

The Governor's School of Southside Virginia

Joint School Board Meeting Minutes

Nottoway County School Board Office

10321 E. Colonial Trail

Nottoway Court House, VA 23955

July 22, 2021

**Present:**

**Joint Board Members:**

Timothy Puryear – Brunswick

Sherry Ragland - Buckingham

Dr. Christine Ross – Cumberland

Barry Carnes - Lunenburg

Dora Garner – Mecklenburg

Shelli Hinton – Nottoway

Dr. James Dumminger – Prince Edward

**Superintendents:**

Dr. Lori Harper – Amelia

Dr. Kristy Somerville-Midgett – Brunswick (via Zoom)

Dr. Daisy Hicks – Buckingham

Dr. Chip Jones – Cumberland

Charles Berkley - Lunenburg

Paul Nichols– Mecklenburg

Dr. Tameshia Grimes – Nottoway

**GSSV Director:** Wesley Swain

**GSSV Administrative Assistant** – Connie Tucker

**Absent:**

Catherine Wilkinson, Joint Board Member – Amelia

Gloria Talbott, Joint Board Member – Charlotte

Janey Bush, Joint Board Member - Greenville

Robbie Mason, Superintendent - Charlotte

Dr. Kelvin Edwards, Superintendent – Greenville

Dr. Barbara Johnson, Superintendent – Prince Edward

- I. **Call to Order:** Wesley Swain called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Wesley Swain.
- III. **Moment of Silence** – Wesley Swain called for moment of silence.

**IV. Approval of Agenda** – Christine Ross moved to approve agenda, seconded by Dora Garner. Motion passed.

**V. Organization of Joint School Board**

a. Election of Chair – Sherry Ragland nominated Dora Garner, seconded by Shelli Hinton. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Election of Vice Chair – Sherry Ragland nominated Shelli Hinton, seconded by Dora Garner. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Appointment of Clerk – Sherry Ragland nominated Wesley Swain, seconded by Shelli Hinton. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Appointment of Deputy Clerk – Shelli Hinton nominated Connie Tucker, seconded by Christine Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Setting of Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 – 4 pm in Nottoway School Board Office

i. Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – after discussion changed to Thursday, October 21, 2021

ii. Wednesday, February 16, 2022

iii. Wednesday, May 18, 2022

iv. Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – changed to Thursday, July 14, 2022

Sherry Ragland moved to accept amended schedule, seconded by Dora Garner. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021** – Shelli Hinton moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Christine Ross. Motion passed.

**VII. Director's Report** – Mrs. Swain shared information which will be emailed to everyone.

**VIII. Public Comment** – N/A

**IX. Closed Session** – On a motion by Shelli Hinton, seconded by Timothy Puryear and unanimously carried, The Board entered closed session for personnel matters regarding resignations, retirements, supplements, adjustments, employments, transfers, grievances, and discipline pursuant to Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

**X. Certification** – On a motion made by Shelli Hinton and seconded by Christine Ross, 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 certified 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 was heard, discussed or considered. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine Ross moved to form a committee to work on policy for GSSV, seconded by Shelli Hinton. Motion passed unanimously.

Christine Ross moved for a temporary policy that any school division is not able to withdraw from The Governor's School of Southside Virginia without at least a two-year notice. Shelli Hinton seconded. Motion passed.

**XI. Action Items**

- a. Resolution Regarding Payment of Personnel – Sherry Ragland moved to approve, seconded by Shelli Hinton. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution Establishing Fiscal Responsibility – Shelli Hinton moved to approve, seconded by Timothy Puryear. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Resolution Regarding Superintendent and Director Authorizations – Timothy Puryear moved to approve, seconded by Christine Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Adjournment** - Shelli Hinton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Timothy Puryear. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

- a. Next meeting – Thursday, October 21, 2021, at the Nottoway School Board Office.

  
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Clerk of the Board

  
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Chair