

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2008**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Julie P. Doyle, Chairman
Sterling A. Wilder, Vice Chairman
Mary Ann Barker
Albert L. Billingsly
Leslie J. Faircloth
Ellis M. Frankfort
Tyrice Deane, Student Representative Pro Tem, E. C. Glass High School

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Keith R. Anderson
Darin L. Gerdes
Alison A. Reynolds, Student Representative, Heritage High School

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Paul McKendrick, Superintendent
Roger L. Roberts, Deputy Superintendent
Stephen C. Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Beverly A. Padgett, Chief Financial Officer
Michael K. Rudder, Director of Elementary Education
Gregory P. Sullivan, Director of Information Technology
Trenay L. Tweedy, Public Information Officer
Edward R. Witt, Jr., Director of Facilities and Transportation
Wendie L. Summers, Recording Secretary/Clerk

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Annie McCallum, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting
- B-1. Public Comments
- C-1. Finance Report
- D. Consent Agenda
- E. Student Representative Comments
- F-1. School Operating Budget: 2008-09
- G-1. Recommendation of New Mathematics Course for 2008-09: Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis
- H. Superintendent's Comments
- I. Board Comments
- J. Informational Items
- K. 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. Ms. Doyle opened the meeting and requested that those in attendance stand and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mr. Wilder, the school board added item G-1. Recommendation of New Mathematics Course for 2008-09: Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Faircloth, SECONDED by Mrs. Barker, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss a personnel matter.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Frankfort, SECONDED by Mr. Wilder, the school board reconvened in public session at 5:43 p.m.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mr. Wilder, 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: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Petition of Revocation

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mr. Wilder, the school board approved the petition for revocation of the teaching license for the individual listed as "A-2" in accordance with the Virginia Department of Education Licensure Regulations for School Personnel, Part VII.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B-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.

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

C-1. Finance Report

The school administration, in accordance with the 2007-08 school operating budget, authorized, approved and processed the necessary payments through February 29, 2008. The school administration certifies that the amounts approved are within budgetary limits and revenue.

The finance report summarizes the payments made through February 29, 2008.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE FINANCE REPORT.)

D. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mr. Wilder, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes for March 6, 2008 (Student Discipline Committee Meeting, and March 11, 2008 (Student Discipline Committee Meeting), item D-2. School Calendar: 2008-09, and item D-2. School Calendar: 2009-10.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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E. Student Representative Comments

Tyrice Deane, student representative pro tem for E. C. Glass High School, provided comments about the events and activities occurring at her school.

F-1. School Operating Budget: 2008-09

Ms. Padgett stated that she has no new information for the school board; however, she hopes to receive data from the Virginia Department of Education on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

G-1. Recommendation of New Mathematics Course for 2008-09: Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis

On June 28, 2007, the State Board of Education approved the Standards of Learning (SOL) for a new, optional high school math course: *Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis (AFDA)*. On January 10, 2008, the Board of Education approved the curriculum framework for this new course, clearly describing the context of the course as focusing on real-world problems. Each course standard is clarified with the essential understandings, essential knowledge, and skills listed to provide teachers with detailed information to guide course development and the selection of resource materials.

When considering adding this new course, it is important to look closely at the proposed changes to the *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*. One of several important changes to this document is a change in the math requirements for graduation with a standard diploma. If approved by the State Board of Education, the proposed requirements will read: "Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two course selections from among: Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis; Algebra 2; or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra 2." This non-SOL testing course is designed around real-life applications of algebraic concepts, the study of functions, probability, and data analysis. If approved by the Lynchburg City Schools' School Board, this course will provide an important option for students who otherwise might not be successful in meeting the math requirements for a standard diploma.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Faircloth, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board approved the new course, Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frankfort

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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H. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. McKendrick announced that Donna Rosser, math teacher at Sandusky Middle School, was presented the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics William C. Lowry Award for Middle School Math Teacher of the Year on March 14, 2008.

Susan D. Morrison, principal at E. C. Glass High School, has announced that she will retire at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

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Ms. Tweedy will be leaving her position as public information officer at the end of March. She will be working with her husband who specializes in mentoring for students who have been through the judicial system.

I. Board Comments

Mr. Wilder attended a performance of *Evita* at Heritage High School, and he also attended the Best Practices Conference. He commended administrators and staff on the conference.

Ms. Doyle stated that the city-wide study circles that have been in session for the past six weeks have now come to a close. The next phase will include the city's youth in a racial dialogue.

J. Informational Items

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Julie P. Doyle, Chairman

Wendie L. Summers, Clerk

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