

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009

3:00 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 April 2, 2009, board meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Board discussed the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

Mr. Jackson talked to the Board regarding the schools and confirmation only purchase orders. The Board agreed that in the future if a school purchases items confirmation only, the items will not be approved for payment. It will be the responsibility of the school to pay for the items from their general fund.

Mr. Jeff Sword discussed a need for some type of program to work with young students that are not special needs students but need help with behavior problems.

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. 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 Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 5, 2009, regular school board meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the April bills numbered 873409-873799, 53557-54054, 644881-644887, 644809-644822, 644823-844880, and 644888-645123 in the amount of \$3,619,476.85 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$2,808,381.41
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 410,029.17
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 142,063.68
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 81,173.00
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 92,056.79
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 85,772.80

The Board recognized Paige Tiller, student from Honaker High School, for scoring her 1000th career point during the girls' basketball season.

The Board also recognized Cody Compton, student from Lebanon High School, for scoring his 1000th career point during the boys' basketball season.

Also recognized by the Board was Lauren Holt, student from Lebanon High School, for winning first place in the DAR Christopher Columbus Essay contest.

The Board recognized the following schools for being fully accredited by the Virginia Department of Education for 2008: Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary School, Lebanon Primary School, Lebanon Elementary School, Lebanon Middle School, Lebanon High School, Swords Creek Elementary School, Givens Elementary School, Honaker Elementary School, Honaker High School, Copper Creek Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Castlewood Elementary School, and Castlewood High School.

Mr. John Bartee, Energy Education Manager, updated the Board on the progress of the Energy Education Program. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached guidelines for Energy Education. (Attachment #1)

Mr. Hillman informed the Board that he had met with Mr. Collins to discuss the current Retiree Health Insurance Incentive policy. Mr. Hillman informed everyone that the committee has decided not to make any changes in the policy at this time. Mr. Collins informed the audience that the only item being considered regarding the policy was the number of unused sick leave days that an employee must trade in order to receive the health insurance.

Mr. David Cozzolino discussed the renewal of the worker's compensation and property and casualty insurance programs with VACo. Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to continue the Board's insurance programs with VACo.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved Quesenberry Construction as the general contractor for the Belfast /Copper Creek/Givens projects.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to approve a budget for the Belfast/Copper Creek/Givens projects in the amount of \$1,600,000.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached amended resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation school bonds in the amount of \$1,600,000.00. (Attachment #2)

Mr. Cozzolino also informed the Board that he, along with Dr. Turner and Mr. Dodi, had been approached by the Lebanon High School wrestling coach and a member of the little league wrestling program in Lebanon regarding building a wrestling facility at Lebanon High School. The little league program will be responsible for raising the money to build the facility. Mr. Cozzolino informed the Board that there is room near the softball field on the property at Lebanon High School for the facility. The money from the fund raising will have to be done through the school. Donor names would have to be registered through the school so the money could be returned if the facility wasn't built. The Board will own the building. All maintenance and liability insurance on the facility will be the responsibility of the school system. No action was taken.

Mr. Cozzolino updated the Board on the soccer field that was requested by the Appalachian Soccer League. The representatives were receptive to a proposed site at Lebanon High School outside the fence of the softball field.

Mr. Cozzolino discussed the flashing signs at Honaker Elementary School. He needs to meet with the highway department to decide where the signs need to go. He also needs to meet with Appalachian Power.

Mr. Collins requested that Mr. Cozzolino meet with Larry Rasnake at Cleveland Elementary School regarding the condition of the windows at that school.

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

the resignation of Sherry Taylor, cafeteria worker at Lebanon Middle School, effective March 6, 2009;

the retirement of Mary Lee Epling, teacher at Elk Garden Elementary School, effective March 1, 2009;

the retirement of Harry T. Harding, teacher at Honaker High School, effective July 1, 2009;

the retirement of Dennis Hensdill, Director of Vocational Education, effective July 1, 2009;

the retirement of Sue Lambert, teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009;

the retirement of Karen McClanahan, teacher at Lebanon Middle School, effective July 1, 2009;

the retirement of Beth Patterson, librarian at Castlewood Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009;

the retirement of Fredia Skeens, teacher at Castlewood High School, effective July 1, 2009; and

the retirement of Patricia Thomas, teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SOL intervention program. The program is designed for students in the grades three through eight that do not pass their reading and/or math SOL tests. These students would be pulled in small groups for teachers to work with. Ideally, these students would be pulled when the other students in their grade level are working on reading and math.

Mr. Tom Robinson presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

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

transfer Rebecca Dye from ITRT to Food Service Director and Vocational Director;

appoint Dennis Hensdill as the part-time Driver's Education teacher at Castlewood High School for the 2009-2010 school year;

appoint John Adams as the part-time Driver's Education teacher at Lebanon High School for the 2009-2010 school year; and

appoint Robert Townes as the part-time Driver's Education teacher at Honaker High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Turner reported the sales tax for the month as \$261,113.64.

Dr. Turner and the Board discussed the stimulus funds that the county will be receiving. The funds will be less than many of the amounts that have been published.

Mr. Griffith discussed the traffic problem at Lebanon Primary School. He encouraged Dr. Turner to contact the town officials to see if there is something that can be done about the problem. Dr. Turner informed the Board that the most recent problem occurred when she requested an officer to be placed at the entrance to the school to try to assist with the traffic flow. A traffic light cannot be installed because it is too close to another light. The other option is an access road that might help with the traffic flow. The town police chief and town superintendent will be on site for the next few days to assess the situation and prepare a report for the town.

Mr. Carl Jackson discussed the proposed Virginia Department of Transportation cuts. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously that a resolution be prepared and sent to VDOT and the members of the legislature expressing the concerns of the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session. The dinner for retirees and 30 year service employees will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the April 2, 2009, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk