

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 6, 2011
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 6, 2011, 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 and thirty 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:	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 September 1, 2011, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved the October bills numbered 885610-885944, 67236-67754, 654181-654186, 654105-654180, 654187-654435, and 717-723 in the amount of \$3,507,691.32 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$2,526,810.13
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 595,271.54
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 152,409.24
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 12,969.41
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 85,209.53
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 135,021.47

Wendy Musick, a parent from Honaker Elementary School, appeared before the Board to discuss the removal of recess at Honaker Elementary School for Kindergarten and first grade students. The Board asked Mr. Puckett and his staff to check and see if all schools in the county are not doing recess and to possibly see if it can be added back to the school schedules and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Jon Bowerbank appeared before the Board to inform them that he is willing to build new artificial turf football fields at Castlewood High and Lebanon High Schools at no expense to the county. When asked by Mrs. Cross if he was willing to pay for any necessary site work that might be necessary with building the fields, Mr. Bowerbank responded yes. Mr. Bowerbank is also willing to replace bleachers on the home side at Lebanon High School. Mr. Bowerbank wants to do the project concurrently next Spring. He would like to place an order for the turf before the end of 2011. The life expectancy of the turf on the fields is approximately 15 years.

Eugene Ferguson, Henry Stinson, and Barbara Cox from the Russell County Transportation and Safety Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the need of flashing lights on Route 67 at Swords Creek Elementary School.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to direct Mr. David Cozzolino to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation to try to resolve the need for flashing lights at Swords Creek Elementary.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to direct Mr. Cozzolino to fix the school bus traffic only sign and to fix the pot hole at the bus entrance for Swords Creek.

Mr. Bill Belcher appeared before the Board to request handicapped seating at the Lebanon High School football field. He also expressed a need for a way for the handicapped to go to the concession stand.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to direct Mr. David Cozzolino and his maintenance crew with assistance from Joey Long and Doug Rasnake to look at and take action on giving handicapped access to the football field.

Mrs. Carol White, County Administrator, and Shy Kennedy, Board of Supervisors member, appeared before the Board to request the transfer of the old rescue squad building to the county. The top floor would be used as a community center and the rescue squad would continue to use the bottom as storage. If the community center ceases to exist, the property would revert back to the Castlewood Fire and Rescue.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the board voted to authorize the Chairman to sign the documentation to give the old rescue squad property

to the county in one deed. Mrs. Plaster abstained from voting on the motion.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to grant a right of way for two sewer hookups at Castlewood Elementary and Castlewood High Schools as well as the principal's house at Castlewood in the amount of \$250.00 each.

At this time the Board took a five minute break.

The Board members were recognized for the VSBA Academy Awards.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously granted the request from Roy Barrett for an easement to run a gas line through the property at Lebanon Middle School to his property.

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve a field trip request by the Lebanon High School to go to Orlando Florida in April, 2012. All expenses for the trip will be paid by the school.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Harry Steffey to sign Virginia Department of Education forms in the absence of the Superintendent.

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

William E. Dye, bus driver, effective October 19, 2011; and

Melissa Slemp, teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, effective September 30, 2011.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to advertise for an elementary teacher at Castlewood Elementary School to replace Melissa Slemp.

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

appoint Judith Johnson as a 4th grade teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, effective immediately;

appoint Dennis Price as 8th grade girls' basketball coach at Lebanon High School, for the 2011-2012 school year;

appoint Crystal Dishman as a part-time PALS teacher at Lebanon Primary School for the 2011-2012 school year;

appoint Reda Tolba, Gary Fife, and Frankie Smith as bus drivers for the Cleveland run for the 2011-2012 school year;

appoint Kenneth Gill as a regular school bus driver, effective immediately;

appoint Brittany Massie as a substitute bus driver, effective immediately;

appoint the following for the 21st Century Program at Castlewood High School: Sherry Allen, Coordinator; Tom Allen, Lynna Altizer, Chandra Booker, Angela Bostic, Ashley Burke, Ric Burns, Heather Combs, Connie Crabtree, Mary Gustin, Julie Higgins, Lila Jenkins, Melissa Long, Sherry Lyttle, Beth Marshall, Teresa O'Donnell, Pam Roberson, Caroline Sabo, Jonathon Salyer, David Scammell, Sarah Stoots, Terry Vencil, Mary Francis Wallace, Emily White, and Sherry Wilson as teachers; Becky Woods as cafeteria worker; and Pam Mullins and Elizabeth Woods as aides; and

appoint the following as bus drivers for the 21st Century After School Programs (*appointed as needed): Tammy Dye, Debra Penley, Vickie Musick, Tammy Ritchie, Carmie Peck, Donna Blankenship*, Peggy Keith, Barbara Hare, Barbara Phillips, Ed Salyer*, Freda Dye, Chris Porter, Michele Clark, Mardie Campbell, Jamie Dickenson, Susie Fields*, Randy Cross*, Reda Tolba, and Gary Fife.

The sales tax for the month was \$ 255,201.64.

Mr. Jackson informed the Board that we are having trouble locating a homebound teacher for a first grade student at Lebanon Primary School.

Mr. Steve Shortt, regional representative for Virginia Professional Educators, appeared before the Board to make them aware of scholarships that his organization is offering to educators.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

The October 6, 2011, meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Chairman

Clerk