

**Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council
Joint Meeting
October 1, 2013**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman
Trenay L. Tweedy, Vice Chairman
Mary Ann Hoss
Michael J. Nilles
Jennifer R. Poore
Katie K. Snyder
J. Marie Waller
Thomas H. Webb
Charles B. White

**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
April M. Bruce, Director of Testing, Gifted, and Guidance
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel
Michael K. Rudder, Director of School Improvement
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education
Brian S. Wray, Director of K-12 Instruction
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

The Honorable Hunsdon "H" Cary, III
The Honorable Joan F. Foster
The Honorable Michael A. Gillette
The Honorable Ceasor T. Johnson
The Honorable J. Randolph Nelson
The Honorable Edgar J. T. Perrow, Jr.

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

The Honorable Jeff S. Helgeson

**CITY
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

L. Kimball Payne, III, City Manager
Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager
Kay Frazier, Director of Parks and Recreation
JoAnn Martin, Director of Communications and Marketing
Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services
Valeria Chambers, Clerk of Council

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*
Alicia Petska, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

1. Lynchburg City Schools Comprehensive Plan Update
2. Lynchburg City Schools Capital Improvement Plan: 2015-19
Update on City Stadium
3. Lynchburg City Schools 2012-13 Budget Review and 2013-14 Budget Calendar

The Lynchburg City School Board and the Lynchburg City Council met at 5:35 p.m. in the cafeteria at Sandusky Elementary School. Mayor Gillette opened the meeting.

1. Lynchburg City School Comprehensive Plan Update

Dr. Brabrand provided an update on the comprehensive plan indicating where the school division met its goals, goals still in progress, and where the school division had not met its goals within the areas of Achievement, Behavior, and Culture. In most areas, the school division has met goals established. In the areas of reading proficiency, he noted that the cohort tested was not the same for each year. The other area for improvement was staff attendance. He provided information about the strategies to be used to address areas needing improvement.

2. Lynchburg City Schools Capital Improvement Plan: 2015-19/Update on City Stadium

A presentation was given by Mr. Copeland which provided information about the 2015-19 Capital Improvement Plan. Of particular note was the replacement project for Heritage High School and renovation projects for Sandusky Elementary School and Linkhorne Elementary School beginning in year 2015. All funding referencing the Heritage High School track has been moved to the turf replacement and track for E. C. Glass High School, and that project has been moved up one year. The life expectancy for turf fields is seven to nine years. Mr. Copeland presented graphics of the wear that the turf field at E. C. Glass High School has experienced.

The Lynchburg City Schools is modernizing its bus fleet with the purchase of 13 regular education school buses, five special education school buses, one activity bus and two mini vans. All buses in the fleet dating from 1992-94 have been replaced, and only three remain from 1995. The school administration plans to request 12 more buses in 2015.

Mr. Copeland provided information about the necessity of preventive maintenance and renovation of schools which provides quality physical environments for teaching and learning. He also provided information about thermographic roof surveys that has been conducted at William Marvin Bass Elementary School; Heritage Elementary School; Linkhorne Elementary School; Linkhorne Middle School; Paul Munro Elementary School; E. C. Glass High School, and the School Administration Building.

Ms. Frazier provide information about the renovation project at City Stadium and the funds required for that project.

3. Lynchburg City Schools 2012-13 Budget Review and 2013-14 Budget Calendar

Mr. Beckles reviewed the 2012-13 funding requests and the progress toward completing each of the areas for which funding was requested. He also provided a schedule of the community budget forums that will occur in October.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk