

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

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, 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)(7) Consultation with Legal Counsel.

After approximately one hour 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 Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 8, 2009, regular and January 20, 2009, continued school board meetings.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the February bills numbered 872630-873029, 52561-53059, 644260-644266, 872626-872629, 644197-644213, 644215-644259, 644270-644285, 644287-644517, and 652 in the amount of \$3,445,348.21 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,756,814.88
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 407,088.72

County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 131,305.78
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 10,440.13
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 88,858.92
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 50,839.78

Dr. Turner presented certificates to the School Board Members and the Clerk for School Board Appreciation Month.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation for Trevor Marchant as head junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Castlewood High School, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to accept the retirement of Lolita Joyce Bowman, teacher at Givens Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009.

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Energy Education Energy Management Conservation Policy. (Attachment #1)

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the attached Resolution of the Russell County School Board Authorizing an Application to the Virginia Public School Authority With Respect to the Sale of School Bonds for the renovations at Belfast, Givens, and Copper Creek Elementary Schools. (Attachment #2)

Mr. David Cozzolino updated the Board on the mobile home at Givens Elementary School. The Owens family is unable to locate the title. Mr. Cozzolino is trying to find the name the mobile home was registered under to get a title.

Mr. Cozzolino also updated the Board on the installation of security cameras and electronic locks at all of the schools. He told the Board that all of the materials are in, but the weather has affected getting them installed.

Mr. Cozzolino informed the Board that the pre-bid for the renovations at Belfast, Givens, and Copper Creek Elementary Schools will be held on February 10, 2009. The bid opening is scheduled for February 24, 2009.

In regards to the traffic lights at Honaker Elementary School, Mr. John Watson did not receive the resolutions passed by the School Board. Mr. Watson has informed Mr. Cozzolino that he will meet with him to look and determine where to place the lights.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar. (Attachment #3)

Mr. Tom Robinson presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Dr. Turner reminded the Board of the VSBA Hot Topic Conference to be held in Wytheville on March 11, 2009.

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

appoint Matthew Hamilton as head softball coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season, effective immediately;

appoint Karen Clay as varsity assistant softball coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season, effective immediately;

appoint Jerry Tarr as junior varsity softball coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season, effective immediately;

appoint Kristy Sparks as junior varsity softball assistant coach (to be paid by the school) at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season, effective immediately;

appoint Kristy Sparks as head volleyball coach at Castlewood High School for the 2009-2010 school year;

appoint Brandon Miller as eighth grade baseball coach at Honaker High School for the 2008-2009 season;

appoint the following as substitute school bus drivers: Sharon Salyer, David Boyd, Benny Martin, Sr., Vanessa McFarlane, Mary Jane Ramsey, Lisa Musick, Larry Wysor, and Harold Watson; and

appoint John Bartee as the Energy Education Manager for Russell County Schools, effective immediately.

Dr. Turner reported the sales tax for the month as \$260,103.28.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously that Student A from Castlewood High School be placed in the Alternative School for the remainder of the school year and that the case be reviewed every 45 days.

The Board will conduct a budget work session on February 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the School Board Office.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to continue the February 5, 2009, meeting until February 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the School Board Office.

Chairman

Clerk