

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2010**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Mary Ann H. Barker, Chairman  
Keith R. Anderson  
Albert L. Billingsly  
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell  
Darin L. Gerdes  
Ingrid M. Hamlett  
Trenay L. Tweedy  
Charles B. White  
Joshua K. Graham, Student Representative, E. C. Glass High School

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

Thomas H. Webb, Vice Chairman

**ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT:**

Paul McKendrick, Superintendent  
Stephen C. Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Edward R. Witt, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration  
Beverly A. Padgett, Chief Financial Officer  
William A. Coleman, Jr., Director of Secondary Education  
Leigh F. Farmer, Public Information Officer  
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities and Transportation  
Michael K. Rudder, Director of Elementary Education  
Gregory P. Sullivan, Director of Information Technology  
Billie Kay Wingfield, Director of Personnel  
Pamela D. Smith-Turner, Assistant Director of Personnel  
Wendie L. Sullivan, Recording Secretary/Clerk

**MEDIA  
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda  
Items:**

- A-1. Public Comments
- B. Consent Agenda
- C. Student Representative Comments
- D-1. School Operating Budget: 2010-11
- D-2. School Board Policy 5-18: Reduction in Force
- E. New Business
- F. Superintendent's Comments
- G. Board Comments
- H. Informational Items
- I. Adjournment

The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mrs. Barker opened the meeting and requested that those in attendance stand and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mrs. Barker announced that the school board will meet with staff and parents of Perrymont Elementary School on March 8, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

**A-1. Public Comments**

In accordance with School Board Policy 1-41: Public Participation, the school board welcomes requests and comments as established in the guidelines within that policy. Individuals who wish to speak before the school board shall have an opportunity to do so at this time.

The following individuals spoke before the school board:

Susan Nowlin, Perrymont Elementary School Professional Staff

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Christina Jones, Perrymont Elementary School Classified Staff  
Mary Ellen Golcheski, E. C. Glass High School Arts Program  
Darin McDaniel, E. C. Glass High School Arts Program  
Jenny Poore, Perrymont Elementary School Parent  
Sarah Brasure, Perrymont Elementary School PTO  
Moose Pierce, Perrymont Elementary School Vice President PTO

**B. Consent Agenda**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Mr. White, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes of February 16, 2010 (Regular Meeting), School Board Policy 5-38.1: Sick Leave Bank, and Lynchburg City Schools' Comprehensive Plan.

Yes Votes: Mrs. Barker, Rev. Anderson, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Gerdes, Ms. Hamlett, Mrs. Tweedy, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2010, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM.)

**E. Student Representative Comments**

Mr. Joshua K. Graham, student representative for E. C. Glass High School, provided information about events and activities occurring at his school.

**D-1. School Operating Budget: 2010-11**

The school administration provided the school board with additional information received regarding the school operating budget for 2010-11. The school division would realize a \$15.4 million shortfall with the House's current proposal, and a \$12.8 million shortfall with the Senate's current proposal. Because the change in composite index will have a negative effect on many school divisions, both the House and Senate have proposed to give some funding back to school divisions. The House and Senate are supposed to have a proposed budget by March 15, 2010.

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. White, the school board approved a closed meeting prior to the March 9, 2010, work session.

Yes Votes: Mrs. Barker, Rev. Anderson, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Gerdes, Ms. Hamlett, Mrs. Tweedy, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Some of the other items discussed that have been proposed to help balance the school operating budget for 2010-11 are

- \$30,000 energy savings from the proposed 2010-11 calendar
- \$40,000 utility savings if closed during the winter
- Closure of Perrymont Elementary School
- Closure of Hutcherson Early Learning Center and relocating the program to Perrymont Elementary School
- Relocating the Parent Center and other administrative offices to Perrymont Elementary School

The closure of Perrymont Elementary School would allow for the adjustment of attendance zones. Students would then attend schools that do not have a student population of 300 and principals at those schools would then be fully funded through the Standards of Quality. Further, the consolidation of programs would allow for more efficient utilization of facilities and staff.

A savings of \$875,000 would be realized through closing Perrymont Elementary School through the reduction of classified and teaching positions, administrative and certificated support positions, professional supplements, and operating expenses. Also, \$100,000 in savings can be realized from relocating Hutcherson Early Learning Center to the Perrymont facility.

The proposed school calendar for 2010-11 contains 172 instructional days rather than the usual 180 instructional days. Savings would be realized through the elimination of the first period bus runs as well as

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through transporting students fewer number of days. Savings would also be realized on utilities by shutting down facilities during the winter break for three and one-half weeks.

In order to ensure that the calendar will meet state requirements for instructional time and include sufficient time to account for inclement weather days, the student instructional day would be lengthened by 30 minutes. Staff would still have 7.5 hours of work per day, but there would be fewer work days and professional development days.

Also with the proposed calendar, the high school exam week would be eliminated, study halls will be available in high schools, and early dismissal would be an option for qualifying senior students.

The school board will continue to discuss these and other options during its next school board meeting.

**D-2. School Board Policy 5-18: Reduction in Force**

As a result of discussions by the school board regarding the school division's policy for reduction in force, the school administration has made revisions to the policy. During this presentation, the school administration reviewed changes made since the last school board meeting. The school board will consider this policy for action at the March 16, 2010, school board meeting.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2010, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5-18: REDUCTION IN FORCE.)

**E. New Business**

None

**F. Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. McKendrick thanked everyone for their patience and willingness to work with the staff and school board during the development of the school operating budget for 2010-11.

**G. Board Comments**

Mrs. Barker announced that the school board would attend a workshop hosted by the Virginia School Boards Association as part of its school board development on February 26, 2010.

Mr. White stated that he had attended *The Music Mann* performed by the E. C. Glass High School Theatre students.

Dr. Gerdes thanked those who had provided ideas to the school board during the school operating budget process.

Ms. Hamlett asked that everyone keep Bobby Johnson in their thoughts and prayers as his best friend's father had recently passed.

Mrs. Barker provided announcements on behalf of Mr. Webb, who is recuperating from hip surgery and is unable to attend the school board meeting this evening. She provided the school board with a list of events and activities Mr. Webb had been able to attend prior to his surgery.

**H. Informational Items**

Partners In Education Breakfast: Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:30 a.m., Burton Student Center, Lynchburg College

Lynchburg City Schools; Education Foundation, Inc.: Breakfast with the Superintendent, Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 a.m., Memorial Ballroom, Lynchburg College

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

**I. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Mary Ann H. Barker, Chairman

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Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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