

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
Work Session Minutes
May 10, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., for a work session with members in attendance as follows:

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

Closed Meeting

On a motion by Christine Poulson, seconded by Ron Ramsey, the School Board entered into a closed meeting to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3).

Votes: Christine Poulson-aye Robert Boyle-aye Kenneth Venable-ABSENT
Amy Wratchford-aye Natasha McCurdy-aye Ronald Ramsey-aye

On a motion by Christine Poulson, seconded by Natasha McCurdy, the School Board voted, according to the votes recorded below, to return to open session.

Votes: Christine Poulson-aye Robert Boyle-aye Kenneth Venable-ABSENT
Amy Wratchford-aye Natasha McCurdy-aye Ronald Ramsey-aye

On a motion by Ronald Ramsey, seconded by Christine Poulson, the School Board voted to approve the following certificate:

CERTIFICATION

According to the votes recorded below, the Staunton City School Board does hereby CERTIFY to the best of each member's knowledge:

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and
2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the School Board.

Votes: Christine Poulson-aye Robert Boyle-aye Kenneth Venable-ABSENT
Amy Wratchford-aye Natasha McCurdy-aye Ronald Ramsey-aye

Calendar Considerations

The Clerk reviewed the upcoming conference opportunities.

Unfinished Business

Amy Wratchford suggested that the Board begin to use a method of acknowledging any comments made during the work session conversations that potentially show bias. This would allow board members to then openly discuss the comments and benefit from the experience.

Christine Poulson asked about the Secondary Program of Studies and how it is distributed as some parents are not aware of the document and its availability online. Dr. Smith will work with secondary principals to be certain they are sharing it as part of their parent communications.


Amy Wratchford asked that the Board plan to discuss board member compensation at a future work session. Dr. Smith will get more information on the timeline required by the Code of Virginia given the recent legislative changes, which moved the city elections from May to November.

Christine Poulson noted that the current harassment policy appears to be geared more toward adults than students. Dr. Wolfe shared that she believes the harassment policy will be a part of the upcoming VSBA revision packet along with other student policies that have legislative changes and that VDOE has been working on recently.

Natasha McCurdy noted that she would still like to discuss redistricting the school attendance zones.

The work session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


CHAIR / VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD