

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD
(Superintendent's Proposed Budget & The Announcement of the Interim
School Board Member Representing the Sleepy Hole Borough)
Monday, February 25, 2021 (6:00 PM)**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was at City Hall while practicing social distancing.

Upon roll being taken, the following persons were present:

Dr. Judith Brooks-Buck, *Chair*
Phyllis Byrum, *Vice-Chair*
Karen Jenkins
Lorita Mayo
Sherri Story

Also Present: Dr. John B. Gordon III, *Superintendent*
 Wendell M. Waller, *School Board Attorney*
 Tarshia L. Gardner, *Clerk*
 Keesha L. Hicks, *Deputy Clerk*

Absent: Tyron Riddick

6:00 P.M. – OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

- The School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brooks-Buck.
- MOTION FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICE (RID-DICK), Attorney Waller read the following motion:

A MOTION IS NEEDED PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3708.2.A.1.B. TO ALLOW BOARD MEMBER TYRON RIDDICK TO PARTICIPATE IN TONIGHT'S SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SUSSEX II STATE PRISON, 24427 MUSSELLWHITE DRIVE, WAVERLY, VA 23891, DUE TO WORK RESTRAINTS THAT PREVENT HIS PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Vice-Chair Byrum moved, and Member Jenkins seconded the motion, to approve the motion as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Riddick).
The motion Passed. 5 to 0.

Member Riddick was not able to join this meeting. He could not attend via electronic device.

- Vice-Chair Byrum lead all in the pledge of allegiance.

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Vice-Chair moved, and Member Jenkins seconded the motion, to appoint Linda T. Johnson as Interim School Board Member as a result of the interviews conducted.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 1 (Story) Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Riddick).
The motion Passed. 4 to 1 to 1

SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

The Superintendent's proposed budget was presented to the Board by Mrs. Wendy Forsman and Dr. John Gordon. (This was an information item.)

Member Story asked if the public had a copy of what the board members were able to see.

Member Jenkins indicated that all of the information being viewed by Board Members is visible to the public via live-stream.

Member Lorita thanked all for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board Chair adjourned the Special Meeting of the School Board at 6:45 p.m.

Judith Brooks-Buck, Ph.D., *Board Chair*

Tarshia L. Gardner, *Board Clerk*