

CONTINUED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2009

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Carl Jackson, Chairman
Charlie Collins, Vice-Chairman
Linda Cross
H. Thomas Griffith
Robert O. Hillman
Fayrene Plaster

Mr. Carl Jackson, Chairman, called the October 26, 2009, continued board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel:

appoint Maegan Brown for the position of LPN I Instructor at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, effective immediately; and

allow Christena Baker to work an additional two hours a day at Copper Creek Elementary School in the Kindergarten class because of the number of high need students.

At this time, Mr. Jackson opened the floor to hear from audience members regarding facility needs.

Mr. Bryon Helton appeared before the Board on behalf of the Lebanon Girls' Basketball League. He requested that the Board consider a centrally located multi-purpose gymnasium.

Mr. Joey Long, Principal of Lebanon Middle School, appeared before the Board to request consideration either building a new gymnasium for Lebanon Middle School or for building a combined gymnasium/cafeteria for Lebanon Middle School and Lebanon Elementary School. Mr. Long stated that he is concerned about the possibility of injuries to his students because the current gymnasium is too small for his student population. A combined gymnasium/cafeteria would allow the current cafeteria to be renovated into classroom space. The current gymnasium could be converted to a modern library. The current library could be converted to two additional classrooms.

Mr. Phillip Henley, Principal of Lebanon Elementary School, appeared before the Board to request a new gymnasium at his school. The current activity room is 43 X 32 room that was originally built as a band room. The room also has two large heaters. Mr. Henley also stated that he is concerned about injuries because the room is too small.

Mr. Eddie Lambert appeared before the Board to request a new gymnasium be built at Lebanon Elementary School. Mr. Lambert said that he came to the Board approximately 25 years ago to request a gymnasium. He stated that the current

recreational room is 1,360 square feet. He also stated that he feels the current recreational room is a safety issue.

Mr. Tony Dodi, Principal at Lebanon High School, appeared before the Board to request installation of a geothermal HVAC System at Lebanon High School. Installing the geothermal system would allow air conditioning to be installed in the locker rooms. He also requested that the Board construct a new football field, bleachers, restrooms, locker rooms, and concession stands at Lebanon High School. He requested that the Board do a comparability study to see if it would be more economical to renovate the home side of the current football field at Lebanon Middle School versus building a new stadium on the Lebanon High campus. Mr. Dodi also requested a new security system and refinishing all the classroom doors at the school.

Mr. John Jessee appeared before the Board to request new football facilities at Lebanon High School.

Mr. Leonard Mitchell, a parent from Honaker, appeared before the Board to request a track for the track and field program at Honaker High School. Mr. Mitchell also stated that he felt a track would be beneficial to the Honaker community.

Ms. Prudence Dillon appeared before the Board to request a new gymnasium at Lebanon Elementary School. She stated that she was concerned about the safety of the children in the current recreational room at Lebanon Elementary. She also stated she was concerned about the noise level. Ms. Dillon informed the Board that music class is held in the back of the cafeteria.

Ms. Kathryn Easton appeared before the Board to request a new gymnasium at Lebanon Elementary School. She said that safety is her biggest concern. Ms. Easton said that the class sizes are bigger than what is recommended for the room. She said that she feels the age group that Lebanon Elementary School serves needs a larger facility.

Mr. Greg Stoots appeared before the Board to request a new gymnasium at Lebanon Elementary School.

Mr. Tony Bush, Principal at Honaker High School, appeared before the Board to request that the Board purchase the property behind the current gymnasium for additional parking. Mr. Bush also requested additional fencing for security purposes, a new track for the track and field program, a new roof and garage door for the driver's education garage, a storage building for agriculture and physical education supplies, a new roof on the agriculture building, new library furniture, additional security cameras, a batting cage facility for the baseball field, and new desks, chairs, and storage cabinets for the teachers.

Mr. Scotty Fletcher, Principal at Castlewood High School, appeared before the Board to request additional classrooms for Castlewood Elementary School, a pressbox for the baseball field, new fencing/gates for security purposes, paving for student and teacher parking lots, overhangs and porches need to be replaced, a new path to the football field, and restroom facilities at football and baseball fields.

Mrs. Cross stated that she felt the auditorium at Castlewood needs new seating.

Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a list of items requested from Honaker Elementary School.

Mrs. Rita Street, Principal from Lebanon Primary School, appeared before the Board to inform the Board that if growth in the Lebanon area continues, she will need additional classroom space and a larger cafeteria. She also requested an alternate route off campus due to the amount of traffic.

Ms. Peggy Castle, RCEA President, appeared before the Board to request salary increases for teachers. She stated that she felt like sports were focused on too much in Russell County. Ms. Castle stated that she was in favor of necessary repairs to the buildings, but teachers need to be offered more money and better benefits. Ms. Castle requested that current teachers/coaches be allowed to drive school buses instead of hiring new drivers or make new bus driving positions part-time. She also requested dual enrollment classes for teachers for recertification classes.

Mr. Larry Rasnake, Principal at Cleveland Elementary School, appeared before the Board to request a new gym floor and upgraded lighting in the gym at Cleveland Elementary School. He also requested new windows for his school.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mr. Griffith, Mrs. Cross, David Cozzolino, Dr. Lorraine Turner, and Tammy Caldwell to meet and go through the items that were presented to the Board to begin the process of prioritizing the needs of our facilities.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lease contract with Sonny Merryman for the purchase of five school buses with an interest rate of 3%.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session under Code 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation with Legal Counsel.

After approximately six minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to go back into regular session.

Mr. Collins read the following certification motion: "Mr. Chairman, I move to certify that to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion to go into executive session were heard, discussed or considered in executive session." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Plaster.

The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Collins Mrs. Cross Mr. Griffith Mrs. Plaster Mr. Hillman Mr. Jackson	NAYS:	None
		ABSTENTIONS:	None

Mr. Larry Hartsock appeared before the Board to address the issue of the fuel pump at Cleveland Elementary School. Mr. Hartsock stated that he had had someone to look at the pump, and it would be very expensive to repair. He said that he felt like it would be a liability and a safety issue because of the possibility of spills and high voltage power lines over the pump. Mr. Hartsock informed the Board that there were only five buses that ran in Cleveland. Three of those buses come to Lebanon every day. He said that he will meet with the bus drivers to work out a schedule to get the remaining two buses fueled.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously that the next meeting would be on November 5, 2009, at 5:30 for executive session and 6:30 for regular session.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the October 26, 2009, continued meeting.

Chairman

Clerk