

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
Work Session Minutes
May 24, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, May 24, 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

Calendar Considerations

The Clerk reviewed upcoming conference opportunities and calendar considerations.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Smith shared the following report:

- The News Leader did a nice article on a 2021 SHS graduate's struggles and successes, and appreciation for the assistance and support of the SHS staff and teachers.
- The monthly newsletter that Ruth Jones Turner has been doing for a few months now has been successful at reaching the desired audience. Board members reported that they are all receiving the newsletter. A link to access the newsletter will be added to the division website and social media accounts.
- The school division is planning to have a 3-person team from each school participate in the upcoming EdEquity Conference. These teams will get together after to debrief and share thoughts.
- The division website is very much in need of an update. Michelle Bixler, Communications Manager, will be working on that process this coming school year.
- The new Assistant Principal has been chosen for Bessie Weller Elementary and will be introduced at the June 14 meeting.
- The May meeting of the EDA is scheduled for Thursday at 9 a.m. The school division's request for the property is on the agenda for consideration and the cost-benefit analysis the EDA requested from the Timmons Group is to be presented as well.

Review of Next Month's Draft Agenda

Dr. Smith reviewed the draft agenda for the June 14 regular monthly business meeting.

School Board Communications Reports

School Board members shared the following reports:

- Many happy reports for the end of the school year.
- Hearing from some home-schooling families who are re-enrolling in SCS.
- Receiving positive reports from students and parents.
- Graduation was a wonderful event and parents and students reported that they were excited to continue with the 3-day graduation plan.

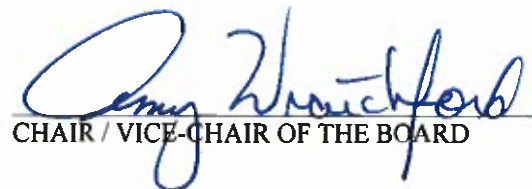
Unfinished Business

Mr. Ramsey shared a concern regarding leave of absence policy not allowing the employee to work at another job while on leave. Mr. Venn shared reasoning behind that rule in reference to FMLA, holding positions, etc.

Amy Wratchford reminded the Board to be thinking about officers for next year.

The Vice-chair adjourned the work session at 6:00 p.m.


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