

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
Work Session Minutes
September 14, 2020

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., for a work session with members in attendance as follows:

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

Closed Meeting

On a motion by Ronald Ramsey, seconded by Amy Wratchford, the School Board entered into a closed meeting: (1) to consult with the board's legal counsel requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding several matters that involve professional staff, including hiring, and teachers and/or students, including one matter that relates but is not limited to instructional delivery pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8); and (2) to review and discuss the appointment of the board's legal counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

Votes: Christine Poulson—aye
Amy Wratchford—aye
Robert Boyle—aye
Natasha McCurdy—aye
Kenneth Venable—aye
Ron Ramsey—aye

On a motion by Ronald Ramsey, seconded by Amy Wratchford, the School Board voted, according to the votes recorded below, to return to open session.

Votes: Christine Poulson—aye
Amy Wratchford—aye
Robert Boyle—aye
Natasha McCurdy—aye
Kenneth Venable—aye
Ron Ramsey—aye

On a motion by Amy Wratchford, seconded by Ronald Ramsey, 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
Amy Wratchford—aye
Robert Boyle—aye
Natasha McCurdy—aye
Kenneth Venable—aye
Ron Ramsey—aye

Review of Proposed Policy Revisions

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jelisa Wolfe, and Mr. Jonathan Venn reviewed the proposed policy revisions included in the packet dated September 14. Dr. Wolfe explained she and Mr. Venn would participate in a conference later in the week to gain more information on the new extensive updates to the Title IX regulations.

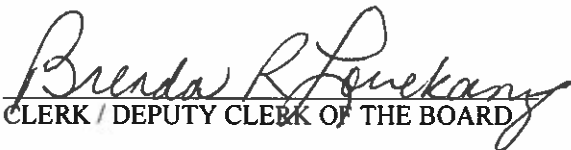
The Board took a recess from the work session at 6:00 p.m. and moved to the first floor for the regular monthly meeting, with the intention of returning to the work session after that meeting. The Board returned to the work session at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Smith provided an update on virtual learning and indicated that teachers have shared that things are going well and they are becoming more comfortable with the virtual teaching model. He added that the preschool students are meeting four days per week and that model is working very well. He reiterated his concerns regarding families who have shared that their children are struggling with the virtual model.

Dr. Smith and members of the School Board engaged in a discussion regarding the possibility of returning to the hybrid model and when that might happen.

The work session was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


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CHAIR OF THE BOARD