Regular Meeting Minutes
KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Central High School Auditorium
King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Closed Session (6:30 pm) Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

The Regular Meeting of the King & Queen School Board was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. The Closed Session preceded the meeting in the CHS Classroom at 6:30 p.m.

Howard Hill, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present as indicated by roll call:

Howard Hill, Board Chair
Celestine Gaines, Vice Chair
Harwood Hall, Board Member (sick-called in at 7:01 p.m.)
Brenda Lee, Board Member
Daryl Oakley, Board Member (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Also present:
Dr. Carol B. Carter, Superintendent
Monica Gonzalez, Board Clerk

Members absent:
None

Closed Session

Mr. Hill called for a motion to enter into closed session at 6:31 p.m. Ms. Gaines made a motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss under Subsection (A)(4) Religious Exemption, and (A) (1) Personnel Recommendations:
Resignations: 1 Paraprofessional CHS; 1 Paraprofessional LMES.
Appointments: 2 SPED Paraprofessionals LMES; 1 SPED Paraprofessional KQES.
Leave of Absence: 1 Paraprofessional CHS (August 18-September 3).

Position Change: 1 ISS Paraprofessional CHS to 1 Library Paraprofessional CHS. Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried as indicated by Voice Vote; 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Reconvene to Open Session, *Certification, Roll Call*

At 7:02 p.m., Mr. Hill called for a motion to reconvene to Open Session. Ms. Gaines moved to reconvene to Open Session and Mr. Oakley seconded. The motion carried as indicated by Voice Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Hill announced that Board Member, Harwood Hall was attending the meeting via phone call.

Mr. Hill asked for a motion to certify Closed Session. Mr. Oakley made a motion. Mr. Hill read the following:

> Mr. Oakley *made a motion that WHEREAS, the King and Queen School Board convened a Closed Session on August 18, 2026 pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by the School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King and Queen School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (a) any public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under FOIA and (b) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting.*

Mr. Hill asked for a second. Ms. Gaines seconded the motion.

Mr. Hill asked the Board Clerk to certify closed session. Roll Call to certify was as follows: Hill; Certify Gaines; Certify Lee; Certify Oakley; Certify. (Ms. Hall was not in closed session).

Mr. Hill asked if there were any motions from Closed Session.

Dr. Carter said there were none. The Personnel and Religious Exemption are in the Consent Agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hill asked everyone to stand, and he led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Hill called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Oakley made a motion to adopt the agenda and Ms. Gaines seconded. The motion carried by Voice Vote; 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Ms. Lee).

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hill called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Gaines made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. Ms. Gaines and Mr. Oakley did not want to vote for the approval of minutes because they were not here for that meeting. The motion carried as indicated by Roll Call Vote; Hill; aye Hall; aye Lee; nay.

The consent agenda included the following;
Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting – July 22, 2026;
Next Meeting Dates: Regular Meeting – September 23, 2026 (7:00 p.m.) Closed Session (6:30 p.m.)
Payment of 1st batch of Bills
Payment of 2nd batch of Bills
Payment of 3rd batch of Bills

Personnel Report: The Personnel Report is as follows:

Resignations: Deborah Carter, Library Paraprofessional, CHS; Patricia Davis, Paraprofessional, LMES.
Appointments: Taishonna Taylor, Paraprofessional, LMES; Victoria South, Paraprofessional, LMES; Chasity Hayden, SPED Paraprofessional, KQES.
Leave of Absence: Stephanie Keeter, Paraprofessional, CHS.
Position Changes: Crystal Brooks, Library Paraprofessional, CHS.

Religious Exemption

School Board Member Comments

Mr. Hill called on the Board Members for comments.

Reports

Dr. Carter presented the Superintendent's Monthly update, the Financial Summary and the Donations.

Action Items

Mr. Hill called for a motion to approve the July Donations. Ms. Gaines made a motion to approve the July Donations and Mr. Oakley seconded. Roll Call vote was as follows and showed the motion carried: Hill; aye Gaines; aye Hall; aye Lee; abstain Oakley; aye.

Mr. Hill called for motion to approve the VSBA Media Honor Roll Resolution for County Courier and Rappahannock Times . Ms. Gaines made a motion to approve the Media Honor Roll selections and Mr. Oakley seconded. The Roll Call vote was as follows and showed it did not carry: Hill; aye Gaines; aye Hall; aye Lee; abstain Oakley; aye.

Mr. Hill called for a motion to approve the Categorical Transfer. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the Categorical Transfer and Ms. Gaines seconded. The Roll Call vote was as follows and showed the motion carried: Hill; aye Gaines; aye Hall; aye Lee; nay Oakley; aye.

Future Action Items

Future Action Items include Committee Appointments and VSBA Policy Updates.

Ms. Hall left the call at 7:33 p.m.

Public Comment Period

Lawanda Travis does not believe that the school board can make categorical transfers between line items. She has done her research and spoke to the Virginia Department of Education on this matter. She also asked when previous board meeting questions and concerns would be answered.

Mr. Hill gave Dr. Carter permission to answer. Dr. Carter said she returns calls after the board meetings, and that she had reached out to Ms. Travis.

Jeff Willacker spoke on Virginia Code 22.1-94 and how the Superintendent creates a budget on an estimate for each classification, such as Instruction, Administration, Attendance, and Health, Pupil Transportation, Operation and Maintenance, School Food Services, and Technology. He believes the budget does not line up and that Operations line item has never had enough money estimated. Mr. Willacker believes that CHS bathrooms and LMES roof repairs were not budgeted ahead of time.

Mr. Hill gave permission to Dr. Carter to speak.

Dr. Carter publicly announced that all School Board Policies were located on our website, www.kgps.net, as well as a copy was in the School Board Office. Ms. Lee said Dr. Carter was out of order for speaking. Mr. Hill explained he gave permission for her to speak. Ms. Lee said she was still out of order.

Adjournment

At 7:39 p.m., Mr. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaines made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Lee seconded it, and Mr. Hill declared the meeting adjourned.

There were 24 people in attendance.

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Howard Hill, Board Chair Monica Gonzalez, Board Clerk