

Regular Meeting Minutes

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Central High School Auditorium King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085 Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Closed Session (5:45 pm) Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

The Regular Meeting of the King & Queen School Board was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. The Closed Session preceded the meeting in the CHS Library at 5:45 p.m.

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The following members were present as indicated by roll call:

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair
Howard Hill, Vice Chair
Shannon Amos, Board Member
Harwood Hall, Board Member
Brenda Lee, Board Member

Natasjha Stone, Student Representative (joined at Open Session)

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

No members were absent.

Closed Session

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to enter into closed session at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Hill moved to enter into Closed Session to discuss under Subsection (A) (1) Personnel Recommendations and (A) (2) Discipline. Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reconvene to Open Session in the Auditorium.

At 7:05 p.m., Ms. Gaines called for a motion to reconvene to open session. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote was as follows; 5 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 April 20, 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; 5 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.

Ms. Lee moved to not accept the Personnel Recommendation. Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote indicated the motion not to accept the recommendation carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Hill moved to accept the Discipline Recommendation. Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote indicated that the motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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 there be a Presentation for the VSBA Regional Art Competition. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adopt the agenda with the change. Mr. Hill moved to adopt the agenda and Mrs. Amos seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Presentations

Dr. Carter called Dr. Rob Wright forward to present the Elementary Program of Studies. The updates include: the new Science Standards; Information on the Student Growth Assessments; Advanced coursework at the High School under Gifted Education; and an explanation on Access to the Parent Portal.

Dr. Carter called on Mr. David Copsmith to inform the Board about the Track Restoration and KQES Renovation Update. Mr. Copsmith showed pictures on the screen of the grating, etc. on the track, and the layout for the different events on the track field. He shared that upgrading the drainage had been completed. He showed the floor plan of the current King and Queen Elementary School and reported that students will likely be in the current school building for one more year.

Dr. Carter called forward the VSBA 2022 Eastern Regional Art Contest

1st place winner. Oakley Reifsnider was introduced to the Board and to the audience. He was presented a framed picture of his work.

Dr. Carter called on Mrs. Allison Jordan to present the Apple Awards.

The Lawson-Marriott 'Teaching Excellence Award' was presented to Ms. Lakazia Davis.

The King and Queen Elementary 'Helping Hands Award' was presented to the school nurse, Mrs. Eva Hancock.

The Central High School Middle School 'Teaching Excellence Award' was presented to Mr. Calvin Darity.

The Central High School 'Safe and Supportive Environment Award' was presented to Ms. Felicia Holmes.

The King and Queen County Public Schools division 'Helping Hands Award' was presented to Ms. Anne Kennedy.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Ms. Gaines called on the Board members, the Student Representative, and Dr. Carter for Comments.

Board members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. They congratulated the Apple Award winners and thanked them for their work. They thanked Mr. Copsmith for the updates on the Track Restoration and progress on the KQES Renovation project. Board members told Oakley Reifsnider how proud they are to have a VSBA District Art winner from King and Queen County Public Schools and thanked him.

Student Representative, Natasjah Stone said, "Everyone should be patient and wait for things to happen." She shared that she had been accepted to three colleges, would be going to University of Virginia and that she had received a large scholarship.

Dr. Carter reported that many events would be in-person this year including; the Military Ball, Prom, Elementary Schools Kindergarten and Sixth Grade Promotion, and Graduation.

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; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Amos: aye Gaines; aye Hall; aye Hill; aye Lee; aye

The consent agenda included the following:

Approval of minutes Work Session – March 10, 2022

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2022

Next Meeting Dates – Regular Meeting, May 25, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

Closed Session (6:00 p.m.)

Payment of 1st batch of Bills

Payment of 2nd batch of Bills
Personnel Report

Informational Items

Dr. Carter presented the Superintendent's Monthly Report.

She shared attendance numbers and informed the Board about the After-school Recovery Program to help with attendance. She thanked Dr. Rob Wright for his help with this.

Dr. Carter announced that Spring Sports include baseball, softball, and track; and announced that there will be a Sports Banquet.

Dr. Carter pointed out that the pinwheel gardens at each school represent Child Abuse Month.

Dr. Carter thanked the principal, Mrs. Shante' Harvey for her leadership in organizing activities for 'COW Day' (Careers on Wheels) at King and Queen Elementary School.

Dr. Carter thanked Mrs. Walston for her leadership for Lawson-Marriott's Field Day.

For Read Across America Day, inspired by the book Green Eggs and Ham, all staff members were given a ham.

Dr. Carter announced that four churches are interested in partnering with King and Queen Schools.

Dr. Carter called on Mrs. Emma Hundley to give the Financial Summary Report and the Fundraisers Report.

Action Items

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Donations and Grants. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows; 5 ayes, 0 nays and showed that the motion carried;

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

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Speech Contract Extension. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows; 5 ayes, 0 nays, and showed that the motion carried:

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

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the HVAC Project with Honeywell. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows; 5 ayes, 0 nays, and showed that the motion carried:

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

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Special Education Plan 2022-2023. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The voice vote was as follows; 5 ayes, 0 nays, and showed that the motion carried.

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the CTE Local Plan 2022-2023. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The voice vote was as follows; 5 ayes, 0 nays and showed that the motion carried:

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the VSBA Policy GBCC. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Amos seconded the motion. The voice vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried: 5 ayes 0 nays.

Future Action Items

Future Action Items include: School Faith Groups; the Elementary Program of Studies; the Student Conduct Code and Public School Regulations; and the Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title IV Grants.

Public Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines declared the meeting adjourned.

There were 36 people in attendance.

Celestine Gaines Board Chair

Emma Hundley, Clerk