

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2014**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman
Mary Ann Hoss, Vice Chairman
James E. Coleman
Michael J. Nilles
Jennifer R. Poore
Katie K. Snyder
J. Marie Waller
Thomas H. Webb
Charles B. White

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
April M. Bruce, Director of Testing, Gifted, and Guidance
David A. Childress, Director of Information Technology
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel
Ethel E. Reeves, Director of Culture and Engagement
Michael K. Rudder, Director of School Improvement
Marianne Turner, Director of Student Services
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education
Brian S. Wray, Director of K-12 Instruction
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Michael Neary, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting
- B-1. Public Comments
- C. Consent Agenda
- D. Student Representative Comments
- E-1. Capital Improvement Plan: 2016-20
- F-1. E. C. Glass High School: Foreign Travel
- F-2. Legislative Positions: 2014-15
- F-3. Jefferson Park Landfill
- G. Superintendent's Comments
- H. Board Comments
- I. Informational Items
- J. Adjournment

The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:02 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Dolan-Sewell opened the meeting and asked those in attendance to rise and recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Upon MOTION by Mr. White, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board added an addendum to the personnel report and replaced item A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting on the school board meeting agenda.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Webb, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:02 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (7) to receive consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation and regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Ms. Poore, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board reconvened in open session at 5:45 p.m.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. Webb, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, 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: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. White, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board consented to the proposed settlement agreement between the plaintiff and the carrier in the case of Smith v. Lynchburg City Schools, in the amount of the \$84,000.00.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B-1. Public Comments

In accordance with Policy BDDH Public Participation at School Board Meetings, 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.

There were no individuals who wished to speak before the school board.

C. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Ms. Hoss, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes of October 21, 2014 (Regular Meeting), and the personnel report for the period October 21 – November 4, 2014.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, EXHIBIT “A,” FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

D. Student Representative Comments

School was not in session. Students were not required to attend this meeting.

E-1. Capital Improvement Plan: 2016-20

The spreadsheet attached to the agenda report contained a proposed capital improvement plan for FY 2016 to 2020. This draft will be refined and become the submission to the city for capital improvement projects for FY 2016 - 2020. It is anticipated that the bus replacement cost for 2016 will be funded by the city. The fund balance recommendation provided \$2,090,287 for CIP. The last page of the attachment contained updated cost and final recommendations for the 2016 CIP at a cost of \$2,273,000.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Hoss, the school board approved the Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-20.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, EXHIBIT “B,” FOR A COPY OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2016-20 AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENT.)

F-1. E. C. Glass High School: Foreign Travel

Ms. Deliece Blanchard is leading an effort to organize a trip for E. C. Glass High School band, orchestra, and Latin students to Florence and Rome during spring break 2015. The purpose of the trip is to enrich their learning experiences in an interdisciplinary manner and potentially provide opportunities for performing in an international setting.

School Board Policy 6-42: Field/Recreation/Class/Athletic Trips requires prior approval by the school board for student travel outside the continental United States.

Ms. Blanchard’s presentation provided an overview of materials concerning travel arrangements, dates, and costs. It was explained that much of the cost for the trip will be covered through fundraisers. A payment plan has also been established with the local travel agent. There are limited scholarship funds available for those you might not have the necessary funds for the trip.

This item will be considered at the next school board meeting.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, EXHIBIT “C,” FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.)

F-2. Legislative Positions: 2014-15

Annually, the Lynchburg City School Board considers legislative positions to present to its state representatives. Attached to the agenda report were position statements for the school board to consider. As directed, the administration will develop new position statements, edit those listed in the attachment, and present any revisions and additions for approval at the November 18, 2014, meeting. School board members were asked to submit recommendations for revisions or additions to the legislative positions to the clerk. Dr. Brabrand also indicated that he would send any revised language to the school board through his weekly Friday communication.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, EXHIBIT “D,” FOR A COPY OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS FOR 2014-15.)

F-3. Jefferson Park Landfill

During the 1950s and 1960s, landfills were closed in the Dearington Elementary School for Innovation and Jefferson Park area. Due to erosion in the area, the City of Lynchburg will be conducting tests and examining the neighborhoods over

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the next several months. Mr. Copeland provided information about the city's efforts. The city will conduct a meeting at the school tomorrow evening. Those interested in learning more about this effort are invited to attend on Thursday.

G. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Brabrand announced that the school division and area community agencies would be conducting the third School Summit on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Information Technology Center. Board members are welcome to attend.

The Third Annual Project Launchburg occurred on Monday and was a huge success. Tenth grade students are given the opportunity to visit their choice of two colleges/universities in the area. This event not only provides those students with a chance to visit college campuses, but it helps them to begin to think about higher education opportunities.

H. Board Comments

Mr. Webb announced that Mr. Copeland had been invited to speak to a group of which he is a member about the progress of Heritage High School, and Mr. Copeland did a very good job of reporting that progress.

I. Informational Items

Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council Joint Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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