

The Governor's School of Southside Virginia

Joint School Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

May 20, 2020

*Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, this meeting was held via Zoom with the agreement of all board members.

Present:

Joint Board Members:

Bonnie Vega - Amelia
Elizabeth Burns – Brunswick
Sherry Ragland – Buckingham
Gloria Talbott - Charlotte
Christine Ross – Cumberland
Janey Bush - Greenville
Barry Carnes – Lunenburg
Dora Garner – Mecklenburg
Shelli Hinton – Nottoway
James Dumminger – Prince Edward

Superintendents:

Lori Harper – Amelia
Kristy Somerville-Midgette - Brunswick
Daisy Hicks – Buckingham
Robbie Mason – Charlotte
Amy Griffin – Cumberland
Kim Evans - Greenville
Charles Berkley - Lunenburg
Paul Nichols– Mecklenburg
Tameshia Grimes - Nottoway

GSSV Director: Wesley Swain

GSSV Administrative Assistant – Connie Tucker

Also present: Tracy Seward – School Board member – Brunswick
Chip Jones – Asst. Superintendent - Cumberland

Absent:

Barbara Johnson, Superintendent – Prince Edward

I. **Call to Order:** Dora Garner called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 called out by Connie Tucker
- V. **Approval of Agenda** – Shelli Hinton moved to approve agenda, seconded by Elizabeth Burns.
Motion passed.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2020** – Christine Ross moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Janey Bush. Motion passed.
- VII. **Director’s Report** – Mrs. Swain shared a PowerPoint presentation.
- VIII. **Public Comment** – N/A
- IX. **Closed Session** – On a motion by Christine Ross, seconded by Sherry Ragland 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. **2020-2021 GSSV Calendar** – Shelli Hinton moved to accept as presented, seconded by Elizabeth Burns.
Motion passed.
 - b. **2020-2021 GSSV Curriculum** – Elizabeth Burns moved to accept as presented, seconded by Shelli Hinton.
Motion passed.
 - c. **2020-2021 GSSV Budget** - Shelli Hinton moved to accept as presented, seconded by Sherry Ragland.
Motion passed.
 - d. **Personnel** – Gloria Talbott moved to accept Kristen Beekwilder as the new Biology/Research instructor, seconded by Janey Bush. Motion passed.
- VII. **Certification** – On a motion by Elizabeth Burns 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 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 Janey Bush, seconded by Elizabeth Burns, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 4 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Chair