

**BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD  
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**6:00 P.M.**

**JANUARY 11, 2024**

**W. P. Ramsey Education Center**

**ATTENDANCE:** Present: Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, John Rice, Lisa Kerr, John Roberts, Roy Mohler and Paula Charlton. Also present: Dr. Tony Francis, Gennifer Miller and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

John Roberts made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Dr. Francis opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Wayne Flint nominated Teresa Ellison for Chair. Ms. Ellison is willing to serve. Do we have any other nominations? John Rice made the motion to close the floor. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote. With a 7-0 vote Ms. Ellison was confirmed as School Board Chair. The meeting was turned over to Ms. Ellison.

The floor is open for nominations for Vice-Chair: Wayne Flint nominated Lisa Kerr for School Board Vice-Chair. Mrs. Kerr is willing to serve. Are there any other nominations? There are no other nominations. John Rice made the motion to close the floor. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote. Paula Charlton made the motion to approve Lisa Kerr as Vice-Chair. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 7-0.

Welcome of Visitors/Public Comments – Tyson Cooper, Mayor of Buena Vista addressed the Board. Express gratitude for all the people who make the community work. He also thanked the Board for the work it does and expressed his appreciation. Seeking understanding on how we can work together. What can he do to serve and help our community? Ways to help, service projects, find someone who is lonely, meet someone new; learn their story. Feel free to contact me.

Dr. Francis recommended Sandra Mohler as the Clerk of the School Board. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve Sandra Mohler as Clerk per Dr. Francis' recommendation. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Dr. Francis recommended Sherrie Wheeler as the Deputy Clerk of the School Board. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve Dr. Francis' recommendation of Sherrie Wheeler. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 7-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to keep SB meeting the same, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Ramsey Center and make amendments as needed. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 7-0 vote.

January meeting will need to be changed. January 24 is a possible night that does not have a game. After Board discussion, Wayne Flint made the motion to amend January meeting date to January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Ramsey Center. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Wayne Flint made the motion to schedule the Finance Meeting on the Tuesday prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. It was seconded by Roy Mohler and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Paula Charlton made the motion to schedule the Policy Meeting the Monday prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month as needed. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 7-0 vote.

#### **Code of Conduct for Board Members**

Ms. Ellison encouraged members to read over the Code of Conduct. There are several extremely important items listed in the Code and as members we need to be more tuned in to these items. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Code of Conduct for Board Members. It was seconded by Roy Mohler and passed by a 7-0 vote. We need to have a signed copy, so if you could pass it around and return to the Chair.

#### **Appointment to Committees**

Governor School Representative – Teresa Ellison

VSBA Delegates – Teresa Ellison and Lisa Kerr as the alternate

Finance Committee – Wayne Flint, Chair, John Rice and Paula Charlton

Policy Committee – Lisa Kerr, Roy Mohler and John Roberts

Construction Committee – John Roberts and Roy Mohler may be add a third member rotating attendance, just so everyone stays informed.

VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Clerks. Mrs. Mohler review the Clerk Code of Conduct for the Board Members.

John Roberts – Continued support from the City Council is extremely important to me. As we continue to grow and face the challenges in education. The City has been through a lot but the main thing that stayed here was the school system. The City provides police for protection, fire and rescue for safety and educate the children. People will not live in a community that will not educate their kids. Support from the City will be great. The schools are one of the biggest reasons we have a community. I appreciate everything the City does for us. I want the City to support us and be open-minded to our needs as we move forward.

Teresa Ellison – The Schools are who we are! Want to have open communication with the City and work together.

Paula Charlton – I was very impressed with Mr. Cooper when I had a chance to talk to him during election day. The school division has always been a beacon of hope. The willingness to work together is important. It means a lot to me when Mr. Cooper spoke earlier.

Lisa Kerr – Since I have been on the Board, no one from the City has come to a meeting. Mean a lot.

Wayne Flint made the motion to go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to resignations and retirements according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)} It was seconded by John Rice and passed by 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Lisa Kerr to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Certification was read and the Board was polled.

Ms. Charlton – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mrs. Kerr – yes

Mr. Flint - yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Mr. Mohler - yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Lisa Kerr made the motion to accept the retirement of Claudette Worley, effective June 30, 2024. It was seconded by Paula Charlton and passed by a 7-0 vote.

John Roberts made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 7-0 vote.

Teresa Ellison

Teresa Ellison, Chairman

February 21, 2024

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler, Clerk

February 21, 2024

Date