

**Lynchburg City School Board
Special Meeting
December 21, 2017**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman
James E. Coleman, Vice Chairman
Robert O. Brennan
Sharon Y. Carter
Charleta F. Mason
Susan D. Morrison
Derek L. Polley
Kimberly A. Sinha

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Katie K. Snyder

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Administration
April M. Bruce, Director for Data, Assessment, and Accountability
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel
Michael K. Rudder, Director for School Improvement
Dixie B. Sears, Supervisor for Language Arts, History, Library, and Foreign Language
Maria T. Jaeger, Supervisor for Math and Science
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Elizabeth I. Ramos, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Special Announcement
- C. Adjournment

A. Call to Order

The Lynchburg City School Board met for a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Nilles opened the meeting.

B. Special Announcement

The Lynchburg City School Board, the School Board announced the appointment of Dr. Crystal M. Edwards as the 13th Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools. Dr. Edwards is currently serving as the Superintendent for Lawrence Township Public Schools, NJ. Dr. Larry A. Massie will continue to serve as Interim Superintendent, under a month-to-month contract through March 31, 2018.

Dr. Edwards' appointment marks the end of a nearly five-month national search conducted with the assistance of Ray & Associates, a national search consultant in the K-12 educational leadership field. The search process incorporated input from over 700 community stakeholders, LCS employees, parents, and students. Over 70 applications were received for the position, and interviews were conducted with multiple highly qualified candidates from within the Commonwealth and across the country. During the candidate screening and interview process, several down-select processes were performed. Dr. Edwards was the preferred candidate each time. Her qualifications, collaborative leadership style and accomplishments convinced the Board that she was most suited to lead Lynchburg City School Division to full accreditation and success for all our students.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk