

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
*Thursday, November 7, 2013*  
5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Charlie Collins, Chairman, called the November 7, 2013, board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, 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, Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation With Legal Counsel, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(3) Acquisition of Real Property.

After approximately one hour and fifty minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board voted unanimously to go back into regular session.

Mr. Jackson 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. Bostic.

The roll call vote was as follows:

<b>YEAS:</b>	Mr. Jackson	<b>NAYS:</b>	None
	Mr. Bostic		
	Mrs. Garrett		
	Mrs. Cross		
	Mr. Hillman		
	Mr. Griffith		
	Mr. Collins	<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Hillman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2013, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved the November bills numbered 895123-895432, 79082-79579, 661061, 79580-79591, 660990-660998, 661001-661014, 661015-661060, and 661062-661270 in the amount of \$3,387,590.83 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	- Payroll	\$2,512,982.03
County School Operating	- Bills	\$ 519,352.68
County School Operating	- Title 1 Payroll	\$ 138,741.52
County School Operating	- Title 1 Bills	\$ 4,960.07
School Food Program	- Payroll	\$ 83,105.54
School Food Program	- Bills	\$ 128,448.99

Mr. Reggie Childers appeared before the Board again to discuss a Frisbee golf course at Lebanon Primary School. He informed the Board that according to his information, if a facility does not charge a fee for the activity, then the property owner is not liable for injury received during the activity.

Mr. Collins appointed Mr. Griffith, Mrs. Garrett, and Mr. Joey Long to a committee to work out the details of the Frisbee Golf Course.

Mrs. Meagan Brown appeared before the Board on behalf of Community Heights Church to request permission for the 127 Junction Program to be offered in the Lebanon area schools. The 127 Junction Program is a mentor program that will pair one adult to one student with similar interests. The program would service students ages 6 – 18 on school grounds. Mrs. Brown informed the Board that although this program will have a religious affiliation, there will be full disclosure to the students and parents. The program is fully voluntary. The mentors are trained and will be paired with same sex students. They will meet with the students once a week for one hour. She said that the program currently has 22 individuals trained as mentors for the Richlands and Lebanon areas and they can start as soon as they complete the volunteer process that is now in place in the county.

After some discussion, Mr. Bostic made a motion to allow the 127 Junction Program to begin servicing the Lebanon area schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Barry Glenn, presented the five-by-five award to the JAG Program at the Russell County Career and Technology Center.

The Board recognized Tony Blevins and Cindy Miller, teachers at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, for receiving certificates of accreditation in their respective programs.

At this time, the Board took a 10 minute break.

Dr. Hess read "It Matters to This One".

Dr. Hess presented the Board members with their VSBA Academy Awards.

The Board recognized Castlewood High School for being selected as a Virginia Naturally School by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The Board conducted the first reading of policies GBMA, GBMA-R, GCPF, and GCDA.

Dr. Kim Hooker presented the School Nutrition Financial Report.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved the attached resolution concerning high stakes, standardized testing of Virginia public school students. (Attachment #1)

Mr. Collins appointed Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Garrett to the VSBA Grassroots Advocacy Team.

The Board once again stated their desire to remain in the Virginia Retirement System's VLDP plan.

Dr. Hess informed the Board of the VSBA Capital Conference that will be held on January 27-28, 2014, in Richmond.

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

Anthony N. Blevins, Automotive Technologies Instructor at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, effective November 7, 2013;

Travis Hooker as the boys' tennis coach at Lebanon High School, effective immediately; and

Christopher M. Reece as the track coach at Lebanon High School, effective immediately.

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

appoint Tom Harding as the head varsity baseball coach at Honaker High School for the 2013-2014 season;

appoint Alex Zachwieja as the assistant varsity baseball coach at Honaker High School for the 2013-2014 season;

appoint Jim Horne as volunteer head wrestling coach at Honaker High School for the 2013-2014 season;

appoint Joey Beavers as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach at Honaker High School for the 2013-2014 season;

transfer Reece Henry from Guidance Counselor at the Russell County Career and Technology Center to Guidance Counselor at Lebanon High School, effective immediately;

appoint Travis Hooker as the boys' and girls' track coach at Lebanon High School for the 2013-2014 season; and

appoint Chris Reece as the boys' tennis coach at Lebanon High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board unanimously approved reassigning Ed Young from Assistant Principal at Castlewood Elementary School to Homebound Instructor, effective immediately.

Mr. Collins appointed Mrs. Cross and Mr. Bostic to a committee to work on the water issues at Cleveland Elementary School.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board unanimously approved advertising for the Auto Mechanics Instructor inside and outside the county and the Placement Coordinator and JAG positions in county only at the Russell County Career and Technology Center.

Dr. Hess reminded the Board that she and her staff are working on the questions addressed by the Board at the last meeting regarding enrollment, where have the students gone, breakdown of schools, Spring projection numbers, end of year data as of May 31, 2013, attendance numbers, and full-time and part-time employees.

Dr. Hess informed the Board that Cathy Dickson from MCA is going to be transitioning our pharmacy benefits from CVS Caremark to Partners RX Management effective January 1, 2014.

The sales tax for the month is \$325,587.74.

Mr. Jackson informed the Board that several individuals have expressed an interest in using the facility at Cleveland Elementary School. He reminded the Board that since the Board is required to maintain heat, water, and electricity at the facility or the insurance will be cancelled, we should allow them to use the facility if they can provide proof of liability insurance.

Mr. Collins expressed a need for the Board to approach the Board of Supervisors about possibly helping to fund the utilities at Cleveland.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board unanimously approved maintaining the heat, water, and electricity at Cleveland Elementary School through December.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved allowing Mr. Rasnake to settle with the insurance agency regarding the recent bus accident in the amount of \$28,850. The bus was totaled and the Board will keep the bus to use for parts. Mr. Rasnake also requested permission to purchase some used Freightliner buses from Sonny Merryman to use as parts on our buses.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved allowing Raymond Trent to return to work effective November 11, 2013.

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2013, 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 Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the November 7, 2013, meeting.**

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**Chairman**

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**Clerk**