

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
Work Session Minutes  
July 12, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., for a work session with members in attendance as follows:

Robert Boyle  
Ron Ramsey

Natasha McCurdy  
Kenneth Venable

Christine Poulson  
Amy Wratchford

Dr. Garrett Smith, Superintendent/Deputy Clerk  
Brenda Lovekamp, Clerk

**Calendar Considerations**

The Clerk reviewed the upcoming conference opportunities.

**Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Smith indicated that during tonight's regular business meeting he would address Critical Race Theory and the fact that this is not part of our curriculum and is not being taught in SCS. He noted that he had spoken to a couple of parents and community members this past week who are hearing rumors regarding this in the community.

**School Board Committee/Advisory Board Reports**

Natasha McCurdy reported on the recent PTA meetings for the schools and that Bessie Weller Elementary is working to move to an official PTA group, thus gaining the 501c3 status.

Amy Wratchford and Natasha McCurdy noted that they will be serving on the work group to explore solutions to the need for a consolidated operations facility.

Amy Wratchford announced that Brent Hull had been named as the Coordinator of the SVGS program while Amy Pultz was named Coordinator of VCTC, both serving under the leadership of Dr. Lee Ann Whitesell.

**Unfinished Business**

Board members discussed recent communications from community members and parents.

**School Board Annual Self-Evaluation**

School Board members conducted the annual self-evaluation of the Board's work over the past year, comprising the following seven performance criteria:

1. Establish/promulgate division vision and values
2. Develop and promulgate relevant governing policies
3. Monitor expected student achievement results
4. Responsible management of resources
5. Community engagement and communication
6. Board operations
7. Building and sustaining an effective relationship with the Superintendent

Having completed the agenda, the work session was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

  
CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD