

**BRISTOL VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT HEARING/CALLED SESSION
MARCH 21, 2011**

The Bristol Virginia School Board conducted Student Hearings and met in a Called Session on Monday, March 21, 2011, in the Virginia High School Library, 1200 Long Crescent, Bristol, Virginia. The Student Hearings began at 5 p.m. and the Called Session at 7 p.m. A quorum was present with the following Board members in attendance:

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Chair
Mr. Tyrone Foster

Mr. Randy Alvis
Ms. Beth Rhinehart

Absent: Mr. Randall J. White

Also present were:

Dr. Mark Y. Lineburg, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Lyle, School Board Attorney
Mrs. Tammy Jones, Clerk

Mr. Rex Gearheart, Director of Curriculum,
Instruction, and Administration
Mrs. Cathy Moss, Deputy Clerk

Among those in the audience for the Called Session were:

Mrs. Virginia Goodson
Ms. Melissa Warren
Mr. Ronnie Collins
Dr. Linda Brittle

Mayor Don Ashley
Mrs. Tracey Mercier
Dr. Martin Ringstaff
Mr. Jeff Shelton

Mrs. Rebecca Collins
Mrs. Susan Sims
Mrs. Patty Bowers

Others may have been present, but failed to sign in.

Mr. Ronald Cameron, Chair, called the Student Hearing to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to convene a Closed Meeting.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) of the Code of Virginia, Ms. Beth Rhinehart moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters: Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters concerning a student or students of any state institution of higher education or any state school system as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia, specifically:

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Long-Term Suspension: Student #07SH2011
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for Long-Term Suspension: Student #06SH2011

Mr. Randy Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

Back in Public Session at approximately 6:55 p.m., Ms. Rhinehart moved Certification of the Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mr. Tyrone Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rhinehart moved that Student #07SH2011 be suspended for 364 days, until February 17, 2012; however, the student may come before the Board in September 2011 with a recommendation from his/her counselor regarding admittance to the GED Program. Student will coordinate counseling with Mrs. Patty Bowers, Director of Special Education Services. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. [Student #07SH2011 was found in violation of Bristol Virginia School Board Policy JFC and Regulation JFC-R. This policy and regulation deal with assault and battery.]

Mr. Foster moved that Student #06SH2011 remain on suspension pending the results of the adjudication which will be held on May 2. Student will come before the Board again after the adjudication, possibly at the May 2, 2011 School Board Regular Session. Student will receive homebound services during this suspension. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. [Student #06SH2011 was found in violation of Bristol Virginia School Board Policy JFC and Regulation JFC-R. This policy and regulation deal with felony charges (aggravated sexual battery).]

The Student Hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Cameron, Chair, called the Called Session to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cameron welcomed all in attendance. He outlined the budget process and noted that the First Reading and Discussion of the Proposed 2011-2012 School Board Budget was included in this Called Session. He noted that due to the economy over the past several years, budgets were very challenging. He stated that the mission of the board was to deliver a first-rate, top-notch education to students. He added that the division has maintained the quality of education due to the efforts of the staff, in spite of budget reductions. Mr. Foster reiterated Mr. Cameron's comments and noted that cutting salaries and positions over the past couple of years was very difficult.

Dr. Mark Lineburg, Superintendent, reviewed the newly established Budget Liaison Committee and thanked members for serving on the committee. He stated that the division had a good working relationship with the city and commended Mayor Don Ashley who attends Board meetings regularly. He also commended Mrs. Tammy Jones, Director of Finance, for her work on the budget as well. He presented a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the Proposed 2011-2012 School Board Budget. He noted that a 1% +step increase was included for all staff. He outlined the revenue sources and projected expenditures. He added that a Called Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia High School Library, for the purpose of Second Reading and Adoption of 2011-2012 School Board Budget which was

due to the city by March 31. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Cameron thanked Dr. Lineburg and Mrs. Jones for their hard work on this budget. Mr. Foster also commended Dr. Lineburg, Mrs. Jones, and the Budget Liaison Committee for development of the budget and the most informative PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Lineburg addressed Item 2(C) Approval of Student Overnight Travel Request – VHS Band to Dayton, Ohio. Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of the student overnight travel request as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the student overnight travel request is included with these minutes.)

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(A) of the Code of Virginia, Ms. Rhinehart moved that the Board convene a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters: Discussion of personnel as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, specifically:

- A. Approval of Letter of Resignation
- B. Approval of Recommendation for Non-Renewal of Contract
- C. Discussion of Job Performance of School Board Employee

Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

Back in Public Session at 9:20 p.m., Ms. Rhinehart moved Certification of Closed Meeting as such: the Bristol Virginia School Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were considered. Mr. Alvis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvis moved approval of the letter of resignation from Chris Thurman, head football coach and teacher at Virginia High School. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the letter of resignation is included with these minutes.)

Ms. Rhinehart moved approval of the recommendation for nonrenewal of contract for Emily Monroe. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the recommendation for nonrenewal is included with these minutes.)

Mr. Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

