

COVINGTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes July 8, 2019

The Covington City School Board held its regular meeting in the Board room on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

Tamala Preston, Chair
Bert Baker, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Arritt
Erika Hunter
Tonya Jones

Superintendent Melinda Snead-Johnson was present as were Shannon Fuhrman, Director of Instruction and Technology; Rob Bennett, Principal of JWIS; and Rebecca Irvine, Clerk.

Mrs. Preston called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of June 25th and July 1st, 2019.

AGENDA CHANGE

Mrs. Snead-Johnson requested Board approval to move the agenda item "Appointments (2) to Joint School Discussion Committee" to the end of the meeting agenda prior to adjournment.

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved moving this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

FINANCE

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved (4) invoices totaling \$141,619.51.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that auditors would be on-site at the schools at the end of July and the City audit will begin in September.

SMART GOALS UPDATE/STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that discussion will be held on Smart goals and the Strategic Plan once Mr. Arritt has formulated his goals to be included.

VSBA MEDIA HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Preston presented Mr. Jerome Johnson from the Virginian Review and Mr. Jerry Clark from the Alleghany Journal with a resolution of nomination to the 2019 VSBA Media Honor Roll. The

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Media Honor Roll recognizes responsible and exemplary reporting on Virginia Public Schools. Mrs. Preston read the resolution.

VSBA POLICY UPDATES

Mrs. Snead-Johns recommended Board approval of several policy updates from the Virginia School Board Association. Upon a motion by Mrs. Preston, seconded by Ms. Jones the Board approved the following policy updates:

BBFA	Conflict of interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests	
BDCA	Calling and Certification of Closed Meetings	
BDDF	Voting Method	
EB	School Crisis, Emergency Management and Medical Emergency Response Plan	
EBB	Threat Assessment Tams	
EBC	Safety Drills	
EBCBA	Electronic Room Partitions	
EFB	Food Services	
EFD	Food Sanitation Program	
FEA	Educational Facilities Specifications	
FEG	Construction Planning	
GA	Personnel policies Goals	
GAB/IIBEA	Acceptable Computer Use	
GAB-E-1/IIBEA-E2	Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement	
GAB-R/IIBEA-R	Technology Use Guidelines	VSBA/CCPS
GAE	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting	
GBEC/JFCH/KGC	Tobacco Products and nicotine Vapor Products	
GBECA	Electronic Cigarettes	
GCCB	Employment of Family Members	
GCDA	Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint Of Child Abuse or Neglect	VSBA/CCPS
IC/ID	School Year/School Day	
IGAD	Career & Technical Education	
IGAG	Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	
IGAH – OPT	Family Life Education	
IGAI	Character Education	
IGBF	English Learners	
IGBGA	Online Courses and Virtual School Programs	
IIBEA/GAB	Acceptable Computer Use	
IIBEA-E-2/GAB-E1	Acceptable Computer Use Agreement	
IIBEA-R/GAB-R	Technology Use Guidelines	CCPS
JEB	Entrance Age/Admissions of Persons Not of School Age	
JEC	School Admission	
JFCE	Gang Activity or Association	
JFCF	Drugs in School	
JFCH/GBEC/KGC	Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products	
JFG	Search and Seizure	
JHCF	Student Wellness	
JHCH	School Meals and Snacks	VSBA/CCPS

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JHG/GAE	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting
JHH	Suicide Prevention
JJAC	Student-Athlete Concussions
JOB	Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
JP	Student Publications
KB	Public Information Program
KBA	Request for Public Records
KBE	Internet Privacy
KF-OPT 1	Distribution of information/Materials
KG	Community Use of School Facilities
KGB	Public Conduct on School Property
KGC/GBEC/JFCH	Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products
KH	Public Gifts to Schools
KJ	Advertising in Schools
KLB-E	Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resources
KNAJ	Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities VSBA/CCPS
KQ	Commercial, Promotional and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships
LC	Charter Schools

EPS/JWIS OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR 2019 – 2020 (CHANGE)

Mrs. Snead-Johnson requested Board approval of a change in the operational hours for EPS/JWIS from 7:50 to 3:00 to 7:50 – 2:30. Recess is now counted as part of the instructional day.

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, the Board unanimously approved this change in operational hours for EPS/JWIS.

TITLE III – CONSORTIUM GRANT

Mrs. Snead-Johnson requested Board approval of the Title III Consortium Application. Membership in this consortium provides technical support for teachers serving students with English as a second language. The Division serves approximately 10 students with English as their second language.

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Preston, the Board unanimously approved this application submission.

COMMITTEE & JOINT BOARD REPORTS

The JRTC Joint Board of Control will meet on Tuesday, July 9th at noon. Mrs. Snead-Johnson will not be in attendance, but Dr. Fuhrman will attend.

The Jackson River Governor's School Board will meet on July 31st at 5:00 p.m. at DSLCC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that the Division's will be having a 10-year anniversary celebration for EPS/JWIS on August 5th at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Bennett are coordinating the agenda.

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Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that orientation and training for substitute teachers and paraprofessionals will be held on July 29th, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that she has submitted a request to Clay Goodman, Interim City Manager for the assignment of two (2) handicapped designated parking spaces in front of the Covington City School Board at 340 E. Walnut Street. There is currently no marked handicapped accessible parking in front of the School Board office.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that nursing positions for all schools have been filled. Tracie White, School Nurse Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Education will meet with school nurses on August 5th. Due to the resignation of the School Nurse Coordinator and Secretary, she and Mr. Kotulka are meeting with staff of The Alleghany Foundation to decide if the foundation grant will be utilized.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that summer capital projects are proceeding and should be completed by the start of school. She thanked all school maintenance and custodial staff for their support and assistance during the disruption.

The second summer school session started today with 23 students, and the summer feeding program continues until 7/25.

A Professional Development Day is scheduled for Friday, August 2nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Jones, the Board unanimously approved an executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters in relation to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel.

Upon a return to open session at 8:35 p.m., the Board agreed to certify the closed session under the Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-3711 (A) (1) Personnel with a roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Preston, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel appointments for 2019 – 2020:

Arthur, Cynthia	JWIS/Summer School Teacher (1 week)
Haynes, Deneen	Substitute Custodian
Staunton, Clarence	Principal Designee EPS
Dressler, Carrie	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Dressler, Machel	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Fitzpatrick, Marie	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Fridley, Ashli	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Gilbert, Lawrence	Substitute Teacher/Aide
McCallister, Beverly	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Myers, Pam	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Stapleton, Daniel	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Stapleton, Kathy	Substitute Teacher/Aide

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APPOINTMENTS (2) TO JOINT SCHOOL DISCUSSION COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Jonathan Arritt and Erika Hunter to the joint School Discussion Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Tamala Preston, Chair

Rebecca Irvine, Clerk

