. Ashley Martin  
318 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
4. Nicole Anderson  
448 Currituck Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
5. Monica Agudelo

- 604 Saber Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
6. Sandy Simmons  
550 Fair Oak Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
7. Gregg Simmons  
550 Fair Oak Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
8. Stacy Eslich  
400 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
9. Diane Carter  
1607 Revella Arch  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
10. Kevin Andris  
1207 Pacels Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
11. Elena Ilardi  
913 Stockleybridge Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
12. Michael Ferrara  
561 Fair Oaks Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
13. Bill Devens  
316 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
14. Mary Williams  
718 Tyler Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
15. Jason Dipietro  
820 Priscilla Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
16. Michelle Hunter  
400 Block of Berndale Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
17. Christopher Herbert  
700 Merle Court  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
18. John McIntyre  
308 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
19. Ashlynn Baker  
711 Tyler Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
20. Dr. Jennifer Keenan  
520 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

21. Joyce Monaghan  
925 Marble Arch  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
22. Michele Rohrbaugh  
1504 Clear Water Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
23. Jessica Stice  
328 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
24. Delaney Reper  
620 Centerville Turnpike, South  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
25. Holly Brady  
111 Edgeware Court  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
26. Christian Eads  
610 Mile Creek Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
27. Bethany Rafferty  
1220 Priscilla Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
28. Ed McNicholas  
813 Sydenham Boulevard  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
29. Shawna Hulen  
508 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
30. Joel Hulen  
508 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
31. Carson Hulen  
508 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
32. Anthony Thiel  
605 Hollygate Lane  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
33. James Corlett  
203 Riviara Place  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
34. Wendy Edelson  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
35. Lisa Hess  
404 Downing Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
36. Michael Ebner  
519 Vespasian Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

37. Steve Dowdy  
952 Brandermill Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
38. Robyn Robertson  
1001 Broward Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
39. Mrs. Amsden  
1007 Kendale Circle  
Chesapeake, VA 23322
40. Mallory Broach  
1001 Seagull Court  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

### **Unfinished Business**

**Proposed Plan for the Establishment of New Attendance Zones:** Mr. Mercer asked Ms. Stutz to explain the formulas and procedures used to compute the capacity of a school. Mr. Mercer encouraged citizens to ask questions of the Board to avoid being given erroneous information. Ms. Stutz said the considerations presented by Mr. Mercer and Mr. Bunn will be drafted as options and presented to the Board for consideration.

### **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. Department of Human Resources – Personnel Report

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0 with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Announcements:** The Superintendent made the following announcements.

1. Dr. Roberts thanked the speaker who mentioned contacting her legislators and encouraged other citizens to do so as well.
2. On January 4, 2017, Dr. Roberts spoke to members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee at a public hearing on the Governor's budget.

3. In January, Mr. James E. Baker, Chesapeake City Manager, and Dr. Roberts served on a panel at a superintendents' meeting in Richmond to discuss how superintendents and local government representatives work together towards successful budget outcomes.
4. On January 19, 2017, Dr. Roberts spoke to Hampton Roads Caucus in Richmond and voiced his concerns regarding budget cuts. Dr. Roberts also visited with delegates and attended the Senate Committee hearing on full day kindergarten.
5. On January 24, 2017, Mr. Mercer, Mrs. Proffitt, and Mr. Tayon will travel to Richmond with members of the Superintendent's staff for the annual VSBA day where staff and Board members will meet with legislators.
6. On Thursday Dr. Roberts and Mr. Bunn will return to Richmond for the recognition of Dr. Toney McNair, Virginia's Teacher of the Year, by the Virginia Department of Education and the General Assembly.
7. The joint meeting between the City and the School Board scheduled for Thursday night has been canceled.
8. The week of January 22-28 has been designated in Virginia as Principal Appreciation Week. Dr. Roberts thanked all of the principals in Chesapeake for their hard work and the great jobs done by each of them each day.

**Instructional Presentation – School Improvement Update:** Dr. James presented an update to the Board on the requirements of schools that are not fully accredited for this school year. Dr. James reviewed the 9 levels of accreditation in Virginia's accountability system and the requirements of each level. Currently 35 of Chesapeake's 45 schools are fully accredited and 11 are not fully accredited. Making up the 11 schools that are not fully accredited, three are Partially Accredited, three are Warned Schools, four are Reconstituted, while one school has been denied accreditation. Dr. James then reviewed the steps being taken to improve those schools not fully accredited.

**Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy P 5-12 – Complaints from the Public – First Reading:** The proposed changes outlines clearer steps and deadlines regarding complaints from the public. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the proposed revisions on First Reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Proffitt and passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The proposed revisions will appear on the Consent Agenda for the Board's final decision.

**Proposed Revisions to School Board Regulations R 5-12 – Complaints from the Public:** The proposed regulations were presented to the Board for information and do not require Board action.

**Proposed New School Board Policy P 8-51.4 – Wellness Leave – First Reading:** This proposed new policy and the accompanying regulations are designed to provide an additional benefit to eligible employees related to our new health centers and pharmacies. Under the new policy, employees will be allowed up to 90 minutes of wellness leave to stop by the health center and the pharmacy next door to handle medical needs. A motion was made by Mrs. Proffitt to approve the new policy on First Reading.

Mr. Mercer seconded the motion which passed with all Board members present voting in favor of the motion. The proposed revisions will appear on the Consent Agenda for the Board's final decision.

**Proposed New School Board Regulations R 8-51.4 – Wellness Leave:** The proposed regulations were presented to the Board for information and do not require Board action.

**Governor's Budget Update:** Dr. Roberts updated the Board on the Governor's Budget that was released in December. Dr. Roberts showed the changes in state revenue that have taken place since 2008-2009. A decrease from the March 2016 General Assembly approved budget of \$3.173 million is anticipated for 2016-2017. The Superintendent will present to the Board the Superintendent's Proposed 2017-2018 Budget on February 13, 2017.

### **Board Member Items**

Mr. Murphy congratulated Dr. Roberts on receiving the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award.

Mrs. Proffitt extended her congratulations to Dr. Roberts and said it was a pleasure to have nominated him for the award. She also congratulated Kaylyn Ivey, Deep Creek High School, for receiving the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Leadership Award.

Mr. Mercer commented that Mrs. Leary had been texting that she was watching the School Board proceedings even though she was not there in person. He wished her a speedy recovery.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Jean A. Infantino, Ed.D., Clerk

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C. Jeff Bunn, Chairman