

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020

The Staunton City School Board convened for the regular monthly meeting in the Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers of Staunton City Hall, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, with members in attendance as follows:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair noted that Veterans Day is this week as he led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

IV. REPORTS

A. Reports from Superintendent

Dr. Smith reported on the recent return-to-school family survey. He noted that the division has received 85% of responses from families and that the school staff will be reaching out to gather information from the remaining 15%. He added that at this time, according to survey responses, approximately 70% have indicated a desire for hybrid instruction with 30% choosing virtual instruction.

B. Reports from School Board Members

Members offered the following reports relative to their service on the School Board.

Christine Poulson:

- Participated in a DCJS session on vaping that highlighted the dangers of addiction.
- Attended a booster club meeting.

Robert Boyle:

- Enjoyed the Shenandoah Green Tree Planting at SHS last week.
- Enjoying participating in a pen pal project with a 4th grader at Ware.

Amy Wratchford:

- Participated in the recent SVGS Steering Committee meeting. The committee is working on some adjustments to the application process.

Natasha McCurdy:

- Also participating in a pen pal project with a 4th grader at Ware.
- Participated in several PTA meetings. Shelburne and Ware will be participating in the Celebration of Holiday Lights event at Gypsy Hill Park this year.
- Worked with the Ware PTA as they gave out treat bags to students who were picking up their weekly folders.

Ronald Ramsey:

- Also participating in the pen pal project with a 4th grader at Ware.
- Participated in the recent VCTC Board Meeting. Encouraged the community to visit VCTC's Facebook page for photos and information on all that is happening in that program this year.
- Enjoyed the VAE meeting held at Staunton High School a few weeks ago.

Kenneth Venable:

- Welcomed Councilwoman Darby to the meeting.
- Also enjoying the pen pal program at Ware.

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- Participated in the VCTC Board meeting last month. Enjoyed the tour and seeing the aquaponics program they are starting.
- Spoke at the funeral services of Alphonso Hamilton, a former teacher and building administrator at Booker T. Washington High School and Robert E. Lee High School.
- Participated in the tree planting at the high school with Shenandoah Green.

V. UPDATES AND INFORMATION

A. Finance Update by Brad Wegner, Budget Director

Brad Wegner, Budget Director, reviewed the finance report for October. He added that the FY22 budget planning process is underway.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

The Chair opened the public input portion of the meeting. The following persons were present at the meeting to provide comments:

- Kim Gutterman, Woodland Drive, spoke of the need for SCS students to physically attend school.
- Ashley Strickland, Selma Boulevard, spoke requesting that students return to the classroom.

The Chair noted that Mr. Lundquist, Director of Technology was serving as the host for any calls by citizens who would like to comment at this time. He reminded the speakers to identify themselves by name and address and to keep their comments to two minutes or less. Mr. Lundquist indicated that there were no callers holding in the queue.

Hearing no further comments, the Chair closed the public input period of the meeting.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair invited Board members to review the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- Minutes for Work Session and Regular Meeting on October 12, 2020
- Personnel Actions

On a motion by Natasha McCurdy, seconded by Amy Wratchford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, as presented.


VIII. ACTION ITEMS

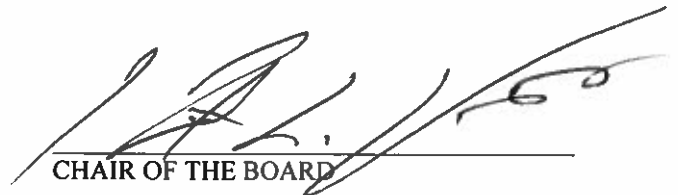
A. Surplus Property

Mr. Earl McCray, Director of Operations, reviewed the briefing outlining the items deemed to be no longer usable by the school division. He requested the Board authorize the surplus/disposal of these items.

On a motion by Natasha McCurdy, seconded by Ronald Ramsey, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the surplus/disposal of the listed items, as noted.

Having completed the regular meeting agenda, the Chair adjourned the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m.


CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


CHAIR OF THE BOARD