

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

Mr. Jackson relinquished the Chair to Mr. Puckett to conduct the reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Puckett opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Griffith nominated Mr. Carl Jackson as Chairman. Mr. Hillman seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Puckett relinquished the Chair to Mr. Jackson.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Charlie Collins as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Plaster seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

The monthly board meetings will remain on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for the regular meeting.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Ben Chafin as School Board Attorney. Mrs. Plaster seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Collins nominated Ms. Tammy Caldwell as Clerk of the Board. Mrs. Plaster seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order for conducting the meetings with the Chairman being allowed to vote.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mr. Hillman and Mr. Collins to the Health Insurance Committee.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mrs. Plaster as the liaison to the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mrs. Cross to serve as the A. Linwood Holton Governor's School representative.

The committee to help develop recommendations for renovation plans for the next five years will consist of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Mike Puckett, and Mr. David Cozzolino.

The entire board will work with Mr. Puckett and his staff to complete the budget. If a committee is necessary to meet with the Board of Supervisors, it will consist of Mr. Jackson and Mr. Griffith.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 2, 2010, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the January bills numbered 881934-882151, 882153-882544, 62825-63791, 651462-651468, 651398-651461, 651469-651482, 651483-651686, and 703 in the amount of \$4,343,098.54 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$3,452,078.21
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 612,408.77
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 144,002.07
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 5,933.25
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 83,989.20
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 44,687.04

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members.

The Board recognized the following students from Lebanon High School for placing at the VHSL Girls and Boys State Cross Country meet:

Tabatha Arwood – All State 3rd Place
Paige Campbell – All State 13th Place
John Ulrich – Team Member and All State 1st Place
Bradley Rasnake – Team Member and All State 3rd Place
Jordan Smith – Team Member and All State 12th Place
David Hampton – Team Member
Tyler Castle – Team Member
Caleb Compton – Team Member
Tyler Skeen – Team Member
Jacob Smith – Team Member

The boys' team was second place in the state.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the second reading of the graduation requirement change to coincide with the state graduation requirements.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Mr. Puckett reminded the Board of the VSBA Hot Topic Conference that will be held on March 16, 2011, in Wytheville.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Ashton Dye as part-time Title I intervention teacher, effective December 17, 2010.

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

appoint Jennifer Price as part-time Title I intervention teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary School, effective immediately;

appoint Margarett Lynn Ramsey as the Alternative Education Project Coordinator at Castlewood High School, effective January 7, 2011;

appoint Vickie Blankenship as the junior varsity soccer coach at Honaker High School for the 2010-2011 school year;

appoint Patricia Pruitt as the forensics coach at Honaker High School for the 2010-2011 school year;

appoint Donna Horn as part-time Title I intervention teacher at Lebanon Elementary School, replacing Ashton Dye, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, effective immediately;

appoint Nathan Breeding as varsity assistant girls' basketball coach (position paid by the school) at Lebanon High School, for the 2010-2011 school year; and

appoint Ben Campbell as the junior varsity baseball coach at Lebanon High School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve a field trip for the Castlewood High School girls' basketball team to travel to Orlando, Florida for a tournament December 26 – 31, 2011. The trip will be funded by the school.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to grant Terry Ingle, school bus driver, a 60 day family medical leave.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hillman and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board voted unanimously to replace the bleachers at the Honaker High School baseball field. Mr. David Cozzolino was directed to bid the bleachers and prepare the site and have the bleachers ready by the Spring season.

Misty Shepard appeared before the Board to tell them that she has been out of family medical leave. She misunderstood when the 60 days ended. She stated that she has been released to go back to work and that she would like to keep her job. The Board directed her to discuss her situation with Mr. Puckett and Mr. Chafin.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the January 6, 2011, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk