

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Regular Meeting  
November 2, 2015**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Mary Ann Hoss, Chairman  
J. Marie Waller, Vice Chairman  
Sharon Y. Carter  
James E. Coleman  
Derek L. Polley  
Katie K. Snyder  
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell  
Michael J. Nilles  
Jennifer R. Poore

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent  
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning and Success  
LaTonya D. Brown, Director for Student Support, Behavior, and Alternative Education  
David A. Childress, Director for Information Technology  
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel  
Ethel R. Reeves, Director for Engagement, Equity, Opportunity, and Support  
Michael K. Rudder, Director of School Improvement and Grants  
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA  
PRESENT:**

Katrina Dix, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda  
Items:**

- A. Opening Comments
- B. Consent Agenda
- C-1. Legislative Positions: 2015-16
- C-2. Lynchburg City School Board Policy Updates
- D-1. Special Education Advisory Committee: 2015-16
- E. Superintendent's Comments
- F. Board Comments
- G. Informational Items
- H. Adjournment

**A. Opening Comments**

The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 4:49 p.m. in the third floor conference room at the GLTC Transfer Station. Ms. Hoss opened the meeting.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board added an addendum to item B-2. Personnel Report.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**B. Consent Agenda**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes for October 5, 2015 (Regular Meeting), October 15, 2015 (School Board Retreat), and October 20, 2015 (Regular Meeting); the personnel report and addendum for the period October 20 – November 2, 2015; and the requests for religious exemption.

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Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

**C-1. Legislative Positions: 2015-16**

Annually, the Lynchburg City School Board considers legislative positions to present to its state representatives. The position statements have been reviewed by the school board.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Dr. Coleman, the school board approved the legislative positions for 2015-16.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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**C-2. Lynchburg City School Board Policy Updates**

The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) sent new policy revisions for September 2015. Policy BDD – Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations has been reviewed by legal counsel and reflects the latest changes in state and federal laws and regulations.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Waller, the school board approved the changes to Policy BDD Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

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**D-1. Special Education Advisory Committee: 2015-16**

State regulations governing the education of students with disabilities require the Lynchburg City School Board to appoint a Special Education Advisory Committee annually. This committee meets a minimum of four times per year. Members serve two-year terms.

The Virginia Department of Education guidelines define the role of the Special Education Advisory Committee as follows:

- To advise the school division of unmet needs in the education of students with disabilities,
- To assist the school division in the formulation and development of long range plans designed to provide needed educational services for students with disabilities,
- To participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of students with disabilities,
- To submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the school board, and
- To assist the school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of students with disabilities.

The proposed membership appeared as an attachment to the agenda report. New members were noted in bold. This item will be considered for action at the next school board meeting.

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**E. Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Brabrand announced that the first intersession was just completed, and we have gotten a lot of positive feedback from those who enjoyed the fall break. We also had a staff development day today, and one of the noteworthy presentations was given by Dr. Adolphus Brown.

There are community meetings scheduled for November 5 and November 10 at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation that will provide African American students and their parents an opportunity to talk with the school administration about student achievement as it relates to decreasing the discipline gap.

Dr. Brabrand participated in two school events this past week. One was for Dearington Elementary School for Innovation where the faculty visited the houses of students who had outstanding achievement over the past quarter. The other was for the Anne Spencer Poetry Contest where students were chosen by a panelist of judges for awards for their essays and poems.

**F. Board Comments**

Dr. Coleman visited Robert S. Payne Elementary School during the intersession and was very impressed by all of the activities occurring in the classrooms.

Ms. Carter was in attendance for one of Dr. Brown's presentations today and enjoyed the information he shared about stereotyping students by their appearance and the importance of forming relationships.

Ms. Waller also attended one of Dr. Brown's presentations and also enjoyed the information he shared. She also visited all 15 schools during intersession and saw some really good activities in the classrooms.

Ms. Hoss encouraged school board members who sit on board-appointed committees to share information from their meetings during board comments.

Dr. Coleman provided information about Elizabeth McAuliffe's visit to Perrymont Elementary School for their Breakfast in the Classroom program.

Ms. Hoss thanked Ms. Dix for her positive coverage of events in *The News & Advance* over the past several weeks.

**G. Informational Items**

Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council Joint Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2015, 5:30 p.m., GLTC Transfer Station, 800 Kemper Street, Third Floor Conference Room

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

**H. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Mary Ann Hoss, Chairman

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Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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