

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
Work Session Minutes  
August 9, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, August 9, 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	Natasha McCurdy	Christine Poulson	Ronald Ramsey
	Dr. Garrett Smith, Superintendent/Deputy Clerk		
	Brenda Lovekamp, Clerk		

**Calendar Considerations**

The Clerk reviewed the upcoming conference opportunities.

**Unfinished / New Business**

Dr. Smith discussed the many positive responses to the recent work of the school division and the Board's action on policy last month.

Board members asked for clarification regarding the SMS mini grant that was funding stipends listed on the personnel agenda.

Board members asked for clarification on cultural competency training and how that might take place. Dr. Smith shared what is known at this time as school divisions await additional information from VDOE.

Dr. Smith shared copies of the regional area salary comparison information requested by the Chair in response to a recent article that showed Virginia ranking at 50<sup>th</sup> out of the 51 states in the United States when comparing teacher salary to average salary in each state. He noted that the comparison shows how SCS ranks among area school divisions on teacher salaries at different points on the salary scales.

**Superintendent's Update**

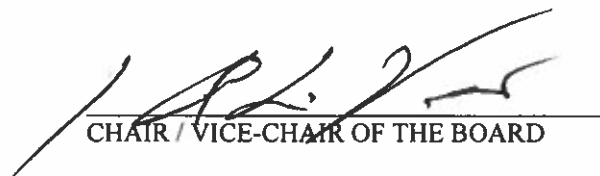
Dr. Smith provided a brief summary of the report that he would make during the regular meeting regarding school starting tomorrow. He reminded Board members of their specific school greeting assignments for the first day.

**School Board Committee/Advisory Board Reports**

Natasha McCurdy reported that parent interest in the respective school PTA groups is increasing.

Having completed the agenda, the work session was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

  
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CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD