

COVINGTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

May 18, 2020

The Covington City School Board held a special called meeting in the Board conference room on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

Tamala Preston, Chair
Bert Baker, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Arritt
Erika Hunter
Tonya Jones (Per Conference Call)

Superintendent Melinda Snead-Johnson was present, as was Rebecca Irvine, Board Clerk.

Mrs. Preston called the meeting to order and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that the public notice of the meeting stated that attendance in the Board room would be limited to ten individuals. The public was invited to submit questions or participate remotely, but no requests were received.

FY 2019 – 2020 BUDGET

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted we continue to monitor revenues and expenditures for the current year. Sales Tax collections for May did not show a significant reduction due to COVID-19. These collections reflect the Sales Tax for March. April sales tax figures will be collected in June, and May and June collections will be in July and August.

FY 20-21 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the expense breakdown presented at the last meeting and clarified what was included in each line item. Some discussion ensued regarding what personnel cuts may be necessary if local funds are reduced by \$332,763 as recommended by the City Manager. Some of these discussions will require an Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Allegheny Highlands Chamber of Commerce has arranged a Zoom meeting with U.S. Representative Morgan Griffith for area representatives on Thursday, May 21st at 9:30 a.m. Participation is limited to 100 individuals.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that the COVID-19 feeding program ends this Wednesday, May 20th. The summer feeding program begins June 1st. We will need 50 participants per day to maintain this program.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson urged everyone to visit the CHS lawn display to honor 2020 graduates.

Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that a Proclamation of Appreciation was approved by City Council on May 12, 2020, thanking the School Division for donations during the COVID-19 Emergency Operations pandemic.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Arritt, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved an executive session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss matters in relation to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel.

Upon a return to open session at 6:31 p.m., the Board agreed to certify the closed session under the Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-3711 (A) (1) Personnel with a roll call vote.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the 2020 – 2021 personnel appointments as presented. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Baker left the meeting at this point due to a prior engagement.

Upon a motion by Mr. Arritt, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, the Board unanimously approved a return to executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss matters in relation to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel.

Upon a return to open session at 7:06 p.m., the Board agreed to certify the closed session under the Code of Virginia, Section 2.1-3711 (A) (1) Personnel with a roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion by Mr. Arritt, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 – 2021 personnel appointments as presented. (A listing of this appointments is included with these minutes).

FY 20-21 BUDGET

The Board agreed by consensus that Mrs. Snead-Johnson would address City Council regarding the impact of the reduction recommendation by the City Manager.

Some discussion ensued the CARES allocation and how these funds will be used.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Tamala Preston, Chair

Rebecca Irvine, Clerk

