

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA
July 20, 2016

A special meeting of the Prince George School Board was called to order on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the School Board Office at 5:30 P.M.

Members present:

Mr. Reeve E. Ashcraft, Board Member
Mr. Robert E. Cox, Jr., Board Member [absent]
Mr. Kevin S. Foster, Chairman
Mr. Roger E. Franklin, Jr., Board Member
Mr. Lewis E. Stevenson, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Renee P. Williams, Superintendent
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Patrick Bingham, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Rebecca B. Kirk, Clerk of the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Foster, Chairman, called the Special Meeting to order at 5:47 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated School Board Members present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Changes to the agenda included the removal of Student Expulsion Matter 58/15-16 under Closed Meeting, addition of Item C-School Safety under Discussion and addition of Item B-Personnel Report under Action Items.

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to amend the agenda as indicated above. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

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

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 43/15-16 (approximately 5:30 p.m.)
 - 2. Student Expulsion Matter 58/15-16 **[removed from agenda]**
- B. Personnel Matters - Section 2.2-3711.A.1
 - 1. P01/16-17

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

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

V. CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Stevenson 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, Foster, Franklin, Stevenson
Absent: Cox

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion that in Student Expulsion Matter 43/15-16 to have the student's IEP team reconvene to determine educational placement for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

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

Student Expulsion Matter 58/15-16 was removed from agenda.

No action was taken on Personnel Matter P01/16-17.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation by Durham Transportation

School Board Members spoke to Durham Transportation during the National School Board Association's Annual Conference in April 2016. Mr. Stevenson invited Keith Galloway to the school division to provide more information to the division about what services Durham Transportation could offer.

Mr. Galloway gave the School Board an overview of transportation services Durham Transportation could offer to the division if outsourced. Reasons for outsourcing include capital expense of owning/maintaining buses, shortages of drivers (the shortage of drivers is across the country, not just locally), drug testing, and wages, which would provide a savings to the school division. Durham Transportation will do a cost analysis/study of our needs and report back to the Board if outsourcing would be a cost savings to the division. Speaking to Durham Transportation does not mean the division will outsource, it is only looking at options for cost savings, if any, and a solution to driver shortages.

B. 2015-16 Budget Review

Mrs. Williams provided the School Board with a Projected Fund Balance Report for year end by fund categories (General Fund, Federal Grants-Title 1, Textbooks, and Food Services). Ray Watson will provide the Board with funding by categories at the August 8, 2016 meeting. During the October 15, 2015 meeting, the School Board approved \$644,190 + \$97,519 Supplemental Appropriation but it was not presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Betsy Drewry will add this item to the next Board of Supervisors meeting on August 9, 2016 for approval.

C. School Safety [added to the agenda]

The school division is currently preparing a safety grant for consideration of grant funds. During the NSBA Conference in April, Board members spoke to many vendors about classroom lockdown devices. There were many devices demonstrated at the conference: electronic doors, wedge-type devices, devices attached to the floor, bar system behind doors, etc. The division has done an excellent job taking security measures at the building entrances, but we need to look at the interior doors if a perpetrator entered the building. Mr. Foster provided information to Ron Rhodes that was collected during the NSBA conference to look at a lockdown device that is affordable, user friendly, and self-defense uses. Mr. Foster also asked staff to provide the Board with job descriptions and responsibilities of the School Safety Officers in the schools.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2016-17 Tuition Rates

Pursuant to Policy JEC, contracted Prince George County School Board full-time employees who do not reside in Prince George County are permitted to enroll their children in the school division on a tuition basis. Tuition charges must be reviewed annually.

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the rate of \$1,512.00 for regular education tuition and \$3,023.00 for special education tuition. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion.

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

B. Personnel Report [added to the agenda]

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion.

Appointments (to begin August 22, 2016 unless otherwise noted)

Tierra Tillie – School Social Worker, SBO
Jamie Jones – Art Teacher, Harrison
Donna Bell – SPED Teacher, Clements
Ernest Miles – SPED Teacher, Clements
Jennifer McGuire – Student Services Coordinator, SBO – August 1, 2016
Anna Tyree – Custodian, Field House/Transportation/Garage – July 1, 2016
Jennifer Mays – Accounting Associate, SBO – August 1, 2016

Resignations

Joni Arnott – Library Media Specialist, Moore – June 30, 2016
Margaret George – Kindergarten Teacher, Walton – July 1, 2016
Candace Benn – Guidance Counselor, Harrison – July 13, 2016

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

Staff discussed upcoming meetings/events within the school division:

- July 27, 2016 – Summer School graduation @ Prince George High School – 1:00 p.m.
- July 27-28, 2016 – Summer Fine Arts Academy will be presenting “Beauty and the Beast, Jr.” – Prince George High School – July 27 @ 7:00 p.m. / July 28 @ 10:00 a.m.
- August 2, 2016 – Special School Board Meeting @ School Board Office beginning at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our signatures this 8th day of August, 2016.

Approved:

/s/ Kevin S. Foster – Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Rebecca B. Kirk - Clerk of the Board

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 of the Board
July 20, 2016
Meeting Date