

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2013**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Charles B. White, Chairman
Trenay L. Tweedy, Vice Chairman
Mary Ann H. Barker
Albert L. Billingsly
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell
Jennifer R. Poore
Katie K. Snyder
J. Marie Waller
Thomas H. Webb
Sara B. Natour, Student Representative for E. C. Glass High School
Tiani O. Pannell, Student Representative for Heritage High School

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
William A. Coleman, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel
Kevin M. Latham, Director of Secondary Education
Michael K. Rudder, Director of Elementary School
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
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- A-1. Public Comments
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- B-2. E. C. Glass High School: 100 Years of Accreditation
- B-3. School Improvement Plan: Sandusky Middle School
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The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:40 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building.

A-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.

The following individuals spoke in support of Terrie H. Haley: Kelly Brown-Hampton, Brenda Layer, Muhammad Williams, and Tawanda Johnson.

B-1. 2013 VSBA Art Contest Winners

The Lynchburg City Schools has participated in the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Southern Regional Forum Art Contest for a number of years. Due to the efforts of elementary, middle, and high school art instructors, students have had the opportunity to display their artwork regionally in this and other forums.

Selected to represent Lynchburg City Schools at the 2013 VSBA Southern Regional Forum March 13, 2013, at Lunenburg Middle School in Victoria, Virginia, are Jersey Kelso, Heritage Elementary School; Grace Chun, Sandusky Middle School; and Briannah Ecklund, Heritage High School. A local school board member will transport the three winning pieces of art work to the regional contest. Following the VSBA Southern Regional Forum, the student artwork will be displayed throughout the summer at the School Administration Building.

B-2. E. C. Glass High School: 100 Years of Accreditation

E. C. Glass High School has been recognized by AdvancED as one of two schools in Virginia that has maintained 100 years of continuous accreditation. AdvancED is a parent company of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). AdvancED assists schools and school divisions through the accreditation process and helps them to demonstrate a continuous commitment to providing quality education aimed at improving student academic achievement. To earn accreditation, schools must meet standards established through AdvancED and be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school and implement a continuous process of school improvement.

“Achieving 100 years of continuous accreditation is an exception accomplishment,” stated Dr. Mark Elgart, President and CEO of AdvancED. “The staff and school community at E. C. Glass High School deserve our highest praise for their ongoing pursuit of quality and excellence.”

Dr. Tracy S. Richardson, principal at E. C. Glass High School, and Ms. J. Marie Waller, former teacher at the school and current Lynchburg City School Board member, attended the awards ceremony in February. Dr. Richardson and Ms. Waller provided additional information regarding the event during the presentation.

B-3. School Improvement Plan: Sandusky Middle School

The superintendent has directed each school within the school division to form a School Improvement Planning Team that will develop school improvement plans that identify areas for growth and improvement specific to their students’ academic, behavioral, and cultural needs. During this presentation, Mrs. Maria T. Jaeger, principal of Sandusky Middle School, and members of her staff reviewed each section of the school improvement plan and outlined the various goals and strategies in place for achievement, behavior, and culture.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2013, EXHIBIT “A,” FOR A COPY OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SANDUSKY MIDDLE SCHOOL.)

C. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes for October 30, 2012 (Joint Meeting), and January 8, 2013 (Regular Meeting); the Middle School Program of Studies for 2013-14; and School Board Policy 5-49.1: Licensed Personnel: Contracts.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2013, EXHIBIT “B,” FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

D. Student Representative Comments

Miss, Sara B. Natour, student representative for E. C. Glass High School, and Miss Tiani O. Pannell, student representative for Heritage High School, provided comments about the events and activities occurring at their schools.

E. Unfinished Business

None

F-1. House Bill 1184: General Education Certificate

As described in State Superintendent’s Memo 170-12, House Bill 1184 amends Standard One (§ [22.1-253.13:1](#)) of the Standards of Quality by requiring local school boards and community colleges to develop agreements allowing high school students to complete an associate’s degree or a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a community college concurrent with a high school diploma.

The school board has approved the school division’s agreement with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) through which selected students may enroll in Early College and, upon successful completion of the two-year program, receive both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies.

House Bill 1184 also requires that school divisions enter into an agreement with a community college through which a student may complete a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies concurrent with a high school diploma. The Lynchburg City Schools and Central Virginia Community College have developed a pathway for participating students to fulfill the one-year certificate requirements.

The school administration provided information about the pathway for students interested in obtaining a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies (General Education Certificate). Included in the presentation was an explanation of how CVCC credit will be awarded for applicable dual enrollment courses and Advanced Placement courses with qualifying exam scores of three or higher.

The following articulates a pathway¹ for a qualifying student² within Lynchburg City Schools to complete the CVCC General Education Certificate³ concurrent with high school graduation:

Course	Term Scheduled	Location	Delivery Method	Credits	Faculty Provided by	Fulfill H.S. Requirement	H.S. Course Name
SDV 100	Fall	CVCC	Lecture/Web	1	CVCC	Elective	College Success Skills
ENG 111	Fall	CVCC/HS	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. College Comp I
ENG 112	Spring	CVCC/HS	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. College Comp II
MTH 163	Fall	CVCC/HS	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. Pre-Calculus I
HIS 121	Fall	CVCC	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. US History I
HIS 122	Spring	CVCC	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. US History II
HLT 110	Spring	CVCC	Lecture/Web	3	CVCC	Elective	Adv. Per/Comm Hlt
BIO 101 or CHM 111	Fall	CVCC CVCC/HS	Lecture/Lab AP	4	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. College Biology I or Adv. College Chemistry I
BIO 102 or CHM 112	Spring	CVCC CVCC/HS	Lecture/Lab AP	4	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. College Biology II or Adv. College Chemistry II
Humanities Elective – ENG 251, MUS 121, SPA 101	Spring	CVCC/HS	Lit – AP, Span – AP Music–Lecture	3	CVCC/HS	Elective	Adv. Humanities Elective
Social Science Elective – PLS 211	Fall	CVCC/HS	Lecture/AP/Web	3	CVCC/HS	Requirement	Adv. US Government I

¹ Any modifications to the above pathway will be outlined in writing and agreed upon by the College and school division. Any modifications will not prevent students from obtaining the plan’s intended credential.

² In order to participate in the above pathway, a student must meet all dual enrollment admission requirements and College program requirements and complete VCCS placement tests. In order to enroll in any of the courses noted in the pathway, all course pre-requisites must be met.

³ Program information including purpose, occupational objectives, admission requirements, notes, computer competency requirements, and course requirements may be found in the College catalog found at: <http://www.cvcc.vccs.edu/>

G. Superintendent's Comments

The governor's technical amendments to the budget included approval for school divisions that opened school prior to Labor Day using a waiver last year to open schools before Labor Day again next year. Therefore, the school calendar for 2013-14 that was approved by the school board does not need amending. Further, based on feedback from staff, exams for students will occur before winter break next year.

Dr. Brabrand will conduct a meeting to include members of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee and presidents and vice presidents of PTOs on March 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. During that meeting, he will provide information regarding the school operating budget for 2012-13.

Dr. Brabrand recognized the achievements of Ms. Preston and her husband who received the Mayor's Award of Excellence during the recent State of City Address.

Dr. Brabrand has met with superintendents whose school divisions are participating in the newly-formed XLR8 STEM Academy. The school division will provide services as fiscal agent, and a school board member will need to participate on the Academy's board.

H. Board Comments

Mrs. Tweedy provided information about the events and activities in which she has participated since the last school board meeting. She also thanked Dr. Brabrand and school board members in attendance at the recent meeting with the NAACP. This was a good opportunity to meet one-on-one and talk with others about the school operating budget.

Ms. Poore and Mrs. Snyder provided information about their participation in the Heritage High School Design Workshop that occurred the previous week.

I-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Webb, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board convened a closed meeting at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (3) to discuss employee performance, personnel matters, and to discuss the acquisition of real property for public use where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

I-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mrs. Barker, the school board reconvened in open session at 8:21 p.m.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, 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: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller, Mr. Webb

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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J. Informational Items

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2013, Board Rom, School Administration Building

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Charles B. White, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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