

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 3, 2009
5:30 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 December 3, 2009, board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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 one hour in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, 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. Cross.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 5, 2009, regular school board meeting.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the December bills numbered 876555-876994, 56936-57441, 647395-647401, 647383-647394, 647402-647470, 647471-647490, 647509-647724, and 00671 in the amount of \$4,037,947.36 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,747,884.36
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 898,693.98
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Payroll	\$ 163,150.06
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Bills	\$ 22,782.95

School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 88,822.89
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 116,613.12

The Board recognized Lebanon Middle School for being ranked number one in the FBLA-Middle Level Big Ten Chapters.

The Board recognized Blake Rhea, student from Lebanon High School, for being selected as a VSBA Art Contest winner.

Also recognized by the Board was Andrew Munsey, student from Lebanon High School, for being selected as a participant in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars Program.

The Board recognized Tabatha Arwood, student from Lebanon High School, for placing 12th at the All-State Cross Country competition.

Mr. Randy Williams appeared before the Board to report that the C.P. & Elsa Williams Trust has been closed. He reported that over a four year period from 2005-2006 through 2008-2009, the trust had provided \$290,500 in scholarships to approximately 350 Russell County students. Mr. Williams also asked the Board to prepare a resolution expressing their thanks to the Williams family for their generous donation to the children of Russell County.

Mr. John Bartee appeared before the Board to present the Energy Education Program. Mr. Bartee informed the Board that the program had already saved the county \$120,761 or 18.37%.

Mr. David Cozzolino appeared before the Board to request that the Board approve Webster Day as the Bond Counsel for the VPSA Loan for the Honaker High Renovation Project. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Cozzolino's request.

Dr. Turner requested the Board grant permission for the Superintendent and the Board Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the "Race to the Top" funds that are being applied for by the State. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Turner's request.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Report.

Mr. Larry Hartsock presented the Board with a resolution regarding the site distance around a curve on Route 615 at Gravel Lick Road in Hamlin, Virginia. Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the resolution. (Attachment #1)

Dr. Turner informed the Board of the VSBA Legislative Conference and Orientation for School Board Chairs/Vice Chairs/New Board Members and Superintendents to be held on February 18-19, 2010, in Richmond.

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

Sara Bowen, special education teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, effective November 2, 2009; and

Robert Townes as the driver's education instructor at Honaker High School, effective immediately.

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

appoint Aleta Ray as a part-time instructional aide for the Preschool Program at Lebanon Primary School, effective immediately;

appoint Jennifer Price as a part-time instructional aide for a Kindergarten student at Copper Creek Elementary School, effective immediately;

appoint Ashley Kenetta Stinson as a part-time special education aide at Honaker Elementary School, for the remainder of the school year, effective immediately; and

appoint Sarah Bowen as a full-time special education aide at Castlewood Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Turner reported the sales tax for the month as \$252,158.48.

Dr. Turner discussed various budget concerns with the board. She informed the Board that we need to prepare for additional budget cuts in the coming year. She presented the Board with possible retirement incentives and a proposal to the Virginia Retirement System. The Board did not take action on either the retirement incentive or the VRS proposal.

The Board decided that confirmation only purchase orders would be approved for Wal-Mart, internet purchases, local businesses, and other businesses that do not accept purchase orders. Principals need approval from the appropriate supervisor before purchasing the items. If they can't get in touch with the supervisor, they can call Tammy Caldwell for approval. The Board asked that the person's name approving the purchase order be placed on the purchase order.

The 37th FRN Conference will be held in Washington D.C. from January 31, 2010 – February 2, 2010. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Plaster will represent Russell County at this conference.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to continue the December 3, 2009, meeting to December 17, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk