

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2011**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Charles B. White, Chairman  
Trenay L. Tweedy, Vice Chairman  
Mary Ann H. Barker  
Albert L. Billingsly  
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell  
Troy L. McHenry  
Jennifer R. Poore  
J. Marie Waller

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

Keith R. Anderson

**ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT:**

William A. Coleman, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer  
Leigh F. Farmer, Public Information Officer  
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities and Transportation  
Gregory P. Sullivan, Director of Information Technology  
Billie Kay Wingfield, Director of Personnel  
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA  
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda  
Items:**

- A-1. Public Comments
- B-1. American Education Week: November 14 – 18, 2011
- C. Consent Agenda
- D. Student Representative Comments
- E-1. Superintendent Selection Process
- E-2. Lynchburg City Schools' Comprehensive Plan 2011-12
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- G. Superintendent's Comments
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The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mr. White opened the meeting and requested that those in attendance stand and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

**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.

There were no individuals who wished to speak before the school board.

**B-1. American Education Week: November 14 – 18, 2011**

The National Education Foundation Association's 90<sup>th</sup> Annual American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in the United States with a quality public education from kindergarten through college and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. This year, AEW will be celebrated November 14-18, 2011. The weeklong celebration spotlights the different people who are critical in building great public schools for the nation's K-12 students. Celebration days include:

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- Monday – November 14, 2011: Kick Off Day
- Tuesday – November 15, 2011: Parents Day
- Wednesday – November 16, 2011: Education Support Professionals Day
- Thursday – November 17, 2011: Educator for a Day
- Friday – November 18, 2011: Substitute Educators Day

The event's theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," reflects the National Education Association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Mrs. Farmer provided the school board with an overview of the week's events which included Parents Day at each school, Get to Know Your Schools tours for prospective parents, and Educator for a Day where community members have the opportunity to shadow teachers for a day.

**C. Consent Agenda**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Mrs. Tweedy, the school board approved the personnel report and addendum for the period October 18 – November 1, 2011.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

**D. Student Representative Comments**

Mr. Nick L. Comerford, student representative for Heritage High School, and Joel A. Graham, student representative for E. C. Glass High School, provided comments about the events and activities occurring at their schools.

**E-1. Superintendent Selection Process**

Representatives of HYA have reported that there are 35 individuals who have applied for the superintendency for the Lynchburg City Schools. Mr. White announced that pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3712 (B), during the next 15 days the Lynchburg City School Board will hold closed meetings at undisclosed locations for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of superintendent.

**E-2. Lynchburg City Schools' Comprehensive Plan 2011-12**

The *Standards of Quality* require local school boards to adopt a division-wide comprehensive plan to improve classroom instruction and student achievement. The proposed *Lynchburg City Schools' Comprehensive Plan 2011-12* includes goals and strategies organized around the school board's *Vision for Education*, adopted August 7, 2000. It includes all components required by the *Standards of Quality*. The plan was made available for public view on the Lynchburg City Schools' website, and an opportunity for public comment was provided through e-mail response at [comprehensiveplan@lcsedu.net](mailto:comprehensiveplan@lcsedu.net).

Dr. Sullivan provided a summary of the changes made to the plan as a result of the school board's discussion during its annual retreat. Those changes include the amendment of the summary statement on page 10 to more accurately reflect the intent of the objective. Changes to the summary statement on page 13 were made to provide a better idea of benchmark for reporting categories.

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Ms. Waller, the school board approved the Lynchburg City Schools' Comprehensive Plan for 2011-12.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**F-1. Legislative Positions: 2011-12**

The Lynchburg City School Board approved its legislative positions for 2010-11 on November 2, 2010. Those positions appeared as an attachment to the agenda report. Also, the National School Boards Association's legislative positions were included for school board member review as an attachment to the agenda report along with the current proposed changes to the Virginia School Boards Association's legislative positions. The school board will review these and make any possible revisions to the Lynchburg City School Board's legislative positions for 2011-12. Once approved the positions will be forwarded to area legislators.

The school board requested that the school administration develop a position similar to the position developed by the Virginia School Boards Association regarding vouchers. The school board will review the VSBA legislative positions by November 15. At that time, Mr. White will discuss those positions with the school board and seek consensus in order to vote during the delegate assembly which occurs during the VSBA Annual Convention.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.)

**G. Superintendent's Comments**

The Lynchburg City School Board and the Lynchburg City Council will meet on November 3, 2011, at Heritage High School beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**H. Board Comments**

As a result of the feedback received during the school board's retreat, the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, to discuss revisions to the document.

Mr. White thanked Genworth Financial and Mr. McHenry for hosting the school board's retreat. He also thanked the school administration for their preparation of the documents that aided school board members' discussions during the retreat.

**I. Informational Items**

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

**J. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Charles B. White, Chairman

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Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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