

COVINGTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

August 26, 2019

The Covington City School Board held a special called meeting in the Board conference room on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

Tamala Preston, Chair
Jonathan Arritt
Erika Hunter
Tonya Jones

With a unanimous roll call vote, per Policy BDD, all Board members agreed to allow Bert Baker, Vice-Chair to join the meeting electronically.

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

Mrs. Preston called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence. Mrs. Snead-Johnson noted that an employee was in critical condition in the hospital and asked those in attendance to remember this staff member and family. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION: COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TRIP DECEMBER 18 – 22, 2019/ORLANDO, FL

Mrs. Snead-Johnson asked Tara Brewster, CHS Girls' Basketball to provide an update on the trip. Mrs. Brewster reviewed the trip itinerary and noted that KSA Events is the company that the team is using to book the trip and tournament. This company was used the last time the team traveled to Florida in 2011. KSA Events serves as the "travel agent" for the trip and tournament. The cost is \$1,400 per student, and \$8,680.70 has been raised or donated toward the trip to date. Although the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team has not been selected, Mrs. Brewster is planning for 12 girls to go to Florida. The team flight will depart from Huntington, WV. Five chaperones plan to fly to with the team, and others will join the team in Florida for a total of 12 chaperones.

Some discussion ensued regarding the trip and fundraising. Mrs. Brewster noted the one student has decided not to participate in fundraising and not go on the trip. This student did address the Board to explain her decision.

Tonya Wolfe addressed the Board in support of the trip. She noted that she thought every opportunity would be made to raise funds for all students who wish to attend.

Sa'Mone Moore addressed the Board in support of the trip. She noted that she went on the trip in 2011, and it is a great opportunity for team members.

Mary Tyree addressed the Board in support of the trip, and noted that she had not been made aware of any parents concerns.

Mr. Via addressed the Board and asked if the Board planned to revoke approval for the trip.

Mrs. Preston and Mr. Baker noted that the purpose of the meeting was to clarify and answer questions.

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Charity Hale addressed the Board and urged all parents with concerns to come and see her. It was a team decision to participate in this trip, and all team members will be able to participate.

Chad Tacy addressed the Board and asked if the Board planned to revoke approval for the trip.

Ms. Jones and Mrs. Preston noted that this meeting was an opportunity for parents to express any concerns that they may have.

Mrs. Tacy addressed the Board and asked what would happen to funds raised if the trip is cancelled.

Mr. Cantell addressed the Board and noted that this is a wonderful opportunity for students.

RECESS

Mrs. Preston thanked those in attendance for their comments and noted that the Board would take a five-minute recess.

Upon a return to the meeting, Mrs. Preston noted that the Board decision from March 25th to approve the trip will stand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Arritt, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, the Board unanimously approved an executive session at 7:50 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 8:02 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 Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Arritt, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel appointment:

Jackyn Shifflett

Instructional Aide

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Tamala Preston, Chair

Rebecca Irvine, Clerk

