

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 2009
5:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Bob Hillman, Chairman, called the January 8, 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, Code 2.2-3711 (A)(2) Student Discipline, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(4) Protect the Privacy of Individuals.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to add Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation With Legal Counsel to the executive session list.

After approximately one hour and five 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. Jackson Mr. Hillman	NAYS:	None
		ABSTENTIONS:	None

Mr. Hillman relinquished the Chair to Dr. Turner to conduct the reorganization of the Board.

The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Carl Jackson as Chairman. Mrs. Plaster seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Collins made a motion that Mr. Jackson be elected by acclamation. Mr. Hillman seconded the nomination. Mr. Jackson was unanimously elected as Chairman.

Dr. Turner relinquished the Chair to Mr. Jackson.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Charlie Collins as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hillman seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Griffith made a motion that nominations cease and that Mr. Collins be elected by acclamation. Mr. Hillman seconded the nomination. Mr. Collins was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Cross nominated Ms. Tammy Caldwell as Clerk of the Board. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Mrs. Plaster made a motion that the nominations cease and that Ms. Caldwell be elected by acclamation. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Ms. Caldwell was unanimously approved as the Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Ben Chafin as School Board Attorney. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hillman. Mr. Collins made a motion that the nominations cease and the Mr. Chafin be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Plaster seconded the motion. Mr. Chafin was unanimously approved as the School Board Attorney.

Mrs. Linda Cross was reappointed to serve the Governor's School position.

Mr. Jackson reappointed Mr. Hillman and Mr. Collins to the Health Insurance Committee.

Mr. Jackson did not appoint a budget committee. Instead he suggested that Dr. Turner and her entire staff develop the 2009-2010 budget. The Board would then meet with Dr. Turner and the Central Office staff to go over the budget in a work session.

The public hearing on the budget will be held on February 5, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. in the School Board meeting room.

School board meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for open session.

The Board will operate under the 10th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order for conducting business.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mrs. Fayrene Plaster as the liaison with the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members. (Attachment #1)

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 4, 2008, regular and December 18, 2008, special school board meetings.

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the January bills numbered 872206-872625, 52064-52560, 643923-643929, 872204-872205, 643852-643922, 643944-643957, 643958-644196, and 650-651 in the amount of \$3,757,043.98 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,789,429.10
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 677,226.78
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Payroll	\$ 129,558.33
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Bills	\$ 2,466.74
School Food Program	-	Payroll	\$ 92,782.42
School Food Program	-	Bills	\$ 65,580.61

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bill to the VSBA Registrar in the amount of \$1,280.00 contingent upon the number of board members that will be attending the conference. The motion also requested that the members inform Ms. Caldwell by January 23, 2009, if attending the VSBA Legislative Conference.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to hire Webster Day as the bond counsel for the Givens, Belfast, and Copper Creek window renovation project. His fee will be \$6,500.00.

Mr. Tom Robinson presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the Board with ideas that principals and teachers had sent her regarding retirement. Ms. Caldwell informed the Board that if employees interested in retiring would attend one of the retirement meetings that are scheduled in January and February, many of the questions and situations discussed by Mrs. Dye would be addressed.

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, Code 2.2-3711 (A)(4) Protect the Privacy of Individuals, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation With Legal Counsel.

After approximately one hour and ten 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 Mr. Hillman.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

appoint Sherry Wilson as tennis coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season, effective immediately;

appoint Suzette Mutter as 21st Century Grant Coordinator at Honaker High School, effective immediately;

appoint Cindy Richardson as a full-time Math teacher at Honaker High School effective the date she passed her Praxis test;

appoint Carolyn Salyer as a regular school bus driver, replacing Kathy Rowe, effective immediately;

appoint Wilburn Johnson as varsity boys soccer coach at Honaker High School, effective immediately;

appoint Doug Hubbard as varsity girls soccer coach at Honaker High School, effective immediately; and

appoint Amy Davidson as junior varsity softball coach at Honaker High School, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved an in county advertisement for a math instructional aide at Honaker High School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year only.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously that Student A from Honaker Elementary be placed in the Middle Alternative School for six weeks, behavior to be evaluated every six weeks, and to require an outside evaluation before he/she returns to school at Honaker Elementary.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the board voted unanimously to approve the retirement of Mary Angle, teacher at Lebanon High School, effective July 1, 2009.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to continue the January 8, 2009, meeting until January 20, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the School Board Office.

Chairman

Clerk