

FREDERICKSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Fredericksburg, Virginia

A regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City School Board was held at 6:30 p.m. on April 4, 2016 in City Council Chambers, 715 Princess Anne Street. Board members present were:

Mrs. Patricia B. Green, Chairperson
Rev. Jarvis E. Bailey, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Jannan W. Holmes
Mrs. Barbara A. Miller-Richards
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Rehm

Absent: Ms. Malvina Kay

Others Present: Dr. David G. Melton, Division Superintendent
Mr. G. David Baker, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Ms. Rebecca L. Christopher, School Board Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by the Chairperson.

15-16-156: BOARD CONVENES INTO CLOSED SESSION: RECONVENES INTO OPEN SESSION. A recommendation was made by the Superintendent that the Board convene into closed session under FIA 2.2-3711(A), Section 1 - Personnel (discussion regarding employment recommendation, change in position/contract adjustment, extra duty assignments, resignation recommendations, retirement recommendation, substitute teacher and substitute bus/car driver recommendations, volunteers for athletic programs, student teacher/practicum student and intern placement and evaluation of the superintendent). A motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation was made by Mrs. Rehm, seconded by Ms. Holmes, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The Board convened in closed session at 6:37 p.m. On a motion by Rev. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Holmes, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote, the Board reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m. and approved Certificate of Closed Meeting No. 15-16-10 which involves a statement concerning items discussed in closed session. A copy of Certificate of Closed Meeting No. 15-16-10 is attached to the minutes.

15-16-157: APPROVAL OF AGENDA. The Chairperson called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mrs. Rehm, seconded by Mrs. Miller-Richards, and unanimously approved by the Board.

15-16-158: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2016 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mrs. Miller-Richards, seconded by Rev. Bailey, and unanimously approved by the Board.

15-16-159: RECOGNITIONS. As part of the school division's character education program, Mr. Matthew Terry, Principal of Lafayette Upper Elementary School, presented members of the fifth grade Student Cooperative Association (SCA). Students shared their viewpoints on the meaning of the Word of the Month - Cooperation.

Mrs. Marjorie Tankersley, Principal of Hugh Mercer Elementary School, recognized the following students for their winning efforts in the spring fun run, the Bunny Hop:

Danica Denson	Girls - First Place
Brandon Williams	Boys – First Place
Emalee Sebastian	Girls – Second Place
Austin Bretzinger	Boys – Second Place

Mr. Matthew Terry, Principal of Lafayette Upper Elementary School, recognized the following winners in the Shamrock Shuffle, one of the fun runs sponsored by the physical education department:

<u>Grade 3</u>	
Jaden McKoy (not present)	Boys - Second Place
McLane Maynard	Boys - First Place
Sophia Coulon (not present)	Girls – Second Place
Addyson Hough (not present)	Girls – First Place

<u>Grade 4</u>	
Avery Foresman	Boys – Second Place
Nathan Scharf (not present)	Boys – First Place
Aubree Van Wey (not present)	Girls – Second Place
Carley Coghill	Girls – First Place

<u>Grade 5</u>	
Angel Reza Hernandez (not present)	Boys – Second Place
Zach Horn	Boys – First Place
Laurel Melville (not present)	Girls – Second Place
Sarah Rigual	Girls – First Place

Dr. Timothy Duffy, Assistant Principal of Walker-Grant Middle School, introduced the following students who served as pages at the 2016 General Assembly:

Claire Brady
Ben Fidler
Jack Hardy
Emma Taylor

15-16-160: CONSENT AGENDA. The following items were included on the consent agenda:

- Tuition Rates for 2016-2017 – A recommendation was made that the School Board approve the following tuition rates for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Regular Tuition Rate</u>	<u>City Employee Tuition Rate</u>
\$4,250 for each of the first two children	\$425 for the first child
\$2,125 for each additional child	\$212.50 for each additional child

- 2016-2017 Local Plan for Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Application for Federal Funds (Perkins) – A recommendation was made that the School Board approve the 2016-2017 Local Plan for Career & Technical Education and Application for Federal Funds (Perkins) for the Fredericksburg City Public Schools.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the consent agenda items. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Miller-Richards, seconded by Ms. Holmes, and unanimously approved by the Board. Copies of the consent agenda items are attached to the minutes.

15-16-161: PERSONNEL MATTERS. The Superintendent recommended approval of the personnel list as presented. A motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation was made by Mrs. Miller-Richards, seconded by Ms. Holmes, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. A copy of the personnel list is attached to the minutes.

15-16-162: POLICY REVISIONS – FIRST READING. The Virginia School Boards Association Policy Services has suggested revisions to several existing School Board policies. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the policy revisions as indicated on the attached list for first reading. A motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Rev. Bailey, and unanimously approved.

15-16-163: 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR. A recommendation was made by the Superintendent that the School Board approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. The calendar was developed with input from staff throughout the division. Major highlights in the calendar for 2016-2017 are:

- All new teachers report to work on August 22, 2016
- All teachers report to work on August 29, 2016
- School begins on September 6, 2016
- Winter Vacation – December 19, 2016 – December 30, 2016
- Spring Vacation – April 17, 2017 – April 21, 2017
- School ends on June 16, 2017
- Snow make-up days: February 20 and April 5, 2017

A motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation was made by Mrs. Miller-Richards, seconded by Mrs. Rehm, and unanimously approved by the Board. A copy of the school calendar is attached to the minutes.

15-16-164: INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION – CYBER SECURITY CAMP AT JAMES MONROE HIGH SCHOOL. Dr. Harry Thomas, Director of Instruction, provided the Board with an update on the Cyber Security Camp that is being offered at James Monroe for students in grades 9-12. Dr. Thomas shared that in 2014 Governor McAuliffe established the Cyber Security Commission to increase the Cyber Security Workforce pipeline. The pipeline is intended to start with K-12 education and continue through post-secondary study. The 2016 Cyber Security Camp is part of the Governor’s initiative. The school division has received a state grant in the amount of \$62,500 to fund the Cyber Security Camp which will be offered to 30 students during a two week period from July 18-29. The Camp will be staffed by a team of local instructors in various areas of expertise. Instruction will be project-based learning along with experiential instruction. Guest speakers will include cyber security professionals from the FBI Academy, Dahlgren, the Naval Surface Warfare Center and University of Mary Washington. Dr. Thomas responded to questions from the Board. The Board expressed

excitement concerning the program and commended staff for pursuing the grant opportunity. Mrs. Miller-Richards suggested opening the program to rising ninth graders as well if there is space available. S.T.E.M. programs are being evaluated in regard to appropriate use of resources for associated programs. The staff will provide presentations to the Board on plans for S.T.E.M. programs and for Career and Technical Education programs which will be associated with this program.

15-16-165: FINANCIAL REPORT. Board members were provided with the year-to-date budget summary report through February 2016. Mr. Baker reported that there are positive variances in both revenues and expenditures. Mrs. Miller-Richards asked if current gasoline and fuel prices are favorably affecting the budget. Mr. Baker explained that there is some balancing which takes place with the fuel industry with related costs affecting other goods and services. He noted that fuel costs is not an extremely large budget item.

15-16-166: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. Dr. Melton informed the Board that the Virginia Association of Counties Group Self-Insurance Pool (VACORPS) which currently provides property, liability and automobile insurance has quoted a proposal to provide Workers' Compensation coverage for 2016-2017. The proposal as presented by Mr. Lee Brannon, would reduce the premium costs for Workers' Compensation by approximately \$18,000 annually and create a bundled insurance package that offers the school system a 5% dual program credit. These two savings allow the school division to both reduce its costs and also include catastrophic coverage with a limit of \$3,000,000 in addition to the current student accident policy limits. This additional student accident coverage will also extend to certain school sponsored off campus activities and events. Dr. Melton noted that VACORPS will also provide safety training programs for workers. Dr. Melton presented this information for the Board's review. The Workers' Compensation contract will be presented for the Board's approval in May.

15-16-167: UPDATE ON ORIGINAL WALKER-GRANT RENOVATION. Dr. John B. Gordon III, Director of Administrative Services, provided an update on the renovation of Original Walker-Grant. Dr. Gordon thanked Board members for attending the ground breaking ceremony which was a very successful event. Board members were informed that all is going as planned with the renovation project. Contractors will soon work on replacing the roof and windows. Head Start will move to the other side of the building for the second phase of construction. Children are adjusting well to the move and changes within the building. Mrs. Green expressed appreciation to Dr. Melton for bringing the renovation project to fruition. She also expressed appreciation to the Walker-Grant Alumni Association and others for their assistance.

15-16-168: OLD BUSINESS. The following items of old business were addressed:

- Regular School Board Meeting – May 9, 2016 – The next regular School Board meeting will be held on May 9, 2016 at James Monroe High School.
- VSBA Hot Topic Conference – April 26, 2016 – The VSBA Hot Topic Conference will be held in Charlottesville on April 26, 2016. Rev. Bailey, Mrs. Miller-Richards and Dr. Melton plan to attend the conference.
- VSBA School Law Conference – June 3, 2016 – The VSBA School Law Conference will be held in Charlottesville on June 3, 2016. Board members were encouraged to contact the School Board Clerk if they wish to attend. Ms. Holmes and Mrs. Miller-Richards may plan to attend.

15-16-169: NEW BUSINESS. The following item of new business was discussed:

- Budget Meeting – City Council will conduct a budget work session on April 12, 2016. Rev. Bailey noted that he will not be able to attend the budget meeting and needs someone to take his place.

15-16-170: GOOD OF THE ORDER. There were no comments made under “Good of the Order.”

15-16-171: ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to conduct at this regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City School Board for April 4, 2016, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Miller-Richards, seconded by Mrs. Rehm, and unanimously approved.

Patricia B. Green, Chairperson
Fredericksburg City School Board

G. David Baker, Jr.
Deputy Clerk of the Board

MOTION: Rev. Bailey

SECOND: Ms. Holmes

**CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING
15-16-10**

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg City 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 2.2-3711(A) 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 Fredericksburg City 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: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Ms. Kay)

Deputy Clerk of Fredericksburg City School Board

April 4, 2016
Meeting Date