

The Governor's School of Southside Virginia

Joint School Board Meeting Minutes

Nottoway High School Mini Auditorium

5267 Old Nottoway Rd.

Crewe, VA 23930

October 21, 2020

**Present:**

**Joint Board Members:**

Dr. Elizabeth Burns – Brunswick

Sherry Ragland – Buckingham

Gloria Talbott - Charlotte

Dr. Christine Ross – Cumberland

Janey Bush - Greenville

Dora Garner – Mecklenburg

Shelli Hinton – Nottoway

Dr. James Dumminger – Prince Edward

**Superintendents:**

Dr. Lori Harper – Amelia

Dr. Daisy Hicks – Buckingham

Robbie Mason – Charlotte

Dr. Chip Jones – Cumberland

Dr. Kim Evans - Greenville

Paul Nichols– Mecklenburg

Dr. Tameshia Grimes - Nottoway

**GSSV Director:** Wesley Swain

**GSSV Administrative Assistant** – Connie Tucker

**Absent:**

Bonnie Vega, Joint Board Member – Amelia

Barry Carnes, Joint Board Member – Lunenburg

Dr. Kristy Somerville-Midgett, Superintendent – Brunswick

Charles Berkley, Superintendent - Lunenburg

Barbara Johnson, Superintendent – Prince Edward

**I. Call to Order:** Dora Garner called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Dora Garner

**III. Moment of Silence** – Dora Garner called for moment of silence.

**IV. Roll Call** – names on sign-in sheet

- V. **Approval of Agenda** – Shelli Hinton moved to approve agenda, seconded by Elizabeth Burns. Motion passed.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2020** – Elizabeth Burns moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Christine Ross. Motion passed.
- VII. **Director’s Report** – Mrs. Swain shared a PowerPoint presentation.
- VIII. **Public Comment** – N/A
- IX. **Closed Session** – On a motion by Sherry Ragland, seconded by Shelli Hinton and unanimously carried, The Board entered closed session under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for discussion/consideration of personnel.
- X. **Action Items**
- a. **Personnel** – Elizabeth Burns moved to accept Sarah Fenwick as the new Math instructor, seconded by Sherry Ragland. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion passed.
  - b. **Remote Working Option** – Christine Ross moved that Wesley Swain, Director, use professional discretion for herself and her staff to work remotely when needed, seconded by Shelli Hinton. Motion passed.
- VII. **Certification** – On a motion by Sherry Ragland and seconded by Shelli Hinton, the GSSV Board made the following unanimous certification: Whereas, the Joint Board of GSSV has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and Whereas, Section 2.1-344.1(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the GSSV Joint Board hereby certifies that, the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. The motion passed unanimously.
- XI. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Elizabeth Burns, seconded by Shelli Hinton, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, at 4 p.m. at Nottoway.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chair