

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

The Staunton City School Board convened in the School Board Conference Room, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Monday, December 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 Kenneth Venable, seconded by Amy Wratchford, the School Board entered into a closed meeting to discuss or consider one or more particular students, specifically regarding discipline, attendance or other matters that would involve disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning a student, pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(2).

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

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

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

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

Action Related to the Closed Meeting Regarding a Student Matter

On a motion by Amy Wratchford, seconded by Natasha McCurdy, the Board voted according to the votes recorded below to end the expulsion of Student A and allow the student to reenroll in Staunton City Schools.

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

Review of Calendar Considerations

The Clerk reviewed upcoming conference opportunities and training requirements.

Review of Proposed Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Brad Wegner, Budget Director reviewed the capital improvements plan slated for consideration at the January 2021 meeting.

Mr. Wegner also reviewed the Budget Schedule Calendar for the upcoming months relative to the FY22 budget development work.

New Business/Unfinished Business

Amy Wratchford spoke of the need for the Board to have additional time to meet to talk and discuss business matters. After conversation, it was the consensus of the Board to hold an additional work session on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Smith reported that the high school construction project is coming to an end, as only punch list work remains. He reported on efforts to get the tennis courts that were lost in the construction project installed, possibly at Montgomery Hall Park, to both serve the high school needs and to benefit the City residents.

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Dr. Smith noted the chance for a significant snow event this week and spoke of the inclement weather plan that has been distributed to families and staff, with copies also being made available to the public during tonight's meeting.

Dr. Smith spoke of the return to school update he would be providing tonight along with his recommendation. He clarified current information from VHSL regarding sports.

The draft agenda for the upcoming January meeting was reviewed.

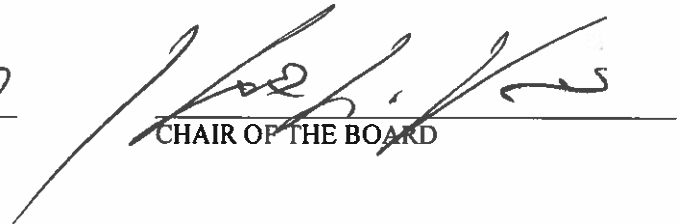
School Board Committee/Advisory Board Updates and Conference Reports

Kenneth Venable and Ronald Ramsey reported on the recent VSBA Annual Convention, which was held virtually.

Amy Wratford spoke of plans underway for her to begin teaching at SVGS during the second semester.

The Chair adjourned the work session at 5:58 p.m.


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CHAIR OF THE BOARD