The members of the Portsmouth City School Board held their annual reorganizational meeting on Thursday, **July 6, 2006**, in the Sixth Floor Conference Room, which is located in the City Hall Building, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.

**Call to Order**

Dr. David C. Stuckwisch called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.; Mrs. Laura C. Chandler, the Deputy Clerk, and Miss Susan L. Patterson, Secretary to the Superintendent, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Mr. Dan Pendarvis, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Planning, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the board and the audience paused for a moment of silence.

**Roll Call**

The following board members were present: Ms. Sheri H. Bailey; Mr. James E. Bridgeford; Dr. Elizabeth Daniels; Mr. James M. Hewitt; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Hudgins; Mr. B. Keith Nance, Sr.; Mrs. Linda D. Ridenour; Mrs. Jean H. Shackelford; and Dr. Mark M. Whitaker.

The following members of the professional staff were also in attendance: Dr. David C. Stuckwisch, *Superintendent*, Dr. Patricia H. Fisher, *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction*, Mr. Dan Pendarvis, *Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Planning*, Dr. Margaret R. Buxton, *Director of Human Resources*, Mrs. Nita R. Mensia-Joseph, *Director of Operations*, Mr. Joseph L. Wiggins, *Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent*, and Mr. George M. Willson, *School Board Attorney/Deputy City Attorney*.

**Designation of the Presiding Officer**

Mrs. Hudgins nominated Mr. George M. Willson, School Board Attorney, as the presiding officer until the election of the Chair. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Nance moved for the approval of the agenda for July 6, 2006. Mrs. Ridenour moved that Item 15 (*Sub-Committees and Assignments*) be removed from the agenda to allow Board Members time to select which committee they would prefer to serve on. The motion to remove item 15 carried by a roll-call vote of **seven** yes votes (Ms. Bailey, Mr. Bridgeford, Dr. Daniels, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Nance, Mrs. Ridenour, Dr. Whitaker) to **two** no votes (Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs. Shackelford). The motion to approve the agenda for July 6, 2006 as amended was carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
Election of the Clerk of the School Board

Mrs. Shackelford nominated Kathy L. Chambliss as Clerk of the Board. Ms. Chambliss was appointed Clerk of the Board by acclamation.

Election of the Deputy Clerk of the School Board

Mr. Nance nominated Laura C. Chandler as Deputy Clerk of the Board. Mrs. Chandler was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Board by acclamation.

Election of the Chair of the School Board

Mrs. Hudgins nominated Mrs. Shackelford for Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Ridenour nominated Mr. Bridgeford. Mrs. Hudgins moved that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Bridgeford was appointed as Chairman of the School Board by six roll-call votes (Ms. Bailey, Mr. Bridgeford, Dr. Daniels, Mr. Nance, Mrs. Ridenour, Dr. Whitaker) to three votes for Mrs. Shackelford (Mr. Hewitt, Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs. Shackelford).

Election of the Vice-Chair of the School Board

Dr. Daniels nominated Mrs. Ridenour for Vice-Chair of the Board. Mrs. Ridenour was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Board by a unanimous roll-call vote.

School Board Meetings

Mr. Nance moved for the approval of the meeting dates of the Portsmouth City School Board for the 2006-07 school year. The motion carried by common consent.

*Friday–Saturday, August 4-5, 2006—School Board Retreat*
*Thursday, September 14, 2006—Special Meeting/Public Work Session*
*Thursday, September 28, 2006—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, October 12, 2006—Public Work Session*
*Thursday, October 26, 2006—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, November 9, 2006—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, December 14, 2006—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, January 11, 2007—Special Meeting/Public Work Session*
*Thursday, January 25, 2007—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, February 8, 2007—Special Meeting/Public Work Session*
*Thursday, February 22, 2007—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, March 8, 2007—Special Meeting/Public Work Session*
*Thursday, March 22, 2007—Regular Meeting*
*Thursday, April 5, 2007—Special Meeting/Public Work Session*
*Thursday, April 26, 2007—Regular Meeting*
Transfer Authority

Dr. Daniels moved that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act under Section 22.1-297 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, in the reassignment of teachers, principals, and assistant principals. The motion carried by common consent.

Appointment of an Agent and Deputy Agent

Mrs. Hudgins moved for the approval of the appointment of Mr. Dan Pendarvis as Agent, and Dr. David C. Stuckwisch as Deputy Agent, for the Portsmouth City School Board, without additional compensation in compliance with Section 22.1-122 (B) of the *Code of Virginia*, for the 2006-07 school year. The motion carried by common consent.

Appointment of Superintendent’s Designee

Mrs. Hudgins moved for the approval to appoint Dr. Patricia H. Fisher as designee of the Superintendent without additional compensation in accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the *Code of Virginia*, for the 2006-07 school year. The motion carried by common consent.

Election of a Delegate and an Alternate to VSBA

Mr. Nance moved that Mr. Bridgeford serve as the delegate, and Mr. Hewitt serve as the alternate to the Annual Convention of the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA), Williamsburg, Virginia. The motion carried by common consent.

Election of a Director and an Alternate to the Governor’s School for the Performing Arts

Mrs. Hudgins nominated Mrs. Shackelford to serve as the director, and Mrs. Hudgins agreed to serve as the alternate to the Governor’s School for the Performing Arts for the 2006-07 School Year. The nominations were approved by common consent.

Election of a Representative and an Alternate to the WHRO Governing Board of Directors

Mrs. Ridenour nominated Ms. Bailey to serve as the representative, and Mrs. Ridenour agreed to serve as the alternate to the WHRO Governing Board of Directors for the 2006-07 school year. The nominations were approved by common consent.
Election of a Representative and an Alternate to Serve on the Board of Directors of SECEP

Mrs. Hudgins nominated Dr. Daniels to serve as the representative, and Mrs. Shackelford to serve as the alternate to the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Cooperative Educational Programs Agency (SECEP) for the 2006-07 school year. The nominations were approved by common consent.

Election of a Representative and an Alternate to CUBE

Mrs. Hudgins moved that Dr. Daniels serve as the representative and Mr. Nance serve as the alternate to the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) for the 2006-07 school year. The motion carried by common consent.

Subcommittees and Assignments

Board members were asked to submit the subcommittee that they would like to be assigned to for the 2006-07 school year to the Clerk, prior to the retreat.

Minutes

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Work Session held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 and the Regular Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, June 22, 2006. The motion carried by common consent.

Certain School Board Policies

Group 1: Revised Legal and Cross-References

Mrs. Hudgins moved to approve Group 1 of certain school board policies. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

DN (Disposal of Surplus Items) revised legal references
GCB (Professional Staff Contracts) revised legal references
GCDA (Effect of Criminal Conviction) revised cross-references
INDC (Religion in the Schools) revised legal references
JECB (Admission of Nonpublic Students for Part-Time Enrollment) revised legal references
JHH (Suicide Prevention) revised cross-references

Group 2: Minor Changes

Mrs. Hudgins moved to approve Group 2 of certain school board policies. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
Mr. Nance moved to approve Group 3 of certain school board policies excluding procedures GBLA and KG-P, which will be considered in September. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
Request to Rent Churchland High School
Football Field

Board members discussed an application submitted by the Chesapeake Bay Eagles Football Team requesting to rent the Churchland High School Football Field. It was agreed that policy KG-P would be amended for Board consideration.

Resolution

Mr. Nance moved to approve a resolution requesting City Council to approve a Virginia Public Schools Authority (VPSA) Subsidized Loan, in lieu of the Literary Fund Loan, for construction of the new Park View Elementary School. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Draft Retreat Agenda

Mr. Bridgeford reviewed the retreat agenda for Friday, August 4, 2006, and Saturday, August 5, 2006:

Friday, August 4, 2006

✦ Call to Order — Chairman
✦ Silent Roll Call — Clerk
✦ Consideration of Application for 21st Century Grant (Roll-Call Vote)
✦ Spring 2006 SOL Score Results
✦ Dinner — 5:00 p.m.
✦ Achievement of African American Males in Portsmouth Public Schools
✦ Break —
✦ Development of a New Strategic Plan, Winter-Spring 2007
✦ Adjournment

Saturday, August 5, 2006

✦ Call to Order — Chairman
✦ Silent Roll Call — Clerk
✦ Breakfast — 8:00 a.m.
✦ Salary Equity Study
✦ Break —
✦ Science Pathways Initiative
✦ Lunch — 12:00 noon
✦ Revised CIP and Upcoming Rezoning Issues
✦ Adjournment
It was so noted that the following items would be added to the retreat agenda: 1) Discussion: meeting/conference reports, 2) Board self-assessment, 3) policies, and 4) Board member’s comments/discussion.

Closed Session

Mr. Nance moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of: a) Consideration of a personnel matter involving the performance evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools, as permitted under Subsection A.1., and b) Consideration of student disciplinary matters, as permitted under Subsection A.2.

Mr. Nance moved that each Board member certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge, only matters which are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and which were identified in the motion to go into closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the preceding closed meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote (Ms. Sheri H. Bailey; Mr. James E. Bridgeford; Dr. Elizabeth Daniels; Mr. James M. Hewitt; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Hudgins; Mr. B. Keith Nance, Sr.; Mrs. Linda D. Ridenour; Mrs. Jean H. Shackelford; and Dr. Mark M. Whitaker).

Superintendent’s Evaluation

This item was discussed in closed session.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/53
Reduced to a Long-Term Suspension
Student Discipline Case Number 2005-06/43

Mr. Nance moved to suspend the student identified by Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/53. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/51

This case was removed from the agenda. It will be handled administratively.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/50
Reduced to a Long-Term Suspension
Student Discipline Case Number 2005-06/39

Mrs. Hudgins moved to suspend the student identified by Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/50. The motion carried by a roll-call vote of eight yes votes (Ms. Bailey, Mr. Bridgeford, Dr. Daniels, Mr., Hewitt, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Nance, Mrs. Ridenour, Dr. Whitaker) to one no vote (Mrs. Shackelford).
Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/52

Mr. Nance moved to expel the student named in Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/52. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/29

This case was delayed until September 14, 2006.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/54
Reduced to a Long-Term Suspension
Student Discipline Case Number 2005-06/41

Mr. Nance moved to suspend the student identified by Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/54. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/55
Reduced to a Long-Term Suspension
Student Discipline Case Number 2005-06/42

Mrs. Hudgins moved to suspend the student identified by Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/55. The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Expulsion Case Number 2005-06/56

This case was removed from the agenda. It will be handled administratively.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

James E. Bridgeford, Chairman

Kathy L. Chambliss, Clerk

September 28, 2006

Date of Adoption by the Board