

The Governor's School of Southside Virginia  
Joint School Board Meeting Minutes  
Nottoway County School Board Office  
10321 E Colonial Trail, Nottoway Court House, VA 23955  
July 18, 2018

**Present:**

**Joint Board Members:**

Elizabeth Burns – Brunswick  
Sherry Ragland – Buckingham  
Henry Carwile – Charlotte  
Janey Bush – Greensville  
Barry Carnes – Lunenburg  
Dora Garner – Mecklenburg  
Shelli Hinton – Nottoway  
Cainan Townsend – Prince Edward

**Superintendents:**

Nancy Leonard – Charlotte  
Amy Griffin – Cumberland  
Charles Berkley - Lunenburg

**GSSV Director:** Laurie Michaelson; **GSSV Administrative Assistant:** Connie Tucker

**Also present:** Joan Dooley - Nottoway

**Absent:**

Bonnie Vega, Board Member – Amelia  
Christine Ross, Board Member – Cumberland  
David Smith, Interim Superintendent – Amelia  
Kristy Sommerville-Midgett, Superintendent – Brunswick  
Thelma Llewelyn, Acting Superintendent – Buckingham  
Kim Evans, Superintendent – Greensville  
Rodney Berry, Superintendent - Nottoway  
Paul Nichols, Superintendent – Mecklenburg  
Barbara Johnson, Superintendent – Prince Edward

- I. **Call to Order:** Laurie Michaelson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
- II. **Organization of Joint School Board**
  - a. Election of Chair – Sherry Ragland nominated Dora Garner, Janey Bush seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Election of Vice Chair – Sherry Ragland nominated Shelli Hinton, Janey Bush seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Appointment of Clerk – Sherry Ragland nominated Laurie Michaelson, Barry Carnes seconded. Motion carried.
  - d. Appointment of Deputy Clerk – Sherry Ragland nominated Connie Tucker, Janey Bush seconded. Motion carried.
  - e. Setting of Meeting Schedule for 2018 – 2019:
    - October 17, 2018
    - February 20, 2019
    - May 15, 2019Elizabeth Burns moved to accept, Shelli Hinton seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Closed Session** – Sherry Ragland moved to enter in to closed session later in the meeting, Janey Bush seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence** – led by Chairman Garner.
- V. **Approval of Agenda** – Janey Bush moved to approve, Elizabeth Burns seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2018** – Shelli Hinton moved to accept, Elizabeth Burns seconded. Motion carried.
- VII. **Director’s Report** – Laurie gave a PowerPoint presentation of which everyone received a printed copy.
- VIII. **Public Comment** – N/A
- IX. **Enter Closed Session** – On a motion by Shelli Hinton, seconded by Janey Bush and unanimously carried, The Board entered closed session under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) personnel for approval of new hires.
- X. **Open Session** – On a motion by Elizabeth Burns, seconded by Cainan Townsend and unanimously carried, the Board returned to open session.
- XI. **Certification** – On a motion by Sherry Ragland, seconded by Elizabeth Burns and unanimously carried, 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. Vote carried 8-0.


XII. **Action Items**

- a. Personnel – On a motion by Shelli Hinton, seconded by Elizabeth Burns and carried with a unanimous vote, the Board approved the personnel recommendation of Mrs. Wendy Kidd as an English instructor for The Governor’s School of Southside Virginia.
- b. Approval of Resolution Regarding Payment of Personnel – Sherry Ragland moved to accept, Cainan Townsend seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Approval of Resolution Establishing Fiscal Responsibility – Shelli Hinton moved to accept, Sherry Ragland seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Approval of Resolution Regarding Superintendent and Director Authorizations – Cainan Townsend moved to accept, Janey Bush seconded. Motion carried.

XII. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Chair