

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2009**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Julie P. Doyle, Chairman
Thomas H. Webb, Vice Chairman
Mary Ann Barker
Albert L. Billingsly
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell
Leslie J. Faircloth
Darin L. Gerdes
Trenay L. Tweedy
Kyle P. Tenny, Student Representative, Heritage High School
Pamela F. Gilmer, Student Representative, E. C. Glass High School

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Keith R. Anderson

**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
William A. Coleman, Jr., Director of Secondary Education
Leigh G. Forrester, Public Information Officer
Michael K. Rudder, Director of Elementary Education
Edward R. Witt, Jr., Director of Facilities and Transportation
Wendie L. Sullivan, 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. Play It Smart
- D-1. Finance Report
- E. Consent Agenda
- F. Student Representative Comments
- G-1. Administrative Regulation 7-41.1: Drug Testing: Student-Athletes
- H-1. Superintendent's Contract
- I. Superintendent's Comments
- J. Board Comments
- K-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- K-2. Certification of Closed Meeting
- L. Informational Items
- M. Adjournment

The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:37 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 Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Mrs. Barker, the school board added items A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting, and A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters, added items K-1. Notice of Closed Meeting and K-2. Certification of Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters, and deferred item H-2. Annual Personnel Report to the next school board meeting.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mrs. Barker, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:38 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2-2.3711 (A) (1) to discuss specific personnel matters.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Webb, SECONDED by Mrs. Tweedy, the school board reconvened in open session at 5:41 p.m.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. Faircloth, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, 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. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

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.

Scott Hyman and Andrea Singy spoke before the school board as representatives of "Fair Grade." The following individuals spoke on behalf of Nancy Koes, orchestra teacher at Linkhorne Middle School: Rob Vaughn, Patrick Clark, Lara McDaniel, David Vaughn, Mariah Vaughn, Haley Floyd, Myer Waxler, William Sweeney, Cheryl Smith, Hannah Bush, Jenny Tugman, and Terry Minnick.

C-1. Play It Smart

Play It Smart, a program funded by the school board, the community, and competitive grant support through the National Football Foundation, was brought to Lynchburg in response to the community's recognition of a need to further a culture of academic success and personal growth among its high school athletes. One of those athletes, Orlando J. "OJ" Robey, a senior at E. C. Glass High School, was recently honored as the National Play It Smart Student-Athlete of the Month for March.

During this presentation, the school administration introduced Mr. Robey to the school board and provided additional information about his achievements. It was noted by Mr. Gavin Davis, academic coach, that Mr. Robey had made a conscious decision to make better grades and to take responsibility for himself and his actions. He received honor roll for the first time during the fourth sixth weeks and achieved honor roll the second time during the fifth sixth weeks. Mr. Robey is currently a senior who

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intends to enter Central Virginia Community College in the fall and then apply to a four-year college to major in sports administration.

Mr. Robey thanked the school board for the opportunity to be recognized during the meeting.

D-1. Finance Report

The school administration, in accordance with the 2008-09 school operating budget, authorized, approved and processed the necessary payments through April 30, 2009. The school administration certifies that the amounts approved are within budgetary limits and revenue.

The attached operating fund expenditure report summarizes the payments made through April 30, 2009, for the operating fund.

Total Operating Fund Budget	\$89,276,434.30
Expenditures thru 04-30-09	(65,146,030.45)
Outstanding Encumbrances	(821,588.80)

Available Balance per finance report	\$23,308,815.05
Projected Summer Payout of 08-09 Contracts	(8,605,788.21)

Adjusted Available Balance	\$14,703,026.84
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Percent of Budget Used at 04-30-09	83.53%
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As of April 30, 2009 - 10 months =	83.33%
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The operating fund revenue report details the revenue received through April 30, 2009, for the operating fund. The expenditure summary report summarizes the payments made through April 30, 2009, for all funds. Both reports appeared as attachments to the agenda report.

It was noted that the letter of agreement has been signed by both the school board chairman and the mayor. Further, the ADM for the year was 15 more than that on which the budget was based. Mrs. Barker indicated that the Finance Committee had recently met and intends to speak with Ms. Carol Bibb in the Department of Internal Audit about possible audit items which includes travel expenditures and/or professional services.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MAY 19, 2009, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE FINANCE REPORT.)

E. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes for March 17, 2009 (Regular Meeting), and April 9, 2009 (Student Discipline Committee Meeting).

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

F. Student Representative Comments

Mr. Kyle P. Tenny, student representative for Heritage High School, and Pamela F. Gilmer, student representative for E. C. Glass High School; provided the school board with information about the events and activities occurring at their schools.

G-1. Administrative Regulation 7-14.1: Drug Testing: Student-Athletes

During discussions of the 2009-10 school operating budget, the school board directed the school administration to change its student-athlete drug testing practices for the 2009-10 school year. As a result, beginning with the 2009 fall athletic season, testing of all student-athletes on all athletic teams will be eliminated, but random testing of student-athletes will continue to be scheduled.

This change in practice necessitates a change in Administrative Regulation 7-41.1: Drug Testing: Student Athletes. Attached is a copy of the proposed changes to this administrative regulation.

The school board discussed this agenda item at its May 5, 2009, meeting. The school administration presented this item as a second reading for the school board in order to answer any further questions school board members may have.

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Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mrs. Tweedy, the school board approved revisions to Administrative Regulation 7-14.1: Drug Testing: Student-Athletes.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MAY 19, 2009, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 7-14.1: DRUG TESTING: STUDENT-ATHLETES.)

H-1. Superintendent's Contract

As a result of the annual evaluation of the superintendent conducted by the Lynchburg City School Board, the school board will consider terminating the existing contract between the school board and the superintendent and reappoint the superintendent to a new four-year term. It is customary for the school board to authorize its chairman and vice chairman to execute contractual matters between the school board and the superintendent. The school board will consider

- appointing the superintendent to a new four-year-term commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2013.

Ms. Doyle read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul McKendrick was appointed division superintendent of schools for a four-year term, commencing July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the school board and Dr. McKendrick mutually agree to terminate that appointment effective June 30, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the school board desires to reappoint Dr. McKendrick for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2013; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. McKendrick's appointment as division superintendent for a term commencing July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2011, and his employment agreement dated June 11, 2008, are hereby terminated by mutual consent effective June 30, 2009; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. McKendrick is appointed division superintendent for a term commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2013; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman and vice chairman are authorized to execute an employment agreement with Dr. McKendrick.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Faircloth, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board authorized the chairman and vice chairman to execute specified modifications to its contract with the superintendent as proposed and approved by the school board.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MAY 19, 2009, EXHIBIT "C," FOR A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION.)

I. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. McKendrick congratulated Daniel R. Hostetler, a student at E. C. Glass High School, and Mr. Tenny on their receipt of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship.

Dr. McKendrick congratulated Mr. Jeff Schleicher, precision machining teacher at E. C. Glass High School, on his receipt of the Region 2000 Technology Teacher of the Year award.

Dr. McKendrick gave a summary of the recent meeting with members of the community at the Fort Hill School and indicated that the meeting had been very positive and productive.

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Dr. McKendrick reported that he had met with Mr. L. Kimball Payne, III, city manager, on several occasions to discuss collaborative efforts with the city. During those meetings, he and Mr. Payne had developed principles to guide these efforts. They are: collaboration/consolidation is the goals set by the city council and the school board; must continue to support and enhance an excellent learning environment; will seek to eliminate redundancy where possible; will seek demonstrated cost savings; and, will develop reasonable, but aggressive, timetable for change. The departments that will be reviewed for collaboration/consolidation are finance and procurement; human resources; parks and recreation/capital projects management/building and grounds/energy management; information technology; fleet management/transportation; communication and marketing; food services; and, libraries.

Dr. McKendrick announced the following upcoming events:

May 20, 2009: Economic Education Awards, Sydnor Performance Hall, Lynchburg College, 4:00 p.m.
May 20, 2009: Writers in Residence Awards, Carl Anderson Performance Auditorium, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation; 5:00 p.m.
May 26, 2009: Staff Appreciation Dinner, Burton Center, Lynchburg College, 6:00 p.m.
June 3, 2009: Senior Honors Banquet, Hall Campus Ballroom, Lynchburg College 6:00 p.m.

J. Board Comments

Dr. Dolan-Sewell congratulated recipients of the Ronald B. Dolan Citizenship Award. This award is for graduating seniors all over Region 2000 for their contributions as community members and who have risen above all odds. Latia Robinson, from E. C. Glass High School, was described by her guidance counselor as being one of the bravest people she had ever met. Kelse Sanchez, from Heritage High School, committed herself to helping students who are academically less fortunate than her.

Mrs. Barker stated that she was glad that the school administration is reviewing the current pregnant teen program and is hopeful that the program can be modified to give students the best possible opportunities.

Mr. Webb announced that he recently attended the performance of *Doubt* at E. C. Glass High School and that he had also attended a meeting of the Lynchburg Retired Teachers Association where Dr. Smith had provided an excellent presentation. Mr. Webb also provided a brief summary of the workshops he attended while at the NSBA Conference.

Mr. Billingsly announced that the College for Living Plus will conduct its completion ceremony on June 1, 2009.

Ms. Doyle spoke to the Junior National Honor Society at Sandusky Middle School. Four officers from Heritage High School presented the four pillars of the honor society to the students.

K-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Dr. Gerdes, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board convened a closed meeting at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss personnel matters.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

K-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Faircloth, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board reconvened in open session at 8:48 p.m.

Yes Votes: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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

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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. Webb, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Gerdes, Mrs. Tweedy

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

L. Informational Items

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

M. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Julie P. Doyle, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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