

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 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 March 5, 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)(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 February 5, 2009, public hearing, February 5, 2009, regular and February 19, 2009, continued school board meetings.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the March bills numbered 873030-873032, 873035-873407, 53060-53556, 644267-644269, 644571-644577, 644518-644570, 644579-644593, 644594-644808, and 653-654 in the amount of \$3,574,376.32 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,796,764.66
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 471,717.70

County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 140,244.41
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 9,011.74
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 91,253.44
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 65,384.37

Ms. Cathy Mowrey and Mr. Reggie Childress from the Appalachian Soccer League appeared before the Board to request permission to convert an area in front of Lebanon Primary School to a regulation size soccer field. The Soccer League will be financially responsible for the work needed to convert the field. The Board would be responsible for mowing the field. The Board suggested that the representatives from the Soccer League meet with Mr. David Cozzolino to discuss this and other possible sites for a soccer field.

Dr. Turner and Mike Puckett presented Castlewood High, Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary, Honaker Elementary, and Cleveland Elementary Schools with the Virginia Board of Education Excellence Awards. Lebanon High School was presented with the Competence to Excellence Award.

The following students from Castlewood High School were recognized for placing 4th in the State Wrestling Tournament: Wesley Gibson, Caleb Gibson, Ryan McCall, Casey Lambert, Jordan Phillips, Blake Rasnake, Ethan Mullins, Logan Mullins, Elliott Wohlgamuth, Eric Maxfield, Casey Phillips, Corey David, Ryan Phillips, and Drew Young. The following students were also recognized for placing individually in the State Wrestling Tournament: Ryan Phillips, 1st Place; Ryan McCall, 2nd Place; Casey Lambert, 6th Place; Casey Phillips, 6th Place, and Logan Mullins, 6th Place.

The Board also recognized the following Honaker High School students for being selected to the VHSCA Group A All-State Football Team:

Ryhan Miller – 2nd Team Offensive Guard
 Koby Miller – 2nd Team Defensive Line
 David Keene – Honorable Mention Wide Receiver

Also recognized by the Board were the following Lebanon High School students for being selected to the VHSCA Group A All-State Football Team:

Daniel McClanahan – 1st Team Defensive End
 Stephen Martin – 2nd Team Defensive Back
 Marcus Smith – Honorable Mention Linebacker

The Board recognized the following engineering students for placing 2nd in the Real World Design Challenge:

Justin Yates – Lebanon High School
 John Fisher Wilson – Honaker High School
 Jeremy Richardson – Honaker High School
 Niki Stinson – Honaker High School
 Morgan Purtee – Castlewood High School
 Casey Lambert – Castlewood High School

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the attached request for religious exemption. (Attachment #1)

Mr. Cozzolino informed the Board that the bids for the renovations at Givens, Belfast, and Copper Creek Elementary Schools had been opened. The low bid was Quesenberry's Inc. in the amount of \$1,219,500.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached resolution regarding the authorization of the issuance of general obligation school bonds for the purpose of financing the renovations in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. (Attachment #2)

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved June 1 – 4, 2009, for senior exams, June 8 – 11 or 12, 2009, for regular exams, Sunday, June 7, 2009 will be graduation for all three high schools, and Thursday, June 4, 2009, will be graduation for the Russell County Career and Technology Center.

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

Judy Ashbrook, teacher at Lebanon Middle School, effective July 1, 2009;

Patricia Ball, teacher at Honaker Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009;

Vickie S. Fuller, homebound teacher, effective July 1, 2009;

Elizabeth K. Gilmer, instructional aide at Lebanon Primary School, effective July 1, 2009;

Frank Mathews, teacher at Honaker Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009;

Ginny McGlothlin, teacher at Lebanon High School, effective July 1, 2009;

Delphia O'Quinn, co-cafeteria manager at Lebanon High School, effective July 1, 2009; and

Charles Dudley McCoy, teacher at Castlewood High School, effective July 1, 2009.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously that if an employee is transferred to another school because of retirements, then that employee will be given the first opportunity to return to their original school if a position comes open for which they are qualified.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mr. Collins and Mr. Hillman to review the current Insurance Retirement Incentive program and see if changes might need to be made in view of the current economic situation.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved that Student A not be enrolled in any school in Russell County at this time.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the field trip requests for Lebanon High School and Cleveland

Elementary School with the stipulation that the driver, fuel, and any other cost associated with the trips be paid by the school.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to extend the last day of school from June 10 to June 12 if necessary before the Spring break days are used as make-up days.

Mr. Tom Robinson presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

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

appoint Stephanie Miller as an aide in the 21st Century After-School Program at Honaker High School, effective immediately; and

non-renew the contract of Todd Tiller as a special education teacher at Castlewood High School at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Brenda Rutherford, teacher at Honaker Elementary School, expressed her thanks to the Board for offering the special retirement incentive to employees this school year.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved moving the next meeting to April 2, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. for a budget work session, 5:30 p.m. for executive session, and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the March 5, 2009, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk