

**Lynchburg City School Board
Special Meeting
June 14, 2011**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Treney L. Tweedy

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Paul McKendrick, Superintendent
William A. Coleman, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Edward R. Witt, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
Anthony E. Beckles, Chief Financial Officer
Leigh F. Farmer, Public Information Officer
Merle P. Herndon, Director of Professional Development and School Business Partnerships
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education
Kimberly D. Lukanich, Assistant Director of Finance
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A. Special Announcement
- B-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- B-2. Certification of Closed Meeting
- C. Adjournment

The Lynchburg City School Board met for a special meeting at 1:05 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mrs. Barker opened the meeting.

A. Special Announcement

Dr. McKendrick announced that he would be retiring as superintendent of schools effective June 30, 2011. He remarked about the many student achievements that have occurred since becoming superintendent of the Lynchburg City Schools, and he thanked school board members, parents, and staff who were instrumental in the achievements of the school division for their efforts and support on behalf of the students. Members of the school board expressed their appreciation and thanked Dr. McKendrick for his leadership as superintendent of schools.

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board accepted the superintendent's letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2011.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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B-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board convened a closed meeting at 1:16 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (7) to receive legal counsel resulting from the retirement of the superintendent and for the appointment of an interim superintendent.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Webb, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, the school board reconvened in open session at 1:54 p.m.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, 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: Mrs. Barker, Mr. Webb, Rev. Anderson, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Waller, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Mrs. Barker announced that the school board would like to express its appreciation Dr. McKendrick's service and wished him the very best in the future. At this time, the school board will not be making an interim appointment, but is considering prospective candidates and anticipates an announcement of an interim appointment before Dr. McKendrick's departure on June 30, 2011. The school board is confident it will find a qualified candidate to serve as interim superintendent, and a qualified candidate to serve as the new superintendent to helm the Lynchburg City Schools. There will be no disruption to the education mission of the school division during this process.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Mary Ann H. Barker, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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