

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
*Thursday, September 11, 2008*  
5:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Bob Hillman, Chairman, called the September 11, 2008, board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, 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 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. Griffith.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The Board held a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 7, 2008, regular school board meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the September bills numbered 870775-870881, 3464-3466, 50381-50541, 642379-642381, 642428-642435, 642366-642378, 642382-642427, 642436-642725, and 00634-00639 in the amount of \$2,114,200.52 to be distributed as follows:

County School Operating	-	Payroll	\$ 868,850.20
County School Operating	-	Bills	\$1,164,581.83
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Payroll	\$ 9,591.02
County School Operating	-	Title 1 Bills	\$ 18,698.17
School Food Program	-	Payroll	\$ 0.00
School Food Program	-	Bills	\$ 52,479.40

The Board recognized Mr. Brian Hooker, Principal at the Russell County Career and Technology Center, and Mr. Dennis Hensdill, Director of Vocational Education, for being recognized by the Virginia Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education Services for promoting enrollment in career and technical education courses.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mike Puckett as the individual to sign all official Department of Education correspondence in the absence of the Superintendent.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached list of religious exemptions. (Attachment #1)

Mr. Tom Robinson presented the Board with the school nutrition financial report.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Cross and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously to declare the list of items as surplus property and to set September 27, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. as the date for the auction.

Upon motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously to use the savings from the VPSA loan to install entrance security systems at each school.

Mrs. Nita Musick, Principal at Belfast/Elk Garden Elementary School, asked the Board how items that were requested by principals were prioritized and placed in the budget. She asked specifically about the paving money that was in the budget. Mr. Jackson informed Mrs. Musick that Mr. Cozzolino was asked to visit the schools and make a priority list. Mr. Jackson also informed the audience that only two principals requested paving during the budget process.

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

Brenda Breeding, part-time bookkeeper at Lebanon High School, effective September 1, 2008; and

Ryan Evans, teacher at Castlewood High School, effective immediately.

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

appoint Pauline Jessee as a part-time Reading First instructional aide at Castlewood Elementary School, effective immediately;

appoint Leslie Suite and Christena Baker as Reading First instructional aides at

**Copper Creek Elementary School, effective immediately;**

**appoint Crystal Dishman as a PALS instructor at Copper Creek and Cleveland Elementary Schools for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Judith Johnson as a PALS instructor at Lebanon Primary School for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Glenda LaForce as a full-time speech therapist at Honaker Elementary School, replacing Heather Lester, effective immediately;**

**appoint Heather Lester as a full-time special education teacher at Honaker Elementary School, effective the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Elizabeth Sabo as eighth grade volleyball coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season;**

**appoint Todd Glover as assistant wrestling coach at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 season;**

**appoint Leslie Collins as an eighth grade volleyball coach volunteer at Castlewood High School for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Josh Maxfield as custodian at Lebanon High School, replacing Cecil Hughes, effective immediately; and**

**appoint Phyllis Woods as a part-time four hour worker at Castlewood Combined Cafeteria, effective immediately.**

**The Board discussed hiring Mrs. Stephanie Rasnake as a guidance assistant at Lebanon Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year.**

**Mr. Jackson made a motion to advertise for a full-time guidance counselor at Lebanon Middle School and keep Stephanie Rasnake as a part-time substitute. After additional discussion, Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion.**

**Mr. Griffith made a motion that Mrs. Stephanie Rasnake be hired as a guidance assistant on the instructional aide salary scale at Lebanon Middle School effective August 12, 2008. Mr. Hillman relinquished the Chair to Mr. Jackson and seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:**

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

**Mr. Jackson relinquished the Chair to Mr. Hillman.**

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

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Lebanon High School: Ed Young as Program Director, Ida Ashbrook as a.m. English teacher, Debra Kiser as a.m. math teacher 2 days a week, Vanessa Parker as a.m. math teacher, Karen Blevins as a.m. science teacher, Mary Stanley as a.m. history teacher, Janette Bostic and Linda Stevens as instructional aides, and Morgan Townes as a student clerical aide;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Cleveland Elementary School: Ruth Elam as Program Director, Beverly Ashby as teacher two days a week, Eileen Boothe as teacher four days a week, Sondra Mullins as teacher one day a week, Sheena Fife as teacher one day a week, Jackie Wallace as an instructional aide four days a week, Jennifer Sykes as instructional aide/cook four days a week, and Tammy Sims as an instructional aide;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Copper Creek Elementary School: Addrienne Robinson as Program Director, Amanda Browning as technology teacher, Jan Kennedy as teacher, Angela Compton as teacher three days a week, Jeanne Patrick as teacher as needed, Tammy Huffman as music teacher one day a week, Sherry Austin as instructional aide/cook four days a week, and Judy Puckett as instructional aide four days a week;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Lebanon Elementary School: Jessica Statzer as program director, Becky Carter and Lora Chafin as teachers, Carol Taylor as instructional aide, Donna Watson as cook, and Alisha Powers, Valerie Harrison, Cecille Lawson, Lori Stoots, Lisa Castle, and Jan Fuller as teachers;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Swords Creek Elementary School: Heather Keen as program director, Joyce Bowman, Vanessa Hess, Carrie Cook, Shirley Robinson, Donna Palmer, Karen Whited, Karen Bostic, Linda Miller, Jeanette Farmer, Priscilla Monk, Abby Altizer, Kathy Perkins, Karen Lowe, Terry Osborne, Erica Bostic Eva Dotson and Rhonda Mullins as teachers, Regina Honaker, Becky Ball, Debbie Perkins, Michelle Vance, Regina Sullivan, Teresa Schweingruber, Sandy Whitt, and Stephanie Kennedy as instructional aides;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Castlewood Elementary School: Trevor Marchant, Rebekah Cross, Sharon Duty, LaDon Casey, Kim Mullins, Mitzi Johnson, Beth Marshall, Pat Huff, Myra Rose, Cinnamon Couch, Patty Thomas, Megan Crabtree, Tammy Huffman, Lila Jenkins, Carla Stone, and Jerry Tarr as teachers, and Teresa Hamilton and Debbie Kennedy as instructional aides;

appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Lebanon Middle School: Sally Bolling, Shannon Brooks, David Gilmer, Giles Fields, Aaron Buchanan, Chris Snead, Rebecca D. Hall, Mary Lou Bevins, Christy Skeen, and Ava Gilmer as teachers, and Celeste Rutherford as program director; and appoint the following as 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School employees for Honaker High School: Kimberly Compton as program director, and the following Chris Anderson, Pamela Barton, Roberta Boyd, Amy Compton, Janice Deskins, Phyllis

**Dye, Lori Dye, Tracey Wright, Christy Honaker, Jane Meade, Vanessa Lester, Brandon Miller, Jane Meade, William Monk, Gregory Mullins, Barbara Vance, Amy Davidson, Gwen Zachwieja, Luke Barker, Melinda Hale, Terri Funk, Christy Honaker, Donovan Helton, Thomas Harding, Beth Goodie, and Lois Lockhart.**

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

**appoint Brandon Fields as a regular bus driver, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Carmie Peck, Evelyn Miller, Kathy Rowe, Jim Williams, Gene Helton, and Eva Stinson as vocational drivers for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Gerald Perkins and Arthur Hicks as fuel attendants for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Gary Fife, Reda Tolba, and Frankie Smith as drivers for the Cleveland runs for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Alice Collans and Hazel Williams as driver for the Copper Creek runs for the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Kathy Rowe, Peggy Keith, Hazel Williams, Jim Williams, Barbara Hare, and Elaine Helbert as drivers for the after-school program at Castlewood/Copper Creek;**

**appoint Frankie Smith, Reda Tolba, and Gary Fife as drivers for the after-school program at Cleveland Elementary;**

**appoint Pat Musick, Betsy Owens, Deanna Rowe, Vickie Musick, Tammy Dye, and Tammy Ritchie as drivers for the after-school program at Honaker/Swords Creek; and**

**appoint Michelle Clark, Jamie Dickenson, Chris Porter, Janet Stinson, Rhonda Taylor, April Boyd, and Freda Dye as drivers for the after-school program in the Lebanon area.**

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

**appoint Karen Whited as second grade teacher with a continuing contract at Givens Elementary effective the 2008-2009 school year;**

**appoint Mr. Dan Glass as supervisor of all duties of the school nurses; and**

**appoint James Dickenson as a regular bus driver, effective the 2008-2009 school year.**

**Dr. Turner reported the sales tax for the month as \$341,406.10.**

**Upon motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board unanimously approved the evaluation of the annual report on gifted education for 2007-2008.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Upon motion made by Mrs. Plaster and seconded by Mrs. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the September 11, 2008, meeting.**

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**Chairman**

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**Clerk**