

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 7, 2010
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 October 7, 2010, 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 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:	Mrs. Cross Mr. Griffith Mr. Hillman Mr. Jackson Mrs. Plaster Mr. Collins	NAYS:	None
		ABSTENTIONS:	None

The Board held a moment of silence in honor of G. B. Meade, a former school board member that recently passed away.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 2, 2010, regular and the September 16, 2010, continued meetings.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the October bills numbered 880814-881142, 61357-661844, 650500-650506, 650425-650499, 650508-650518, 650548-650782, 650520-650547, and 689-697 in the amount of \$3,340,993.40 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,386,774.04
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 592,762.29
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Payroll	\$ 155,628.12
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Bills	\$ 6,614.49
School Food Program	-	Payroll	\$ 82,955.58
School Food Program	-	Bills	\$ 116,258.88

Mr. Tim Ball appeared before the Board to express a need for new bleachers and a press box at the Honaker High School baseball field. Chris Howard from Grandstand Design Enterprises, Inc. presented the Board with a design/build proposal for the bleachers and press box.

Ms. Loretta Combs appeared before the Board to request training for coaches and teachers of diabetic students. She said that she felt like the physical education teachers and coaches should be trained how to handle situations if these students were to need assistance.

The Board recognized Kathy Rhea, teacher at Lebanon Middle School, for being selected as the "Middle Level" Advisor of the Year for the State of Virginia by the Future Business Leaders of America for the 2009-2010 school year.

The School Board and the Superintendent were presented with the Virginia School Boards Association Academy Awards.

Mr. Sam Rosenthal, insurance consultant, appeared before the Board to notify them that an agreement had been worked out to keep Russell County Medical Center as part of our insurance group that would not interfere with the Board's contract with Highlands-Wellmont. The Highlands Wellmont Health Network will be tier I. Mountain States Health Alliance will be tier II. The USA/MCO network will be tier III, and out of network will be tier IV. MSHA will have a \$400 deductible, \$2,500 out-of-pocket limit, and benefits will be paid at an 80/20 split.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted to approve the additional tier for our insurance and authorize the chairman to sign the two year contract with MSHA based upon approval by the school attorney and the insurance representative. Mrs. Cross abstained.

Mr. Ron Weeks appeared before the Board to recognize Colby Jordon and the JAG Grant program at the Russell County Career and Technology Center.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the second reading of Policy KN: Sex Offender Registry Notification.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to hold the auction on October 16, 2010, and to declare the items as surplus property in order for them to be sold on October 16.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following personnel:

appoint Christi Jessee as a teacher for the 21st Century Program at Castlewood High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

appoint Lynna Altizer as a teacher for the 21st Century Program at Castlewood High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

appoint Julie Higgins as a teacher for the 21st Century Program at Castlewood High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

appoint Vanessa Martin as the coordinator of the 21st Century Program at Honaker Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

transfer Richard Nash from custodian at the Russell County Career and Technology Center to custodian at Lebanon High School, effective October 11, 2010;

appoint Sandy Jenks as a teacher for the 21st Century Program at Lebanon Primary School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

appoint Connie Wells as a teacher for the 21st Century Program at Lebanon Primary School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

transfer Josh Maxfield from custodian at Lebanon High School to custodian at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, effective October 11, 2010;

appoint Elizaura M. Rincon as a part-time interpreter and tutor for Spanish speaking students, effective October 11, 2010; and

appoint Kayla Watson as a part-time interpreter and tutor for Spanish speaking students, effective October 18, 2010.

The sales tax for the month was \$254,414.58.

The Board informed the audience that it will review and revisit the seventh and eighth grades sports issues in the Spring. Any changes will be in place for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Susan Black, President of the RCEA, asked the Board to consider giving all employees their steps as well as a one percent raise with the Education Jobs funds that the Board will receive.

Mr. Kevin Blankenship appeared before the Board and told them that he works with the STAR Project. He informed the Board that he needs the information on the children in Russell County as soon as possible because the deadline for submission of names has passed. He also requested the use of buses or other large vehicles to transport the items for the children. Volunteers will be available to load and unload the buses.

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 and twenty-five minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to go back into regular session.

Mr. Griffith 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:	Mrs. Cross	NAYS:	None
	Mr. Griffith		
	Mr. Hillman	ABSTENTIONS:	None
	Mr. Jackson		

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to add an extra bus in the Castlewood area with a long-term substitute.

The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for open session.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the October 7, 2010, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk