

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
Board Development Session Minutes
March 8, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, for a board development session with members in attendance as follows:

	Kenneth Venable, Chair	Amy Wratchford, Vice-chair	
Robert Boyle (ABSENT)	Natasha McCurdy	Christine Poulson	Ronald Ramsey
	Dr. Garrett Smith, Superintendent/Deputy Clerk		
	Brenda Lovekamp, Clerk		

The Chair called the board development session to order.

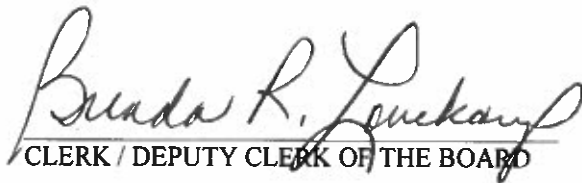
Dr. Smith announced that the new Communications Manager, Michelle Bixler, would begin her service to the City and SCS next Monday, noting that this will continue to be a shared position with the City.

Ruth Jones Turner, Director of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, reviewed the mission statement progress to date. She guided the Board through the last steps of the work to determine a mission statement for the school division.

Dr. Smith noted that the mission statement would be the foundation for the division's overall strategic plan. He shared the next steps in the process of updating the strategic plan, noting that he and Ruth Jones Turner will be working with staff in coming weeks to gather information from the various departments. He estimated that the equity committee's proposal for an equity plan would be complete by June, and then be presented to him for review and consideration, as the equity plan would also be a part of the division's overall strategic plan.

Ruth Jones Turner shared a brief update on the progress made by the equity committee. She and Dr. Smith shared about their recent meetings with representatives from the school-based equity teams to discuss their team's work and plans.

The Board Development Session ended at 4:50 p.m. The Board took a brief break before moving into the regular work session.


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