

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
*Thursday, January 7, 2016*  
5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Donald Ramey, Chairman  
Cynthia Compton, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Bostic  
Charlie Collins  
Jeff Cook  
Linda Garrett  
Alex Zachwieja

Mr. Collins called the January 7, 2016, board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The swearing in ceremony for the Board was conducted by the Honorable Michael C. Moore, Circuit Court Judge of Russell County.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Ramey, 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 twenty-five minutes in executive session, upon motion made by Mrs. Garrett and seconded by Mrs. Compton, 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:

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| <b>YEAS:</b> | Mr. Zachwieja | <b>NAYS:</b>        | None |
|              | Mr. Ramey     |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Bostic    |                     |      |
|              | Mrs. Garrett  |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Cook      |                     |      |
|              | Mrs. Compton  |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Collins   | <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | None |

Mr. Collins relinquished the floor to Dr. Brenda Hess, Superintendent to conduct the reorganization of the Board.

Dr. Hess opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

**Mr. Bostic nominated Mr. Ramey. Mrs. Garrett seconded the nomination.**

**There being no other nominations, Mr. Collins made a motion that the nominations cease and Mr. Ramey be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.**

**Dr. Hess relinquished the Chair to Mr. Ramey.**

**Mr. Ramey opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.**

**Mrs. Garrett nominated Mrs. Compton. Mr. Zachwieja seconded the motion.**

**There being no other nominations, Mr. Bostic moved that the nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zachwieja and Mrs. Compton's appointment was unanimously approved.**

**Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Compton, the Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Tammy Gilbert as School Board Clerk.**

**Upon motion made by Mrs. Compton and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board unanimously appointed Chafin Law Firm as School Board Attorney.**

**Upon motion made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously to operate under Robert's Rules of Order 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.**

**Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to continue to hold their meetings on the first Thursday of each month with executive session at 5:00 and regular session at 6:30.**

**Mr. Ramey appointed Mr. Collins and Mr. Zachwieja to the Insurance Committee.**

**Mr. Ramey appointed himself and Mrs. Garrett as Liaisons to the Russell County Board of Supervisors.**

**Mr. Ramey appointed Mr. Zachwieja as the Board's representative for the A. Linwood Governor's School.**

**Mr. Ramey appointed himself and Mr. Cook to the Budget Committee. Mrs. Compton will serve as the alternate.**

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

**Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 3, 2015, regular and the December 17, 2015, special meetings.**

**Upon motion made by Mrs. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Bostic, the Board unanimously approved the January bills numbered 903253-903543, 91998-92555, 667358, 903249, 667359-667378, 667303-667357, 667379-667532, 1041, and 811-812 in the amount of \$3,633,234.10 to be distributed as follows:**

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|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| County School Operating | - Payroll         | \$2,633,467.84 |
| County School Operating | - Bills           | \$ 723,667.31  |
| County School Operating | - Title 1 Payroll | \$ 130,803.70  |
| County School Operating | - Title 1 Bills   | \$ 1,130.50    |
| School Food Program     | - Payroll         | \$ 76,997.61   |
| School Food Program     | - Bills           | \$ 67,167.14   |

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board unanimously approved a field trip request for Honaker High School softball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 27-31, 2016.

The Board recognized Jacob Baker and Savannah Roberson, students from Castlewood High School, for placing first at the Young Playwright's Festival.

Dr. Hess informed the Board of the VSBA Capital Conference and Orientation for New Board Members and Superintendents that will be held in Richmond in February, 2016.

Dr. Hess also informed the Board of the VSBA Hot Topic Conference that will be held in Wytheville on March 16, 2016.

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

Kayla Duty, cafeteria worker at Lebanon Elementary School, effective December 18, 2015; and

Brittany Massie as after-school bus driver, effective December 16, 2015.

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

appoint Michael Blevins as a part-time teacher for the Southwest Regional Adult Education Program in Tazewell County;

appoint Cody Compton as a volunteer assistant junior varsity boys' basketball coach at Lebanon High School for the 2015-2016 school year;

appoint Brian Hooker as a volunteer assistant varsity boys' basketball coach at Lebanon High School for the 2015-2016 school year; and

approve Stephanie Adams to be compensated for transporting students from Givens Elementary to Swords Creek Elementary daily at a rate of \$25.00 per day, effective immediately.

The sales tax for the month is \$366,405.62.

Dr. Hess reviewed the Celebration of Success data with the Board.

A brief update of the meeting that was held on January 6, 2016, with the legislatures was given.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board unanimously approved closing schools on March 1, 2016, due to a Presidential primary that will be held on that date and using February 17, 2016, as a school day instead of a teacher work day.

Dr. Hess presented the Board with a request from teachers, administrators, and Central Office staff requesting that the county not continue to participate with Advanc-ED for accreditation because it is a lot of extra work that doesn't really relate to state accreditation. Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mrs. Compton, the Board unanimously approved the request.

Dr. Hess informed the Board that the Russell County IDA Legislative Reception would be held on January 21, 2016, at the Omni in Richmond.

Ms. Cathy Musick with Virginia Professional Educators welcomed all the new board members.

Ms. Sue Black and Mrs. Judy Gibson with the Russell County Education Association also welcomed the new board members.

Mr. Eddie Neff appeared before the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Cook, 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 seventeen 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.

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| <b>YEAS:</b> | Mr. Zachwieja | <b>NAYS:</b>        | None |
|              | Mr. Bostic    |                     |      |
|              | Mrs. Garrett  |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Cook      |                     |      |
|              | Mrs. Compton  |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Collins   |                     |      |
|              | Mr. Ramey     | <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | None |

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Zachwieja, the Board voted unanimously to transfer Clark Powers from special education teacher to Project Lifeline instructional aide at Castlewood High School and to transfer Myra Rose from Project Lifeline instructional aide to part-time special education teacher at Castlewood High School, effective immediately.

**The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and 6:30 p.m. for regular session.**

**Upon motion made by Mr. Bostic and seconded by Mrs. Garrett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the January 7, 2016, meeting.**

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**Chairman**

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**Clerk**