

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 3, 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 November 3, 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 and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation With Legal Counsel.

After approximately one hour and fifteen 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 October 6, 2011, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved the November bills numbered 885946-886339, 886341-886343, 67755-68282, 654518-654523, 654436-654517, 654524-654759, and 724-725 in the amount of \$3,688,609.90 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating - Payroll	\$2,633,976.69
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County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 620,644.63
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 158,187.81
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 38,901.67
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 86,292.54
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 150,606.56

Mr. Blaine Dugan, representative from Energy Education, presented the county with an Environmental Excellence Award for helping preserve natural resources.

Mr. John Bartee presented a report on the savings that had been realized by being in the energy education program.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to amend the budget in the amounts of \$98,789.53 due to an insurance adjustment that was received because of wind and hail damage and \$18,979.20 due to an insurance payment from a bus accident.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve a bill in the amount of \$8,710.46 to be paid to Peterbilt of Bristol for damages to a bus.

Mr. David Cozzolino presented the Board with a ranking of architects in the event that their services will be needed in the near future. The rankings are OWPR, Thompson and Litton, and The Lane Group. There will be an open end contract and no fees would be paid until approved by the Board. Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the architect rankings as presented.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Report.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the Southwest Virginia Race to GED Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

appoint Donna Dotson as a 7th grade teacher at Castlewood Elementary School, replacing Melissa Slempe, effective immediately;

appoint Beth Goodie as varsity basketball cheerleading coach at Honaker High School for the 2011-2012 season; and

appoint Linda Cassell as a teacher in the 21st Century After-School Program at Castlewood High School, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a one-half day of work time for teachers at the end of the first, second, forth, and fifth six weeks beginning with the second six weeks of school.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to restore thirty minutes of recess in Kindergarten and first grades. It will be up to each school to develop their own schedule that will include 4 hours of instructional time, 30 minutes each for recess, physical education, lunch, and rotating through the week will be 30 minutes of tech lab, music, guidance, or library.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to allow Kathy Rowe, bus driver, eight years of seniority.

The sales tax for the month was \$271,531.40.

The Board will be eligible to stay at the Williamsburg Lodge for the 2012 VSBA Annual Convention. A one night deposit will be required and reservations must be made in early December. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve staying at the Williamsburg Lodge in November, 2012.

The Board discussed a need for a policy in hiring bus drivers and transferring bus drivers to other runs. Mr. Jackson appointed Larry Hartsock, David Cozzolino, and Larry Rasnake to work with our attorney to develop a policy for hiring and transferring bus drivers.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to freeze all bus runs until after a hiring policy has been adopted and to use long term substitutes as drivers if needed.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to hold the next meeting on December 1, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.

The November 3, 2011, meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Chairman

Clerk