

Regular Meeting Minutes

**KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Central High School Auditorium
King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Closed Session (6:00 pm) Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**

The Regular Meeting of the King & Queen School Board was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium. The Closed Session preceded the meeting in the Central High School Library at 6:00 p.m.

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Shannon Amos, Board Member
Celestine Gaines, Board Chair
Howard Hill, Vice Chair
Brenda Lee, Board Member
Natasjha Stone, Student Representative (joined at Open Session)

Also present:
Dr. Carol B. Carter, Superintendent
Emma Hundley, Board Clerk

Members absent:
Harwood Hall, Board Member, medical issues

Closed Session

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to enter into closed session at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Hill moved to enter into Closed Session to discuss under Subsection (A) (1) Personnel Recommendations. Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Reconvene to Open Session in the Auditorium
At 7:00 p.m., Ms. Gaines called for a motion to reconvene to open session. Mr. Hill moved to reconvene to open session and Mrs. Amos seconded. Voice vote was as follows: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Gaines asked for a motion to certify Closed Session. Mr. Hill so moved. Ms. Gaines read the following:

Mr. Hill made a motion that WHEREAS, the King and Queen School Board convened a Closed Session on February 16, 2022, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by the School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King and Queen School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (a) any public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under FOIA and (b) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting.

Ms. Gaines asked for a second. Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The unanimous voice vote approved the motion to certify. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Gaines asked the Board Clerk to certify closed session. Roll Call to certify was as follows: Amos; Certify Gaines; Certify Hill; Certify; Lee; Certify

Ms. Gaines asked if there were any motions from Closed Session. There were none.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Gaines asked everyone to stand, and she led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Gaines asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Carter asked that Davenport and Company present their information before the Presentations section on the agenda. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adopt the agenda with the change. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Lee seconded. The motion carried; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Representatives from Davenport and Company and Sands Anderson reviewed the Resolution for Lease Revenue Financing for King and Queen Elementary School construction.

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Resolution for Lease Revenue Financing for King and Queen Elementary School construction as presented by representatives from Davenport and Company and Sands Anderson. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by roll call vote;
4 ayes, 0 nays. Amos; aye Gaines; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

Presentations

Mrs. Ashley Edwards, Principal of Central High School, presented Central High School Instructional Highlights. Mrs. Edwards shared a power point showing some of the techniques being utilized by the teachers and some of the activities showing the students engaged in learning.

In recognition of National School Counselor Appreciation Week, Mrs. Allison Jordan, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, shared slides showing each counselor. Ms. Jordan thanked the counselors for the important work they do.

In recognition of VSBA Equity in Education Month, Mrs. Jordan shared with the Board things that King and Queen County Public Schools Equity Committee are doing. She reported that the first Newsletter has been completed and shared, and that an Equity link is now on the website.

Dr. Carter announced that February is School Board Appreciation Month and Board Clerks' Appreciation. She thanked the Board for their hard work and how they are so important to the success of the schools. She recognized the Board Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their hard work. Each Board member and the Clerks were given a gift.

Board and Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Amos thanked the Student Representative, Ms. Stone, for her contributions to the Board and stated that it is an honor to sit beside her.

Ms. Stone spoke briefly about an issue in the news lately concerning those dealing with mental issues. She said this to them, "You are loved. You are

special. You matter!" She thanked School Counselor, Ms. Erin Crane for the work she does with students.

Mr. Hill said that everyone should appreciate the work that went into preparing the Budget for 2022-2023. He stated that the instruction presentation showed that "CHS is a fun place and students want to come to school if they can have some fun. Kudos for the highlights."

Board members thanked the staff members who gave the presentations.

Ms. Gaines stated, "We are a team, we are family. Thank you and I appreciate you!"

Consent Agenda

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by roll call vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Amos; aye Gaines; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

A. Approval of minutes - Regular Meeting – January 19, 2021

Work Sessions – January 27, 2022, February 7, 2022,
February 10, 2022

B. Next Meeting Dates – Work Session – March 10, 2022

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2022

Closed Session (6:00 p.m.) Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

C. Payment of Bills

D. Payment of Second Batch of Bills

E. Personnel Report

The Personnel Report is as follows:

Resignations – Chelsea Oord, Behavior Coach, LMES

Appointments – Kimberly Rector, History Teacher, CHS - SY 2022-2023;

Tracey Loving, CTE Teacher – SY 2022-2023, CHS; Elizabeth Hurst, Bus Driver, KQES; Courtney Palmer, Custodian, KQES; Catherine Vick, Paraprofessional, CHS

Reappointments – Kaitlin Parm, Teacher, LMES to KQES; Misty Barker, Bus Driver, KQES to CHS

Reports

Dr. Carter presented the Superintendent's Monthly Report. She told the Board that she had attended the home basketball game that week and was pleased to see the newly formed band at the game. Mr. James Lantz, Music teacher at the Elementary schools, is working with the Band at the High School in the afternoons.

Dr. Carter went over staff compensation for the 2022-2023 school year. Until the Virginia General Assembly adjourns, the figures for compensation will not be finalized.

Dr. Carter reported that the American Rescue Plan Summer Learning Grant had been received and will help pay for Summer School this year.

She shared that Mr. Preston McKellar and Mrs. Stephanie Lambrecht are working on strategies to improve attendance at King and Queen County Public Schools.

In honor of Black History Month, Dr. Carter read a passage by Philip Meagwali titled A World Without Black People.

Ms. Gaines called on Mrs. Emma Hundley to present the Financial Summary Report.

Action Items

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Lee seconded. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: Amos; aye Gaines; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2022-2023 Budget. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried. Amos; aye Gaines; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Updated Mitigation Plan, which will go into effect March 1, 2022 as per Federal Regulation. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: Amos; aye Gaines; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

Future Action

Future Action includes the Elementary and Secondary Program of Studies and the School Faith Groups.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Gaines read the following statement:

Citizens will now have an opportunity for Public Comment. We will first hear from citizens who have signed up to speak before the Board.

*****Each citizen wishing to speak before the Board should come forth when called, state your name, address, and district. You will have approximately 3 minutes individually and 5 minutes if you represent a group.***

The following community members commented:

Lilly Burrows (student at KQES), Buena Vista District, spoke about masks in school.

Adjournment

At 8:09 p.m. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines declared the meeting adjourned.

There were 28 people in attendance.

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair

Emma Hundley, Clerk