

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 1, 2010
4:00 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 1, 2010, board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Board discussed the 2010-2011 budget.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously that the cash retirement incentive will end at 4:00 p.m. on April 9, 2010.

Mr. Jackson declared the Board in recess until 5:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Jackson reopened the April 1, 2010, meeting.

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 Mr. Hillman Mr. Jackson	NAYS:	None
		ABSTENTIONS:	None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 4, 2010, regular meeting, the March 16, 2010, public hearing on the budget, and the March 24, 2010, continued meeting.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the April bills numbered 878176-878543, 58938-59439, 648712-648718, 648651-648711, 648719-648720, 648729-648946, and 677-678 in the amount of \$3,464,703.38 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$2,647,584.46
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 473,069.35
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 158,118.41
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 37,304.10
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 81,319.31
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 67,307.75

The Board recognized the following Scholastic Bowl students from Honaker High school for winning second place in the state championship, for being the Region D Champions, and for being the Black Diamond District Champions: Charlie Perkins, Alyssa Hubbard, Nick Hubbard, Joshua O'Quinn, Jacob Mitchell, Morgan Stacy, Taylor Richardson, Katelyn Jessie, and Coach Alex Zachwieja.

At this time, Mrs. Plaster rejoined the meeting.

The Board recognized Lebanon Elementary School and Cleveland Elementary School for being selected as Distinguished Title 1 Schools for 2010.

The Board recognized Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary School for being awarded the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence for 2010.

Also recognized by the Board were the following schools for being awarded the Virginia Board of Education's Excellence Award for 2010: Cleveland Elementary School, Lebanon Elementary School, and Honaker Elementary School.

Lebanon Primary School was recognized by the Board for being selected as one of the Virginia Naturally Schools by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the 2010-2011 Special Education Annual Plan.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to redo the Special Education Policies and Procedures to make them comparable to state regulations.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 21st Century Learning Center Grant for Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary School.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted to approve Amber Construction as the low bidder for the Honaker High School renovation project in the amount of \$1,195,000.00.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Chairman of the Board to sign the contract with Amber Construction.

Mr. Puckett reminded the Board of the VSBA Spring Regional Forum that will be held on April 29, 2010. He also reminded the Board of the VSBA Policy Services Workshop that will be held on May 17, 2010, and the VSBA School Law Conference that will be held on June 4, 2010.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following retirements:

Joseph Richardson, instructor at Russell County Career and Technology Center, effective July 1, 2010;

Donna Hess, teacher at Honaker Elementary School, effective July 1, 2010;

Pamela Rose, teacher at Lebanon Elementary School, effective July 1, 2010; and

Gwen Zachwieja, teacher at Honaker High School, effective July 1, 2010.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following volunteer coaching positions for Castlewood High School:

Tammy Campbell as head tennis coach for the Spring of 2010;

David Osborne as assistant tennis coach for the Spring of 2010; and

Pamela Osborne as assistant tennis coach for the Spring of 2010.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to grant Employee A 60 days of Family Medical Leave.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Melinda Hale as an LPN effective April 16, 2010.

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to advertise for and hire a school nurse to replace Melinda Hale.

Mr. Mike Puckett reported the sales tax for the month as \$226,262.32.

Mr. Jackson informed the Board that he had received a request from various individuals in the Honaker area to have their graduation at 1:00 p.m. next year instead of 7:00 p.m. due to several out of town family members that will be attending.

Ms. Suzanne Goins introduced herself to the Board. She is the regional director for the Virginia Professional Educators.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to continue the April 1, 2010, meeting to April 22, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk