

Colonial Beach School Board
Special Meeting
November 6, 2020 8:00 a.m.
Colonial Beach Elementary School, 102 1st Street
Colonial Beach, Virginia
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mrs. Michelle Payne
Mrs. Patrice Lyburn - Virtual
Mr. Brent Steffey
Ms. Tara Seeber
Ms. Terri McClure
Dr. Dashan Turner, Superintendent
Mrs. Karen Camlin, School Board Clerk

Call to Order

Mrs. Payne called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m..

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Steffey moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Ms. Seeber seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Parent, Mrs. Lisa Barrett stated that mental health needs to be considered when making decisions and that students should be allowed to come to school on a case to case basis. She also stated that her children are not doing well in the virtual setting.

Mr. Cody Christensen spoke as a teacher stating that he was speaking for the high school teachers and their voices are not being heard.

Parent, Mrs. Heather Oliver stated that her kids are fine in the virtual setting but we need to consider students who are not. She also stated that there needs to be a better plan for teachers.

Parent Jenny Christensen stated that she is tired and wants her children to be back in school, but she also wants her children to be safe.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Turner presented information about returning to school. He recommended that instruction remain virtual through the first semester and then begin the hybrid transition beginning January 5th.

Mrs. Lyburn made the motion to approve Dr. Turner's recommendation to remain virtual through the first semester and then begin the hybrid transition beginning January 5th.

Mr. Steffey seconded the motion, and it passed with 4 AYs with 1 board member abstaining.

Mr. Steffey spoke and stated that this is not an easy decision and it is important to look internally to see what's best for the division.

Ms. Seeber thanked the staff and teachers for everything they have done. She also stated that she wants kids back in school.

Ms. McClure thanked the teachers. She also stated that we will be dealing with this for a long time. She stated that she is concerned about mental health and afraid of the "snap"

Mrs. Lyburn did not comment.

Mrs. Payne stated that this is a hard decision and that it is important to make a decision that's best for everyone. She also stated that she wants students back in school, but we need to pause at this time and further monitor the situation.

A roll call vote followed:

Mrs. Lyburn - AY Ms. Seeber – NAY Mr. Steffey-AY Ms. McClure - NAY Mrs. Payne - AY

Closed Session commenced at 8:41 a.m.

Ms. Seeber moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment assignment, performance and resignations for certificated staff; and support staff pursuant to Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(2), discussion and consideration of students that would involve the disclosure of information contained in scholastic records and discipline; and pursuant to Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) discussion and consideration of information pertaining to actual or probable litigation. Ms. McClure seconded the motion with a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Lyburn - AY Ms. Seeber – AY Mr. Steffey-AY Ms. McClure-AY Mrs. Payne - AY

Reconvened Open Session at 9:15 am

Ms. Seeber moved that the Colonial Beach School Board return to Open Session, and certified that Pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3712.D. only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under this chapter and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body. Ms. McClure seconded the motion with a roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Lyburn - AY Ms. Seeber – AY Mr. Steffey-AY Ms. McClure-AY Mrs. Payne -
AY

Adjournment

Mrs. Lyburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Ms. McClure seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Karen Camlin, Clerk of the Board

Mrs. Michelle Payne, Chairman

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