

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA
December 15, 2016

A special meeting of the Prince George School Board was called to order on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the School Board Office at 5:30 P.M.

Members present:

Mr. Reeve Ashcraft, Board Member
Mr. Robert E. Cox, Jr., Board Member
Mr. Kevin S. Foster, Chairman
Mr. Roger E. Franklin, Jr., Board Member [departed at approximately 6:15 p.m.]
Mr. Lewis E. Stevenson, Vice Chairman [arrived at approximately 5:45 p.m.]
Mrs. Renee P. Williams, Superintendent
Dr. Patrick Bingham, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Rebecca B. Kirk, Clerk of the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Foster, Chairman, called the Special Meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Board Members present:

Present: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Franklin
Absent: Stevenson

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Cox made a motion to amend and approve the revised agenda to include Personnel Matter P14/16-17 and to remove Residency Matter R44/16-17. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Franklin
Absent: Stevenson

IV. CLOSED MEETING – pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia

A. Student Matters – Section 2.2-3711.A.2

1. Student Expulsion Matter 21/16-17 (approximately 5:35 p.m.)
 2. Student Residency Matter R19/16-17 (approximately 6:30 p.m.)
 3. Student Residency Matter R38/16-17 (approximately 7:00 p.m.)
 4. Student Residency Matter R23/16-17 (approximately 7:30 p.m.)
 5. Student Residency Matter R44-16-17 (approximately 8:00 p.m.)
[removed from agenda]
 6. Student Matter – Programs
- B. Personnel Matters – Section 2.2-3711.A.1
1. Personnel Matter P13/16-17
 - 2. Personnel Matter P14/16-17 [added to agenda]**
- C. Legal Matters – Section 2.2-3711.A.7
1. Legal Matter - L05/16-17

Mr. Cox made a motion to go into a closed meeting to discuss specific personnel, student, and legal matters pursuant to the personnel, student, and legal exemptions of the VA Code §§2.2-3711.A.1, 2.2-3711.A.2, and 2.2-3711.A.7. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster Franklin
Absent: Stevenson

V. CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Cox made a motion to go back into an open meeting and certified that nothing had been discussed in the closed session other than what was stated in the original motion. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

[For the record, Mr. Stevenson arrived at approximately 5:45 p.m. and Mr. Franklin departed at approximately 6:15 p.m.]

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Student Expulsion Matter No. 21/16-17 student shall return to school and time served will remain due to discipline action, student to seek private counseling to develop skills to promote effective coping strategies and positive resolutions to real and perceived problems, weekly check-in with guidance counselor at school to discuss weekly progress and daily backpack checks by the parent before student leaves for school. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Residency Matter R19/16-17 to request parent to provide his completed 2015 filed income taxes, vehicle registration information, and the

student's mother's completed income tax returns by January 4, 2017 for consideration. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Residency Matter R38/16-17 to request parent to provide canceled checks for rent for November/December 2016 and produce utility bills for November/December 2016 by January 4, 2017 for consideration. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

No action was taken on Residency Matter R23/16-17.

Residency Matter R44/16-17 was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Student Matter – MYP/IB Programs to eliminate all new MYP/IB enrollment beginning 2017-18 school year. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Personnel Matter P13/16-17 to allow School Board badge entry access into buildings Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

No action was taken on Personnel Matter P14/16-17.

Mr. Cox made a motion that in Legal Matter L05/16-17 to approve letter with recommended changes by School Board and authorize the legal team to forward letter accordingly. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

[Added to the agenda]

Mr. Cox gave an update on the Prince George Alliance for Education Foundation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 p.m. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Ashcraft, Cox, Foster, Stevenson
Absent: Franklin

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our signatures this 17th day of January, 2017.

Approved:

/s/ Kevin S. Foster - Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Rebecca B. Kirk – Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Prince George County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this school board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince George County School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

/s/ Rebecca B. Kirk - Clerk
December 15, 2016
Meeting Date

Statement to attach to the December 15, 2016 minutes

It has come to the Board's attention that the description of items discussed in closed session on December 15, 2016 is not accurate. In its current published form, the minutes reflect that the Board went into a closed session to discuss a student program (i.e. the MYP/IB program). This is incorrect. The Board properly added a personnel matter P14/16-17 to its agenda that was used to discuss teaching and coordinating positions involving the MYP/IB program. No action was taken on P14/16/17.

The Board did discuss in its open session its Spring 2016 Budget work sessions where consensus of the full Board was to phase out the MYP/IB program. In those discussions, consensus was to allow a 6th grade MYP/IB cohort to begin in the 2016/2017 school year and allow them to complete the program through their 10th grade year. Board members originally thought a formal vote had occurred during these Spring 2016 budget work sessions when in fact it had not.

On December 15, 2016, a formal motion to end the MYP/IP was made and approved by all of the Board members present.

There was never any intent by the Board to mislead our community and the Board apologizes for the inconvenience to all involved. Because of this confusion, the Board has had the opportunity to obtain community input and ideas in a work session held on February 28, 2017.