

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF ISLE WIGHT COUNTY AT THE
ROBERT C. CLAUD SR. BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 (5:00 p.m.)**

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following were present:

Board Members:

Alvin Wilson, Hardy District
Victoria Hulick, Newport District
Julia W. Perkins, Windsor District
Jacqueline W. Carr, Carrsville District
Kirstin Cook, Smithfield District

Also in attendance:

James Thornton, Superintendent
Tracey Reutt, School Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Victoria Hulick, Chairman, called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and welcomed all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OR AMENDMENTS:

Member Julia Perkins moved **Member** Alvin Wilson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Alvin Wilson seconded the motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia sections 2.2-3711, (1) for discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of employees; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools where such evaluations will involve specific individuals. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

The Chairman reconvened the meeting into open session.

RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Julia Perkins seconded the motion to adopt the attached Resolution of Certification of Compliance, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

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WELCOME:

Mrs. Hulick welcomed everyone present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Kirstin Cook led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

ISLE OF WIGHT ACHIEVERS:

Mrs. Lynn Briggs, Director of Media/Public Relations, recognized the following individuals and groups for outstanding achievements.

Smithfield High School

Field Hockey
Football

Seniors of the Month

Windsor High School – Grant Hasty
Smithfield High School – Rebecca Kiser

School Board and Clerk Appreciation

GCA Employee of the Month

Custodial at Westside – Donna Fenner
Maintenance - Mike Gup

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

I on Instruction WES

Students from Windsor Elementary gave a presentation on how they portray GREAT citizen traits in our school and in our community.

I on Instruction SHS

Smithfield High School students shared a video documentary with the Board on their boat building project.

REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Mr. Michael Uzzle - SEAC Committee
Mrs. Martha Jackson - Self

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Carr attended the Governors School for the Arts Regional Meeting. The Governors' school serves eight school districts and holds 360 students. Isle of Wight is slotted 22 of those seats. They will be holding their 30th Benefit Gala on March 24th. Their goal is to raise 6.25 million which they have already raised about 4 million. Dr. Thornton mention we would like to start highlighting some of our GSA students at our monthly board meetings as well.

Mrs. Carr also attended the Regional SECEP Region Strategic 5 year Plan meeting. One area of focus is the challenge of recruitment and retention. The next meeting for both the GSA and SECEP is March 28, 2018.

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Mrs. Julia Perkins attended the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting and as mentioned previously there is a great need for our Special Education Students after graduation.

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION:

January Financial Information

Ms. Yates entertained any questions from the Board on the monthly statements.

Appropriation Request

Member Julia Perkins moved **Member** Kirstin Cook seconded the motion to approve the appropriation request in the amount of \$222,264 for the first Pruden Center settlement payment. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

Appropriation Request

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Jacqueline Carr seconded the motion to approve the appropriation request in the amount of \$527,398 to the Board of Supervisors. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

Windsor Elementary Roof Replacement

Member Jacqueline Carr moved **Member** Alvin Wilson seconded the motion to approve the contract as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Construction Update

Mr. Callender shared a powerpoint presentation with pictures of the construction progress throughout the division and answered questions from the Board.

Transportation Report

Mr. Livingston was available to answer any questions from the monthly transportation reports.

Communication and Discipline Meeting

Mr. Mark Mabey gave a brief summary from a meeting held with administrators and bus drivers to discuss discipline matters and better methods of communication and how to improve. Mr. Livingston and Mr. Mabey will continue to follow-up with the drivers to see if they feel the need for another meeting at some point in the future.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Proposed Calendar for 2018-2019 School Year

Mrs. Briggs presented the proposed calendar from the calendar committee for informational purposes only. The Board discussed some concerns they saw with some of the proposed days off over the winter break.

FY2018-2019 Proposed Operating Budget

Ms. Yates presented Dr. Thornton's operating budget and entertained any questions. We will hold a budget work session on February 14 at the School Board Office at 9:00 a.m. and a Public Hearing for the FY19 Budget on February 22, 2018 at Windsor Elementary at 5:30 p.m.

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Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP)

Mrs. Cheryl Elliott is requesting the Board approve the implementation of the Early Retirement Incentive Program. We currently have 14 employees participating in the program, 5 of which will be coming off of the program. We have 3 people who have announced they would like to participate.

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Julia Perkins seconded the motion to approve the Early Retirement Incentive Program as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

UpLift Presentation

Dr. Thornton presented a powerpoint presentation on how the division plans to meet the needs of our students in this program through smaller classes and blended learning. The powerpoint is included in the meeting minutes.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

February Personnel Report

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Jacqueline Carr seconded the motion to approve the personnel report and addendum as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Member Kirstin Cook moved **Member** Jacqueline Carr seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5-0**

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cook – Would like for the Administration to start looking at the Exam Exemption Policy again.

Mrs. Carr - Would like a report of how much money was owed for unpaid meals from end of SY16-17 and how much unpaid meals are we currently looking at for this year? Families that don't qualify need to be held accountable for paying this debt.

Additionally, went to several Expos and they were phenomenal and you could see all the hard work that went into the presentations.

Mrs. Hulick - Someone from the planning staff with the county to come and talk about what is slated. How many home are approved, go over the details with us and if there are any pending applications what do they look like going forward. This might give us a better perspective working with our CIP. At a future School Board Meeting would be informative for the public.

Mrs. Hulick also mentioned Mrs. Grace King recently passed away and she and her husband were very involved in the schools and great supporter of the division. We just wanted to note it was a sad day of her passing.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn

With no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. Victoria Hulick (Signature on File)

School Board Chairman

Mrs. Tracey Reutt (Signature on File)

School Board Clerk

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MOTION: Kirstin Cook

SECOND: Julia Perkins

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Isle of Wight 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, §2.2-3712 D 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 Isle of Wight 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.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mrs. Tracey Reutt (Signature on File)

Isle of Wight County School Board

February 8, 2018

Date