

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 2012

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Carl Jackson, Chairman
Charlie Collins, Vice-Chairman
Linda Cross
Linda Garrett
H. Thomas Griffith
Robert O. Hillman
Fayrene Plaster

Mr. Carl Jackson, Chairman, called the January 5, 2012, board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Jackson as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garrett. There being no other nominations, the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Collins Mrs. Cross Mrs. Garrett Mr. Jackson Mrs. Plaster	NAYS:	Mr. Griffith Mr. Hillman
		ABSTENTIONS:	None

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Cross nominated Mr. Collins. Mrs. Plaster nominated Mr. Griffith. There being no other nominations, Mr. Griffith's nomination was seconded by Mr. Hillman. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Griffith Mr. Hillman	NAYS:	Mrs. Cross Mrs. Garrett Mr. Jackson
		ABSTENTIONS:	Mr. Collins Mrs. Plaster

Mr. Collins' nomination was seconded by Mrs. Garrett. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Collins Mrs. Cross Mrs. Garrett Mr. Griffith Mr. Hillman Mr. Jackson	NAYS:	None
		ABSTENTIONS:	Mrs. Plaster

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to hold the meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved Ben Chafin as the School Board Attorney.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved Tammy Caldwell as the Clerk of the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to operate under the 11th Edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mr. Hillman and Mr. Collins to serve on the Health Insurance Committee. Mrs. Garrett was appointed as an alternate if one of these gentlemen are unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Jackson appointed Mrs. Plaster and Mrs. Garrett as liaisons to the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

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

Mr. Jackson appointed the entire Board to work on the budget. In the event that financial matters arise, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Jackson will meet with the superintendent and clerk as needed.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session under Code 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel, Code 2.2-3711 (A)(4) Protect the Privacy of Individuals, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation With Legal Counsel.

After approximately forty-five 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	NAYS:	None
	Mrs. Cross		
	Mrs. Garrett		
	Mrs. Plaster		
	Mr. Griffith		
	Mr. Hillman		
	Mr. Jackson	ABSTENTIONS:	None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved the VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members. (Attachment #1)

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 1, 2011, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, the Board unanimously approved the January bills numbered 886727-887103, 887108-887110, 68811-69324, 655142-655147, 655081-655141, 655148-655163, 655164-655176, 655185-655360, and 00727 in the amount of \$3,757,823.01 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$2,564,888.77
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 864,173.77
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 156,241.59
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 16,202.29
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 84,431.19
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 71,885.40

Mr. Dennis Jones, County Attorney, appeared before the Board to request that lots 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Pittston property be transferred to the county. Mr. Jones also discussed the need for any carry-over funds at the end of the year to be reverted to the county. He suggested the Board go to the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday night.

The Board recognized the following students from Lebanon High School for placing at the All-State Girls and Boys Cross Country meet: Bradley Rasnake, Jon Ulrich, Tabby Arwood, and Mary Easton.

Mr. Jackson appointed himself and Mr. Collins to meet with the transportation committee to look at the new transportation hiring policy that has been proposed.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved the bid from Douglas Owens on the house built by the Russell County Career and Technology Center in the amount of \$28,100.

Mrs. Rebecca Dye presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Mr. David Cozzolino discussed the football field upgrades for Lebanon High School and Castlewood High School. He informed the Board that Mr. Bowerbank wants a community effort to build first class facilities for these two schools. Mr. Cozzolino presented the Board with a draft agreement for Lebanon High School that mirrors the gift agreement that was used for Honaker High School. Mr. Bowerbank still has not approved the contract.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft agreement for Lebanon High School.

The draft agreement for Castlewood High School includes installing turf, construction of a new softball field, relocating the concession stand, and installing lights for the softball field. The playground for Castlewood Elementary will also have to be

moved. If damage occurs to any land owner's property due to water runoff from the renovations, the Board will be held responsible. Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved the draft contract for Castlewood High School.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved the first reading of policy KP – Parental Rights and Responsibilities. (Attachment #2)

Upon motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board unanimously approved the resignation of John Adams as head football coach at Lebanon High School, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved advertising for a football coach at Lebanon High School.

The sales tax for the month was \$268,446.34.

Mr. Jackson distributed copies of the debt service schedule for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Mr. Jackson reminded the Board of the IDA reception in Richmond.

The VSBA Legislative Conference and Orientation for New Board Members will be held in Richmond on January 30-31, 2012.

Mrs. Cross informed the Board that the VSBA Regional Meeting will be held in Washington County at The Heartwood. Bristol Virginia Utilities will be paying for the meals.

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Plaster, 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 thirty-five 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 Mrs. Garrett.

The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Collins	NAYS:	None
	Mrs. Cross		
	Mrs. Garrett		

**Mrs. Plaster
Mr. Griffith
Mr. Hillman
Mr. Jackson**

ABSTENTIONS: None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to continue the January 5, 2012, meeting to January 9, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. at the Government Center.

Chairman

Clerk