

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 3, 2015
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Charlie Collins, Chairman
Linda Cross, Vice-Chairman
Wayne Bostic
Linda Garrett
Roger Glovier
H. Thomas Griffith
Carl G. Jackson

Mr. Collins, Chairman, called the December 3, 2015, 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)(7) Consultation with Legal Counsel, and Code 2.2-3711 (A)(4) Protect the Privacy of Individuals.

Mrs. Cross amended her motion to go into executive session to include Code 2.2-3711 (A)(2) Student Discipline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith and unanimously approved.

After approximately one hour and thirty-nine minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board voted unanimously to go back into regular session.

Mr. Griffith 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. Jackson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Mr. Jackson	NAYS:	None
	Mr. Griffith		
	Mr. Bostic		
	Mrs. Garrett		
	Mrs. Cross		
	Mr. Glovier		
	Mr. Collins	ABSTENTIONS:	None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 5, 2015, regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved the December bills numbered 902942-903248, 91448-91997, 667152, 667094-667113, 1039, 667114-667151, 667153-667302, and 00806-00810 in the amount of \$3,331,635.99 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$2,707,476.72
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$ 324,615.30
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Payroll	\$ 130,003.12
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Bills	\$ 583.93
School Food Program	-	Payroll	\$ 80,931.20
School Food Program	-	Bills	\$ 88,025.72

Mr. Adam Wilson appeared before the Board to present the findings of the agriculture survey that was conducted in the high schools. The eighth and ninth grade students were surveyed. Mr. Wilson said that he felt like there was a lot of interest in Agriculture Education and wanted to know what the next step would be for the committee. He stated that he would like to keep the current program at Honaker High School and add programs at Castlewood and Lebanon High Schools. When questioned about grant funds that might be available, Mr. Wilson informed the Board that there was an individual in Abingdon that helps build these types of agriculture programs.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Wilson and the committee to pursue sources of funding that would help start the agriculture programs.

Mr. Bostic suggested that Dr. Hess, Mr. Scotty Fletcher, and Jenny Fields meet with the committee to discuss courses that could be available for a beginning agriculture program.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved the field trip request from Honaker High School's 21st Century after-school program to go to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina on December 5, 2015.

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

Cassandra Mullins, instructional/bus aide at Lebanon Middle School, effective November 12, 2015; and

Nichole Smith, teacher at Lebanon Middle School, effective immediately.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the Hero 911/Guard 911 security system in the amount of \$26,256. The system is designed to send an alert via a smartphone app. to law enforcement when there is an active shooter in a school setting allowing quicker response times from law enforcement personnel.

Dr. Hess informed the Board that the Virginia Department of Education has reviewed the division and Castlewood High School. Castlewood High School has now received full implementation status as of November 24, 2015.

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

appoint Traceylynn O'Brick as part-time teacher for the Southwest Regional Adult Education Program located in Tazewell County;

appoint McKenzie Phillips as a volunteer wrestling coach at Honaker High School for the 2015-2016 school year, pending the approval of fingerprinting and background checks;

appoint Steven Jacob Taylor as a volunteer wrestling coach at Honaker High School for the 2015-2016 school year;

appoint Travis Viers as a volunteer basketball and baseball coach at Honaker High School for the 2015-2016 school year, pending approval of fingerprinting and background checks;

appoint Regina Honaker as an instructional aide in the remedial after-school program at Swords Creek Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year, effective immediately; and

appoint Brenda Thompson as a long term substitute teacher for the sixth grade at Lebanon Middle School, effective January 4, 2016, for the remainder of the school year.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board unanimously approved advertising for a full-time instructional/bus aide at Lebanon Middle School, one five hour cafeteria worker at Honaker Elementary School, one three hour cafeteria worker at Honaker Elementary School, and one five hour cafeteria worker at Castlewood Elementary/High Schools.

The sales tax for the month is \$341,180.30.

Outgoing board members Linda Cross, Roger Glovier, Tom Griffith, and Carl Jackson were presented with rocking chairs commending them for their service to Russell County Schools.

Dr. Hess informed the Board that the Russell County PSA has requested permission to use the well at Elk Garden Elementary School to provide water for those in the Belfast community. Since the property has already been leased to another group, the School Board Attorney will have to review the lease and see if the Board can make a decision regarding the well.

Newly elected board members Don Ramey and Jeff Cook were recognized along with reelected state Senator Ben Chafin.

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. for the swearing in ceremony for the new board. Executive session will immediately follow the ceremony, and the regular session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the December 3, 2015, meeting.

Chairman

Clerk