

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Central High School Auditorium  
King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
Closed Session (6:30 pm) Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**

The Regular Meeting of the King & Queen School Board was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium. The Closed Session preceded the meeting in the Central High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair  
Harwood Hall, Board Member  
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:  
Shannon Amos, Board member – school obligations

### *Closed Session*

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to enter into closed session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Hill moved to enter into Closed Session to discuss under Subsection (A) (1) Personnel Recommendations and (A) (2) Discipline matters. Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Reconvene to Open Session in the Auditorium

At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Gaines called for a motion to reconvene to open session. Mr. Hill moved to reconvene to open session and Ms. Hall 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 March 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. Ms. Hall 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: Gaines; Certify Hall; Certify; Hill; Certify Lee; Certify

Ms. Gaines asked if there were any motions from Closed Session.

Dr. Carter asked that Personnel Recommendations be separated into Personnel A and Personnel B. A separate vote was needed on the Discipline recommendations. Ms. Hall moved to accept the Discipline recommendations and Mr. Hill seconded. The Discipline Committee voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the Discipline recommendations; 4 ayes, 0 nays

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve Personnel A. Mrs. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded. The voice vote was unanimous and showed the motion carried; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve Personnel B. Mrs. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded. The voice vote was as follows and showed the motion carried; 3 ayes, 1 nay (Lee).

### *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 the Special Education Plan 2022-2023 be removed the March 16, 2022 agenda. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adopt the agenda with the change. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded. The motion carried; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

### *Presentations*

#### Central High School Program of Studies

Dr. Rob Wright gave a brief overview of the Program of Studies for high school and middle school. Mrs. Ashely Edwards shared the new class offerings for the next year. They are as follows; African American History class for 12<sup>th</sup> grade, French 2, Intermediate and Advanced Band, Chorus 2, Theater 2, Criminal Justice 2.

#### Title I Parent Engagement

Mrs. Stephanie Lambrecht shared that as part of the Title I, One School, One Book Program, students have all been given a copy of, Nelson Beats the Odds. It was written by local author, Ronnie Sidney II, from Essex County. He will be coming to the elementary schools and autographing the books.

This book has ties to equity themes.

#### Athletics Presentation

Dr. Carter shared with the Board that while attending a girls basketball game, she saw a wonderful example of sportsmanship by one of the Central High School players. During a rough and tough game, Ziyanna King and an opposing player fell to the floor as the rest of the players went

on down the court. Ziyanna stopped and helped the opposing player get up. Dr. Carter said that it made her so proud to see such a great example of sportsmanship by a Royal Tiger player. Dr. Carter asked Zianna and her family to come forth. She presented Ziyanna King with a Good Sportsman Certificate.

Dr. Carter shared with the Board that she had received an email from the Assistant Athletic Director (AD) at West Point High School. After a game, the AD noticed that a student from Central High School was cleaning up trash left on the bleachers. Attached to the email to Dr. Carter was a picture of Alexis Thompson. Coach DeHart said, "This is a display of the character we strive for at King and Queen". Alexis and her parents were asked to come forth and Alexis was recognized.

### Black History Month Presentations

Mrs. Shante' Harvey, Principal of King and Queen Elementary School, shared with the Board some of the things the teachers and students had done to celebrate Black History Month. The Hall displays included: African-American Athletes, Leaders, Inventors, the Arts, Literature, History, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Fraternities and Sororities, and Arts for Learning.

During the month, there were Trivia questions, Jazz Music and Art.

Mrs. Tiffany Walston, Interim Principal of Lawson-Marriott (LMES), shared that students had researched an African American of their choice and had come in one day dressed as the person they researched, they decorated the halls with posters and participated in Jazz March Madness.

Central High School had decorated the halls for Black History Month. An English assignment used some of Maya Angelou's poems. The students created hands-on activities and learned quotes.

### *Board and Superintendent Comments*

Board members thanked the staff for updating the Board on the programs taking place across the division and in the schools. They congratulated Zianna King and Alexis Thompson for being such good representatives of the kind of students that are in King and Queen County Public Schools. Board members thanked the people for coming to the meeting.

Natajsha Stone, student representative, relayed a personal story about never giving up. She reminded the people in attendance that “no matter how hard it gets, you never know what you can accomplish. Never give up!”

### *Consent Agenda*

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

Gaines; aye Hall; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

#### A. Approval of minutes

1.) Regular Meeting – February 16, 2022

#### B. Next Meeting Dates:

1.) Work Session – April 14, 2022 (6:00 p.m.)

2.) Regular Meeting – April 20, 2022 (7:00 p.m.) Closed Session (6:00 p.m.)

#### C. Payment of First Batch of Bills

#### D. Payment of Second Batch of Bills

#### E. Personnel Report

The Personnel Report is as follows:

Resignations: Erin Crane, School Counselor, CHS; Shannon Waters, English Teacher, CHS; Patricia Walker, Bus Driver, CHS; Erica McLamb, Nurse, CHS; Erica Davison, Bus Driver, CHS

Appointments: Katherine Crump, Nurse, CHS; Sara Rowe, Math Teacher CHS; Lindsey Edwards, Elementary Teacher, KQES; Lori Morris, Cafeteria Worker, KQES; Elizabeth Hurst, Bus Driver, CHS; Theresha Baker, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, LMES

Reappointment: Shelley Whiteside, Nurse, LMES

### Reports

#### Superintendent's Monthly Report.

Dr. Carter shared the following with the Board; rising attendance numbers, school breakfast information, Spring Sports planned (baseball, softball, track), Black History Month, School Resource Officer Day, Read Across America activities; VSBA Art Contest - Middle School student (Oakley Reifsnider won 1<sup>st</sup> place); WELV Conference participation by staff; 6 slots at Chesapeake Bay Governor's School for next year; 2 slots at Maggie Walker next year; and Covid updates

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

### *Action Items*

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the School Food Service Appropriation request. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: Gaines, aye; Hall; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Donations and Grants for the month of February. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: Gaines; aye Hall; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

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

Mrs. Jen Perry briefly explained the proposed updates to the Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Updated Mitigation Plan, which will go into effect March 17, 2022. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: Gaines; aye; Hall; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

### *Future Action*

Future Action includes the Elementary and Secondary Program of Studies, School Faith Groups, Student Conduct Code & Public School Regulations, VSBA Policy Updates, and Special Education Plan 2022-2023.

### *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 Burroughs, Buena Vista District spoke about wanting teachers to not wear masks. She said she wants to see her teacher's face.

### *Adjournment*

At 8:17 p.m. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines declared the meeting adjourned.

There were 40 people in attendance.

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Celestine Gaines, Board Chair

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Emma Hundley, Clerk