

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA
June 16, 2021

A special meeting of the Prince George School Board came to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at the Prince George School Board Office.

School Board Members and staff present:

Mrs. Jill Andrews, Board Member
Mr. Robert E. L. Eley, III, Chairman
Mr. Christopher A. Johnson, Vice Chairman [arrived at approximately 6:24 p.m.]
Mr. Cecil M. Smith, Board Member
Ms. Sherry D. Taylor, Board Member
Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, Superintendent
Mr. William Barnes, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Rebecca Kirk, Clerk of the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Eley, Chairman, called the special meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated School Board members present:

Present: Andrews, Eley, Smith, Taylor
Absent: Johnson

[For the record, Mr. Johnson was returning from a business trip and would be joining the meeting].

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Ms. Taylor

IV. SCHOOL BOARD INVOCATION – led by Mr. Smith

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, including the addition of Personnel Matter P79/20-21, Public Safety Matter PS20/20-21 and the consent agenda. Mrs. Andrews seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Andrews, Eley, Smith, Taylor
Absent: Johnson

VI. MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS A STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER AND SPECIFIC PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, PERFORMANCE, SALARIES, OR RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia)

- A. Student Discipline Matter – Section 2.2-3711.A.2
 - 1. Student Matter 21/20-21 at approximately 5:35 p.m.
- B. Personnel Matters – Section 2.2-3711.A.1
 - 1. P73/20-21
 - 2. P77/20-21
 - 3. ***P78/20-21 [added to agenda]***
 - 4. ***P79/20-21 [added to agenda]***
- C. ***Public Safety Matters – Section 2.2-3711.A.19***
 - 1. ***PS20/20-21 [added to agenda]***
 - 2. ***PS19/20-21 [added to agenda]***

Mrs. Andrews made a motion to go into a closed meeting to discuss a student discipline matter, personnel matters relating to the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, performance, salaries, or resignation of district employees and public safety matters pursuant to the student, employee, and public safety matter exemptions pursuant to VA Code §§ 2.2-3711.A.2, 2.2-3711.A.1, 2.2-3711.A.19. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Andrews, Eley, Smith, Taylor
Absent: Johnson

VII. CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING AND ACTIONS

Mr. Smith moved that we reconvene in open session and stated:

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

Pursuant to 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.

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. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

[For the record, Mr. Johnson joined at approximately 6:24 p.m.]

Mr. Smith made a motion that in Student Matter 21/20-21, to assign student to Project Choice, beginning on September 7, 2021. Student is to discuss options with counselor on course of study at Rowanty. Administrative review required at the end of the first semester. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Andrews, Eley, Smith, Taylor
Abstain: Johnson [was not present for the student matter]

Ms. Taylor made a motion that in Personnel Matter P73/20-21 to accept the recommendation and approve Mattie Thweatt as Associate Director of School Administration. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

Ms. Taylor made a motion that in Personnel Matter P77/20-21 to accept the recommendation and approve Elizabeth Pell as Principal of L.L. Beazley Elementary School. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

No action was taken on Personnel Matter P78/20-21; information only.

Mr. Smith made a motion that in Personnel Matter P79/20-21 to accept the recommendation and approve Burke George as Principal of Prince George Education Center. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA [added to agenda]

A. Personnel Report

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

Appointments (Effective August 16, 2021 unless otherwise noted)

John Clark – History/Social Studies Teacher – PGHS
Charles Barhite – History/Social Studies Teacher – PGHS
Jeremy Dreis – History/Social Studies Teacher, PGHS
Christina Pope – Student Services Coordinator, SBO – July 1, 2021
Tiffany Maxwell – Librarian, South – August 9, 2021

Resignations

Whitney Robbins – Pre-K Teacher, North – July 1, 2021
Pinkie Hall – Business Teacher, Clements – June 11, 2021
Christina Pope – Assistant Principal, PGHS – June 30, 2021
Tiffany Maxwell – Teacher, Beazley – August 8, 2021
Priscilla Hicks – Assistant Principal, Beazley – June 30, 2021

Reappointments for 2021-22 School Year

Sharon Powers – Food Service Field Manager, SBO
Courtney Amaral – Payroll/Accounting Associate, SBO

Retirement

Karen Belcher – Office Associate III, South – August 1, 2021

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our signatures this 14th day of July 2021.

Approved:

/s/ Robert E. L. Eley, III – Chairman of the Board

Attest:

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