

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Public Budget Hearing  
January 16, 2018**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman  
James E. Coleman, Vice Chairman  
Robert O. Brennan  
Sharon Y. Carter  
Charleta F. Mason  
Susan D. Morrison  
Derek L. Polley  
Kimberly A. Sinha  
Katie K. Snyder  
Eva Marie Barauskaus, Student Representative, E. C. Glass High School  
Manan A. Shah, Student Representative, Heritage High School

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT:**

Larry A. Massie, Acting Superintendent  
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Administration  
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning and Success  
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer  
LaTonya D. Brown, Director for Student Support, Behavior, and Alternative Education  
April M. Bruce, Director for Data, Assessment, and Accountability  
Steven L. Gatzke, Director for Facilities  
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel  
Michael K. Rudder, Director for School Improvement  
Russell E. Stone, Director for Transportation  
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director for Exceptional Learners  
Dixie B. Sears, Supervisor for Language Arts, History, Library, and Foreign Language  
Maria T. Jaeger, Supervisor for Math and Science  
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA  
PRESENT:**

Liz Ramos, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda  
Items:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comments
- C. Adjournment

**A. Call to Order**

The Lynchburg City School Board conducted its public budget hearing at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Nilles opened the meeting and asked those in attendance to rise and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

**B. Public Comments**

The following individuals shared comments with the school board:

John Meadows spoke on behalf of veteran teachers regarding inequities in the current teacher pay scale.  
Carl Hutcherson spoke about compensation for teachers.  
Karl Loos spoke on behalf of the Lynchburg Education Association regarding compensation for all employees.  
Keith Lee spoke about his desire to promote the performing arts and enhance and develop this program in the schools for innovation.

**C. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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Michael J. Nilles, Chairman

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Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk