

BUEA VIST CITY SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA
MINUTES - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

6:00 P. M.

WILFORD P. RAMSEY EDUCATIONAL CENTER

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members - Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, Mac Felts and John Rice. John Keeler, Kelly Linkenhoker, Donna Frazier and Sandy Mohler.

Meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was observed.

Upon a motion by John Rice to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Hickman – Like to speak with you regarding the recently passed legislature by the State of Virginia. My main concerns regarding Senate Bill 145 and Congress Bill 161 are with having different genders in the restrooms based on what they identify as. This makes me very uncomfortable for my teenage daughter. I totally oppose that. Everybody should be treated with respect and compassion that is not what this is about. I don't want to sacrifice my daughter's safety and my rights as a parent for her to give somebody else rights. I think they are really off base. I also concerned about notifying parents. If my child is having issues with a gender, I should be involved with that. I am very involved with my children. I don't think it is the State's or the School system's responsibility to do that. Must call a transgender student by their preferred pronoun. How are you going to keep up with that? There are some very high penalties for teachers and students who use the wrong gender pronoun. I ask that you please read over it and consider what's in there. What do you want for your children and grandchildren? What kind of legacy do we want to leave if we are not protecting our children? It is not the responsibility of the Legislature to parent our kids. They are over stepping their bounds, in my opinion. It is a lot of information. I appreciate you listening to me. These policies have to begin this coming school year. Teresa Ellison – You are referring to the model policies? Yes. It is a time in their lives that kids are mixed up, they are developing and they are figuring out things. They need their parents, they don't need the State. Parents need to be involved. Thank you so much for listening to me.

Upon a motion by Wayne Flint for Closed Session for the Discussion of Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (3)}. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mac Felts to end Closed Session. It was seconded by Wayne Flint.

Certification was read and the Board was polled.

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Mr. Flint – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting by John Rice, seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Teresa R. Ellison

Teresa Ellison – Chair

17 March 2021

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler – Clerk

3/17/2021

Date