

**STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**STAUNTON, VIRGINIA**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**March 8, 2021**

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., for a work session with members in attendance as follows:

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

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith reported as follows:

- Rich Fletcher, Principal of Bessie Weller had announced his intent to retire at the end of the school year.
- The second round of COVID-19 vaccinations took place at SHS today. The next 2 days have been scheduled as asynchronous learning days in the event that staff members experience adverse reactions to the vaccination.
- Summer School will take place June 7 – July 1, Monday through Thursday, with programs in all buildings: elementary programs for K-5 in partnership with the YMCA, middle school, and high school.

**Review of Calendar Considerations**

The Clerk reviewed the schedule for upcoming events.

**Unfinished Business / New Business**

Board members inquired about current guidance regarding physical distancing from Virginia Department of Health and if there were any recent changes that would affect schools. Dr. Smith shared that the guidance from our local health director continues to be 6 ft. physical distancing, which necessitates the division continue in the current model of offering in-person instruction 2 days per week.

Board members discussed recent communications received from community members.

**School Board Reports**


Christine Poulson reported on her participation in the Governor's Summit on Equitable Collaboration.

Amy Wratchford shared that she and other members participated in an excellent VSBA webinar last week

Amy Wratchford reported that SVGS is scheduled for evaluation by VDOE this year in their regular program assessment schedule.

The Board reviewed the proposed resolution provided by VSBA in recognition of Equity in Education Month in March. Members suggested edits to the resolution and that the resolution be considered by the Board at the end of tonight's action agenda.

The work session was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

  
CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
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