

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Central High School Auditorium
King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085
Wednesday September 21, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the King & Queen School Board was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium. The Closed Session preceded the meeting in the 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
Shannon Amos, Board Member
Howard Hill, Vice Chair
Brenda Lee, Board Member

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

Members absent:
Harwood Hall, Board Member (out of town)

Closed Session

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to enter into closed session at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Hill moved to enter into Closed Session to discuss under Subsection (A) (1) Personnel Recommendations and Mrs. Amos 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 so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote was as follows: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Certification and Roll Call

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 September 21, 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 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 Amos; Certify Hill; Certify Lee; Certify

Ms. Gaines asked if there were any motions from Closed Session. Dr. Carter stated that the Personnel is included in the Consent Agenda.

There were none as the Personnel Recommendations are included in the Consent Agenda.

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. There were none. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Presentations and Reports

Ms. Gaines called on Dr. Carter to lead the Board through the presentations. Dr. Carter introduced Cristian Santizo to be considered for the Student Representative to the School Board for school year 2022-2023. Dr. Carter told the Board about his accomplishments and asked the Board Chair if she would call for a motion to approve Cristian Santizo as the School Board Student Representative. Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote was as follows; 4 ayes, 0 nays

Dr. Rob Wright spoke about the importance of regular attendance. He explained what Chronic Absenteeism is and how it affects not only the current grade the student is in but predicts the student's success in school as a whole. Dr. Wright shared that Attendance is a factor in accreditation.

Dr. Joy Davis, Consultant for the Equity Committee spoke briefly and called Dr. Wright forward to share the Equity Guidebook with the Board. He explained that the book is a compilation of the Equity Committee's work over the past year and a half. It will be shared and used as a resource for the staff of King and Queen County Public Schools.

Dr. Carter next called the principals to come forward and share their Beginning of School Report.

Mrs. Ashley Reynolds highlighted:

JROTC at Central High School, this year includes students for Essex and Middlesex and are very active. Color Guard has been at all three schools during the football games.

Photography class – Student's photographs on the slide show

Constitution Day - Government students dressed in patriotic attire

History Class – Students participated in a CSI exercise

Royal Tiger Band – about 30 students in Pep Band

Sports – Varsity (undefeated) and Jr. Varsity team this year

Mrs. Shante' Harvey highlighted:

Hispanic Heritage month being celebrated

Scheduling and committees being established

Flag football team for Community Pride Day

Mrs. Vivian Kazee highlighted:

Morning meetings

DARE

Hispanic Heritage

Guidance lessons

Flag football team for Community Pride Day

Mrs. Allison Jordan asked the principals to call their Apple Award winners forward.

Mrs. Shante' Harvey called Mrs. Kelly Harvey forward and presented her with the KQES Helping Hands Apple Award.

Mrs. Vivian Kazee presented Miss Noel Rogers with the LMES Helping Hands Apple Award.

Mrs. Ashley Reynolds presented the CHS Helping Hands Award to Mr. Jonathan Kready.

Dr. Carter presented the Division Apple Award to the Maintenance Team, Mr. Steve Morgan, Mr. Matthew Masters, Mr. Travis Carter, and Mr. David Copsmith. She thanked them for the hard work they have done for the division.

Board and Superintendent Comments

Board members and Dr. Carter congratulated and thanked Student Representative, Cristian Santizo for serving on the Board. They congratulated the Apple Award winners, expressed their condolences for the Richard Robinson family, and thanked the principals for their leadership and hard work.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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

The Consent Agenda included the following:

Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting – August 17, 2022,

Special Meeting – August 12, 2022 and September 8, 2022

Next Meeting Dates: Regular Meeting – October 19, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

Closed Session (6:00 p.m.)

Payment of Bills; Payment of Second and Third Batch of Bills

Personnel Report is as follows:

Resignations: Elizabeth Hurst, Part-time Cafeteria, KQES; Calvin Darity, JV Girls Basketball CHS

Appointments: Arika Lewis, Sub. Car Driver

Reports

Dr. Carter presented the Superintendent monthly report as follows;

Attendance – Average Daily Membership (ADM) 820. KQES 311, LMES 308, CHS 293

Transgender Policy – Virginia School Board Association working on transgender policy; parents will be notified if there are any changes to KQPS policy

SOL scores – All KQPS schools fully accredited and the division is accredited

Track - New shed to house Track equipment

Track named Kenneth Briddell Track

Ticket Booth – 2 new Ticket booths

Covid update – Schools are following guidelines

Shout out to building administrators

Football team and Band – team undefeated, Pep Band performed at game

Track named – The CHS track was named for Coach Kenneth Briddell

Picture of Volleyball team

*****Community Pride Day is October *****

Sheriff's Department is providing a School Resource Officer at each school.

Phone case in each classroom for students to place their phone in at the beginning of class

Mrs. Emma Hundley presented the Financial Report, the FY 2022 School Activity Fund Audit Report, and the Donations.

Action Items

Ms. Gaines called for a motion to approve the Donations. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos 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 School Food Services Appropriation. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos 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 KQPS Communication Plan. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos 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 Committee Appointments as follows: Safe & Drug Free Schools Advisory Committee Appointment, School Health Advisory Committee Appointment, Gifted Education Advisory Committee Appointment, Special Education Advisory Committee Appointment, Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Committee Appointment, and Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee Appointment. Mr. Hill so moved and Mrs. Amos seconded. The voice vote was as follows and showed that the motion carried; 4 ayes, 0 nays

Future Action Items

The Future Action Items include the Budget Calendar.

Public Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

Adjournment

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Gaines called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines declared the meeting adjourned.

There were 31 people in attendance.

Celestine Gaines, Board Chair

Emma Hundley, Clerk