

Regular Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, December 1, 2016)

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Members present

Alex S Zachwieja, Arthur W Bostic, Charlie L Collins, Cynthia K Compton, Donald A Ramey, Jeffrey T Cook, Linda S Garrett

Mr. Ramey, Chairman, called the December 1, 2016, meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call of Russell County Public Schools board members. All members are present.

At 4:00 P.M., the Board conducted a public hearing on the potential consolidation of Swords Creek and Givens Elementary Schools. Ms. Teresa Schweingruber spoke in favor of keeping Givens Elementary School open. She remarked that she felt that the timing of the public hearing was inconvenient for parents and staff to attend.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Cook, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing on potential consolidation of Swords Creek and Givens Elementary Schools.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Cook, the Board voted unanimously to go into recess until 5:00 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m., upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously to return from their recess.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Compton, the Board voted to go into executive session under Code 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation with Legal Counsel. The roll call vote was as follows: Yea: Mr. Zachwieja, Mr. Bostic, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Compton, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Ramey.

After approximately one hour and thirty minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously to go back into regular session.

Mrs. Compton 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. Zachwieja. The roll call vote was as follows: Yea: Mr. Zachwieja, Mr. Bostic, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Compton, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Ramey.

Dr. Gregory Brown, Superintendent, informed the audience that the Board will now be using an electronic agenda system known as Board Docs. He showed the audience where they can find the agenda each month on the Russell County Schools' website.

Mr. Larry Rasnake gave the Invocation.

Mr. Zachwieja lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Compton and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 3, 2016, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 3, 2016, regular meeting.

Mr. Gary Puckett, President of the Russell County Education Association, appeared before the Board regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). He requested that the Board work with the Russell County Education Association and the Virginia Education Association to get the changes recommended in ESSA approved.

The Board recognized Jessey Ball, student from Lebanon High School, for becoming the 2016 Girls Group 2A Individual Cross Country State Champion and for being selected to the 2016 Girls Group 2A All State Cross County team.

The Board also recongized John Easton, student from Lebanon High School, for placing 9th in the 2016 Boys Group 2A Cross Country Meet and for being selected to the 2016 Boys Group 2A All State Cross Country team.

Also recognized by the Board was Adam Hooker, student from Lebanon High School, for placing second in the 2016 State Golf Tournament.

Upon motion made by Mr. Zachwieja and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December bills numbered 669967, 906480-906870, 87484-98577, 669907-669924, 1057, 669925-669966, 669968-670123, and 834 in the amount of \$4,038,256.74 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	Payroll	\$ 3,017,143.54
County School Operating	Bills	\$ 690,859.67
County School Operating	Title I Payroll	\$ 143,094.49
County School Operating	Title I Bills	\$ 590.56
School Food Program	Payroll	\$ 89,127.40
School Food Program	Bills	\$ 97,441.08

Upon motion made by Mr. Zachwieja and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved the following resignations:

Penny Hudson, part-time special education teacher, effective November 10, 2016; and

Chris Anderson as assistant varsity baseball coach at Honaker High School, effective December 1, 2016.

Upon motion made by Mr. Zachwieja and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved the following personnel:
reassign John Verderosa to the eleven month guidance counselor position at Castlewood High School at his request, effective immediately;

appoint Leslie Amanda Musick as part-time PALS teacher at Honaker Elementary, Copper Creek Elementary, and Castlewood Elementary Schools, effective immediately;

appoint Brian Summers as head baseball coach at Castlewood High School, effective immediately;

appoint Chris Anderson as head baseball coach at Honaker High School, effective immediately;
and

appoint Donna Keen as a full-time school bus driver in the Honaker area, replacing Larry McGlothlin, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board voted unanimously to approve the second reading of Policies GBN-R, GCBE-1, and GCB-R.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously that the Elk Garden and Cleveland properties be conveyed to the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

The Board discussed the potential consolidation of Swords Creek and Givens Elementary Schools. Mr. Bostic requested that Dr. Brown and his staff determine how many of those students affected by the potential consolidation are from outside the county and how much money the county would potentially lose over those students' academic years if those students decided not to return. No action was taken.

The sales tax for the month is \$336,643.96.

Mrs. Compton asked if the Board needed to pass a resolution supporting the ESSA that Mr. Puckett spoke about earlier in the meeting. Dr. Brown informed her that it would take time to draft a resolution and that it will be available at a future meeting.

The Board thanked Rebecca Sykes and the staff at Lebanon Primary School for providing the meal at the meeting.

The next school board meeting will be held on January 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the December 1, 2016, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk