

**Lynchburg City School Board
Special Meeting
March 22, 2012**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Charles B. White, Chairman
Trenay L. Tweedy, Vice Chairman
Keith R. Anderson
Mary Ann H. Barker
Albert L. Billingsly
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell
Troy L. McHenry
Jennifer R. Poore
J. Marie Waller

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Larry A. Massie, Interim Superintendent
William A. Coleman, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities and Transportation
Gregory P. Sullivan, Director of Information Technology
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- A-2. Certification Closed Meeting
- B. Discussion of School Operating Budget for 2012-13
- C. Adjournment

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

A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3411 (A) (1) (7) to discuss personnel matters and to receive advice from legal counsel where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board reconvened in open meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

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Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board approved by roll call vote the following Certification of Closed Meeting;

The Lynchburg City School Board certifies that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matters specifically identified in the motion to convene in a closed meeting and lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B. Discussion of School Operating Budget for 2012-13

Due to the 10 extra cuts in staffing, class sizes have increased. If more cuts are made, class sizes will be at a place that where instruction of students will be affected. The school division needs \$3.7 million so that further cuts in staffing will not damage the educational process.

The savings in maintenance and custodial amounts to approximately \$500,000 and can be realized through reduction in force, reconstituting the program and administering ourselves, outsourcing both services or combining efforts with the city. Reductions in force will occur in maintenance and custodial staff in order to obtain the \$500,000 in savings.

The school administration continues to discuss options for the school operating budget for next year because state funding is still unknown. It might be necessary to cut more staff depending on funding from the state and the city. The school administration has met with principals to solicit input regarding staffing, and over \$300,000 has been cut from department budgets.

Budgets for instructional supplies have been increased a small amount, and the school administration hopes to keep that funding intact. Funding was based on what has been spent over the past three years and budgeted accordingly.

The VRS rate has been set at 11:33 percent, and a five percent increase will be given to all employees to cover their payment. The school administration will also need to assume funding for the FICA and group life insurance costs associated with this increase.

The school administration has also made cuts in administration so that staffing cuts at the school level will not be as severe.

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board approved the school operating budget for 2012-13 as proposed.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

It is likely that this budget will change once the state's budget has been passed.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Charles B. White, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk