

**Lynchburg City School Board
Study Session
March 18, 2010**

**BOARD
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Mary Ann H. Barker, Chairman
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Paul McKendrick, Superintendent
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Edward R. Witt, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
Beverly A. Padgett, Chief Financial Officer
William A. Coleman, Jr., Director of Secondary Education
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Gregory P. Sullivan, Director of Information Technology
Pamela D. Smith-Turner, Assistant Director of Personnel
Billie Kay Wingfield, Director of Personnel
Charles E. Dellinger, Supervisor of Instruction
Wendie L. Sullivan, Recording Secretary/Clerk

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

The Lynchburg City School Board met for a study session at 5:36 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mrs. Barker opened the meeting.

The school administration has received its official notification of funding from the Virginia Department of Education which indicates that the school division will receive \$41,957,443 in state funding from 2010-11. This is \$8,684,524 less than funding received for 2009-10. With adjustments in the amount of \$60,870 in federal funding and other revenue sources, the school division will realize a shortfall of \$8,745,394 for the school operating budget.

Rev. Anderson arrived at 5:50 p.m.

The school administration proposed the reduction of 96 full-time equivalent positions and adjustments to employee benefits which could include the employee paying a portion of dental and vision, and 1.5 percent of retirement benefits to help balance the budget. The school administration also suggests that Perrymont Elementary School remain open and that Hutcherson Early Learning Center be closed and that program moved to Perrymont. Further, the pay to play suggestion for middle school athletics has been removed as part of the recommendation for balancing the budget. Dr. McKendrick intends to review the entire athletics program for secondary students.

The school board will consider adopting its 2010-11 school operating budget on March 23, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Mary Ann H. Barker, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk