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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2014 5:00 p.m.
School Administration Building
Board Room

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I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council Joint Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

J. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: A-1

Attachments: No

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Subject: Notice of Closed Meeting

Summary/Description:

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (7), the school board needs to convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matters:

Legal Briefing

Disposition: **Action**
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve a motion to enter into Closed Meeting in accordance with the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (7) to receive a briefing from legal counsel because a briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

Agenda Report

Date: 01/04/14

Agenda Number: A-2

Attachments: No

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Subject: Certification of Closed Meeting

Summary/Description:

The Lynchburg City School Board certifies that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matters specifically identified in the motion to convene in a closed meeting and lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.

Disposition: **Action**
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve the Certification of Closed Meeting in accordance with the Code of Virginia §2.2-3712(D).

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: A-1

Attachments: No

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Subject: Public Comments

Summary/Description:

In accordance with School Board Policy 1-41: Public Participation, the school board welcomes requests and comments as established in the guidelines within that policy. Individuals who wish to speak before the school board shall have an opportunity to do so at this time.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item.

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: C-2

Attachments: Yes

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel

Subject: Personnel Report

Summary/Description:

The personnel recommendations for October 21 – November 4, 2014, appear as an attachment to this agenda report.

Disposition: **Action**
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve the personnel recommendations for October 21 – November 4, 2014.

NAME	COLLEGE	DEGREE/ EXPERIENCE	SCHOOL/ ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
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NOMINATIONS, INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL, 2013-14:

Avery, Teresa	University of New Haven	M.A./16 yrs. (Lv.16 3)	Sheffield Elementary Reading Specialist - PT	10-30-14
Cobb, Amanda	Longwood University	M.A./6 yrs. (Lv. 6 1)	Hutcherson Speech Pathologist	11-10-14

RESIGNATIONS:

Muller, Mary	Louisiana State University	M.A./0 yrs. (Lv. 0 3)	Sheffield Elementary Reading Specialist – PT	10-20-14
Owens, Mary	Lynchburg College	M.Ed./5 yrs. (Lv. 5 3)	Linkhorne Middle Special Education –PT	11-03-14

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: D-1

Attachments: Yes

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration

Subject: Capital Improvement Plan: 2016 – 2020

Summary/Description:

The attached spreadsheet contains a proposed capital improvement plan for FY 2016 to 2020. This draft will be refined and become the submission to the city for capital improvement projects for FY 2016 - 2020. It is anticipated that the bus replacement cost for 2016 will be funded by the city. The fund balance recommendation provides \$2,090,287 for CIP. The last page of the attachment contains updated cost and final recommendations for the 2016 CIP at a cost of \$2,273,000. The administration will explain the attachments and detail how the \$182,713 difference will be handled.

Disposition: **Action**
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve the Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-2020.

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Renovations/Replacement Projects					
Sandusky Elementary School Renovation		400,000	8,000,000		8,400,000
Linkhorne Elementary School Renovation			500,000	9,300,000	9,800,000
Paul Munro Elementary School Renovation				400,000	7,600,000
three (3) Elementary School Gym Addition			1,500,000		1,500,000
two (2) Elementary School Gym Addition				1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Replacment/Renovation Projects	0	400,000	10,000,000	10,700,000	7,600,000
					28,700,000

Capital Maintenance Projects:

Mechanical/Electrical:

Admn Bldg - HVAC Upgrade		900,000			900,000
HES main elec service	210,000				210,000
DESI Lighting/Ceiling Upgrade	560,000				560,000
DMS Mozee HVAC Replacement			180,000		180,000
RS Payne HVAC Upgrade				700,000	700,000
BHES Chiller Replacement					300,000
TCM Chiller Replacement			200,000		200,000
Bass ES HVAC Replacement					600,000
Dunbar MS Chiller Replacement					350,000

Secondary School Athletics -

ECG Track	10,000	80,000			90,000
ECG Turf	610,000				610,000
LMS Track			80,000		80,000
DMS Track				80,000	80,000

Elementary School Gym Floor Replacemnt

RS Payne ES Gym Floor	60,000				60,000
Bass ES Gym Floor				60,000	60,000

Roof Replacement/Repair:

ECG Section B	500,000				500,000
Heritage ES		720,000			720,000
Bass ES			300,000		300,000
Paul Munro ES				500,000	500,000
Linkhorne MS				1,180,000	1,180,000
Linkhorne Elementary B.C,D,E K			300,000		300,000
Dunbar MS Central Bldg			560,000		560,000

Dunbar MS retaining walls and parking	300,000					300,000
School Bus Replacement	950,000	988,000	685,000	713,000	741,000	4,077,000
Paving & Fencing	151,424	158,000	164,000	171,000	178,000	822,424
Playgrounds	118,976	124,000	129,000			371,976
Total Capital Maintenance Projects	3,470,400	2,970,000	2,598,000	3,404,000	2,169,000	14,611,400
TOTAL ANNUAL CIP	3,470,400	3,370,000	12,598,000	14,104,000	9,769,000	43,311,400

Legend

School Bus Replacement funded by City for 2016

Bold outlined projects were deferred from 2015 at the request of the city

2016 CIP Recommendations

\$2,273,000

School	Project Details	Cost
EC Glass HS	Roof Replacement (phase 3)	\$500,000
EC Glass HS	Artificial Turf Replacement	\$610,000
RS Payne ES	Gym Floor Replacement	\$60,000
Heritage ES	Main Electrical Service Replacement	\$210,000
Dearington ES	Ceiling Replacement/Lighting Upgrade	\$475,000
All locations	Paving and Fencing	\$150,000
Elementary Schools	Playground Equipment Replacement	\$118,000
Dunbar MS	Retaining Walls	\$150,000

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: F-1

Attachments: Yes

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Subject: E. C. Glass High School: Foreign Travel

Summary/Description:

Ms. Deliece Blanchard is leading an effort to organize a trip for E. C. Glass High School band, orchestra, and Latin students to Florence and Rome during spring break 2015. The purpose of the trip is to enrich their learning experiences in an interdisciplinary manner and potentially provide opportunities for performing in an international setting.

School Board Policy 6-42: Field/Recreation/Class/Athletic Trips requires prior approval by the school board for student travel outside the continental United States.

Ms. Blanchard's presentation will provide an overview of materials concerning travel arrangements, dates, and costs.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item.

Proposal for Glass Band, Orchestra, and Latin students to visit Rome and Florence, Italy during Spring Break, April 5-12, 2015

The world is a smaller place today. However, traveling outside of the United States seems quite daunting to many of our students. My two children would never have traveled (and performed) in Europe if they had not traveled with the Lynchburg City Schools Orchestra in 1996 and in 1999. It was an important lesson that gave them confidence, exposure to other cultures, and an unmatched educational experience. I would like my students to have such an experience.

-Mrs. Deliece Blanchard, E.C. Glass Orchestra Director

Important points:

- All students enrolled in the above courses are eligible.
- The students will prepare/rehearse a program to present in select venues on the trip. If instrumentation makes this unfeasible, students will attend concerts at world-class performance halls in Rome and/or Florence.
- Any student with initiative and a willingness to participate in the available fundraisers will have the opportunity to raise the funds necessary. (See fundraiser plans.)
- For students who are actively working to raise funds and are still in need of assistance, the orchestra booster fund has \$3000 designated to help financially.
- We will be using a local tour-guide, Mr. Declan Pratt of Global Explorers, who is arranging the trip to our specifications. Mr. Pratt is an experienced educator, born and raised in England, and currently living in Lynchburg. He has provided an example of his liability insurance, which can name either LCS or E.C. Glass on the policy.
- Only E.C. Glass students, faculty, and parents will be on this tour. Other groups will not be joining our group.
- Our itinerary will include guided tours of the most significant historical and cultural sites and students will receive background information before visiting. (See itinerary.)
- Students will not be missing instructional time. However, if students and teachers need Monday, April 13 to recover from travel on Sunday, April 12, we respectfully ask that the absence be excused.

Highlights of Italy

Rome & Florence

plus Siena, San Gimignano, Pisa, Lucca, & Assisi

An 8 day tour of Italy, combining historical & artistic treasures of Rome & Florence, musical performances & visits to picturesque smaller towns & cities.

April 5th-12th, 2015

\$2850 per person, including international airfare!

Day 1: Fly out from USA

Your Italian adventure begins today as you depart home for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Bongiorno Italia & Ancient Rome!

After a morning arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport, we'll transfer into the center of 'The Eternal City' to check-in to our conveniently-located hotel for a 2 night stay.

After lunch, our Italian sightseeing begins with an afternoon guided tour of Ancient Rome, including visits to the Roman Forum & the Colosseum, scene of grisly 'entertainments'.

This evening dinner will be in an authentic Roman eatery, the perfect end our first day.

Day 3: The Vatican & A Musical Evening in Rome By Night

Today we travel from Italy to the Vatican, the smallest country in the world & certainly one of the most unique, located entirely within Rome!

Our guided 'V.I.P.' tour explores the Vatican Museum, including the Sistine Chapel, & St Peter's Basilica. Afterwards you can mail postcards home with Vatican stamps!

With so much to see in Rome, this afternoon has been left free for your own explorations - choose from superb museums, historic churches, or shopping for the latest Italian fashions!

After dinner this evening we will enjoy a musical evening in Rome - either attending a performance in one of the city's many spectacular historic settings, or performing ourselves in a specially-selected venue such as a historic church, the English School in Rome or the *Museo Nazionale degli Strumenti Musicali di Roma*, Rome's museum of musical instruments.

Day 4: Hill Towns of Tuscany - Siena & San Gimignano

We depart Rome & travel north to Tuscany today, stopping en-route to visit two of the region's beautiful hill towns: Siena, & San Gimignano.

In Siena you'll learn about the city's competing neighborhoods & their annual horse race, a tradition dating back centuries. We'll also visit the church of San Domenico & climb a tower for a bird's eye view over the terracotta-tiled roofs.

Day 4 continued...

San Gimignano, far smaller than Siena, is one of the most picturesque Tuscan hill towns, known for its tower houses & views over the surrounding hills & olive groves.

Our arrival in Florence will be late in the afternoon. After check-in a short orientation walk across the River Arno to dinner will introduce you to the city. Finally, we'll end the day with what is claimed to be the world's best ice cream!

Day 5: Florence, City of History & Art

This morning we'll discover the birthplace of the Renaissance, opera & the Italian language as our local guide introduces us to the city & its must-see sights: Piazza della Signoria, the Palazzo Vecchio, the 'Duomo' & 'Gates of Heaven', & Santa Croce church.

Later you have a full afternoon to explore Florence - there is plenty to keep you occupied, whether taking in the artistic treasures of the Uffizi Gallery, wandering the atmospheric back streets, visiting one of the historic palaces, shopping for gold or leather, or viewing more art in one of the city's other world class galleries.

Day 6: Pisa, Lucca & A Musical Evening

One of the world's most famous sights awaits us today – the Leaning Tower of Pisa. As you'll discover though, the tower is just one of the monuments in Pisa's 'Field of Miracles' which includes the Leaning Tower, 'Duomo', baptistry & cemetery. The Leaning Tower is now open after years of work to stabilize it, so tickets to climb to the top are included!

This afternoon we move on to nearby Lucca, birthplace of the great Italian composer Puccini, strolling through the medieval streets to circular Piazza Anfiteatro (once a Roman amphitheater) before climbing an original tower house, visiting Puccini's home, or riding bikes around the city atop its historic city walls!

This evening, following our group dinner, we will either perform a concert or attend a performance in the Florence or Lucca area, both home to many beautiful & historic venues including *palazzi*, churches & schools.

Day 7: Assisi & Rome By Night

Today we depart Florence & Tuscany, making the return journey south to Rome.

En-route we will be visiting another of Italy's most popular & famous 'hill towns': Assisi.

Home to Saint Francis, the town has attracted pilgrims & tourists for centuries. We'll begin our visit with a short walking tour through the town, followed by a visit to the impressive Basilica of St. Francis, decorated with priceless frescoes by Giotto & other Italian masters. There'll be time for lunch & to stroll the picturesque streets before we continue to Rome.

After our afternoon arrival in Rome, we will check-in for our final night in Italy, before celebrating a farewell dinner this evening.

After dinner experience 'Rome By Night' on a walking tour of some of the city's most popular sights: Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, & the Spanish Steps. Along the way we'll even stop for Rome's best gelato, a farewell taste of *La Dolce Vita!*

Day 8: Arrivederci Roma!

Sadly it's time to bid farewell to Italy today. Your morning flight from Rome will arrive home in the USA later today.

Highlights of Italy 2015

April 5th - 12th, 2015 \$2850 per person

Booking Form

Contact name (e.g: parent or guardian), phone number, address & email address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Full name of traveler, passport number & expiry date, & date of birth:

Please note that due to TSA & airline regulations all travelers names must be listed exactly as they appear in your passport (including middle names) & dates of birth must be correct. In order to be valid for international travel, all passports must have at least 2 blank pages & be valid for at least 3 months after your planned return to the USA. *Please include a photocopy of the traveler's passport photo page.*

Full name: _____ DOB: _____

Passport number & expiry date: _____ / _____

Is your deposit included?

Yes _____ No _____

A 10% deposit is required to reserve your place(s). Deposits are only payable by check. Please make checks payable to Global Explorers LLC.

How would you like to make the remaining payments for this tour?

Payments are accepted by check or by credit/debit card, or by Paypal.
Credit/debit card & Paypal payments can be made via our website: www.globalexplorersonline.com
All credit/debit card & Paypal payments are subject to a 3% surcharge.

Rooming arrangements:

All rooms are booked as twins/triples for students & twins/doubles for adults. Rooms are allocated dependent on numbers/gender. Single rooms may be available for an additional fee.

Declaration:

I have read & understand & accept the 'Booking Terms & Conditions' (overleaf).
By engaging Global Explorers LLC, the client accepts these terms & the noted terms of the program cancellation penalties. All terms & conditions shall apply to all Participants.

Name: _____ Signed: _____

For travelers under age 21 a parent or guardian must sign.
In this case please state your name & relationship to the traveler:

Please return booking forms & deposits to: Global Explorers LLC, P.O.Box 3311, Lynchburg, Va. 24503

Booking Terms & Conditions

Tour price & payment due dates

Global Explorers LLC's tour price of \$2850.00 include flights from the USA to your destination; all overseas travel & hotels, all breakfasts & all dinners during the tour; all sightseeing activities & entrance fees as listed in the tour itinerary; & the services of a Global Explorers LLC tour leader throughout your tour. The tour price is based on currently-estimated airfares & a minimum of 20 travelers. Students will be accommodated up to 3 per room & adults 2 per room. Single or triple rooms will be allocated based on final numbers of students/adults & male/female. For any adults wishing to room alone & any students wishing to room with adult family members, additional charges will apply & accommodations will depend on availability.

Please note the following payment deadline dates:

\$300 deposit (approx. 10%)	Due at time of booking
\$550 (approx. 20%)	Due before October 31st, 2014
\$850 (approx. 30%)	Due before December 31st, 2014
\$1150 (approx. 40%)	Due before February 28th, 2015

Deposits & payments

A 10% non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking to reserve your place(s). In the event that a tour is unable to operate due to insufficient numbers or other planning reasons, this deposit will be fully refunded.

Cancellation & pricing

Participants wishing to cancel a tour must provide Global Explorers LLC with written notification in accordance with these terms & conditions. Participants will receive a refund, subject to the following cancellation penalties:

Cancellations made (days before departure)	Cancellation Penalty
More than 100 days	10% deposit OR costs incurred*, whichever is higher
50-100 days	50% of tour price OR costs incurred*, whichever is higher
0-50 days	100% of tour price

Due to currency fluctuations & airline fuel surcharges Global Explorers LLC reserves the right to cancel or amend the price of any tour at any time up to the date of departure. In the event that the tour price increases by more than 7% of the price at the time of booking, the Participant may cancel & request a full refund of all payments made by written request within 7 days of being notified of such price increase. (*Costs incurred includes any non-redeemable payments made to suppliers, including airlines.)

Airlines

We book the most direct & convenient flights within the tour's budget. If you wish to book your own flights or require different dates or routing, we will be happy to accommodate you or provide a 'land only' tour price. In the event of cancellation or rescheduling by an airline, Global Explorers LLC will not be liable for any additional costs incurred. (Please see 'Travel Insurance' below.)

Substitute hotels, restaurants etc & replacement activities/refunds

Any hotel, restaurant, or other service provider information provided in advance is for guideline purposes only. We cannot guarantee that specific hotels, restaurants, or other service providers, will be used on your tour. Global Explorers LLC reserves the right to alter the exact order of sightseeing & other activities during tours. In the event that it is not possible to include all activities, any applicable entrance or guide fees will be refunded.

Travel Insurance

You are strongly encouraged to purchase travel insurance that covers cancellation, medical emergency & evacuation, theft, etc.

Tour Diary & Photographic Images

Registration on any Global Explorers LLC tour grants permission for travelers' likenesses to be used for promotional or advertising purposes, including being featured on the Global Explorers website, Facebook page, flyers, or the Global Explorers 'Tour Diary'.

Liability

Global Explorers LLC (such term shall include its owners, affiliates, employees, outfitters & agents) shall not be liable to any "Participant" (where such term shall include any customer &/or client of Global Explorers LLC, their heirs, dependents, executors, administrators, successors, agents, assigns & personal or legal representatives) for any injury, damage, accident, loss, claim, delay &/or irregularity, howsoever caused, that arises from, is connected to, or is in anyway related to any goods &/or services sold or otherwise provided by Global Explorers LLC.

The Participant understands that during the course of any tour, certain risks & dangers may occur, including but not limited to accident or illness, & subject to forces of nature. By taking part in any tour, the Participant acknowledges having been advised of the risks associated therein & assumes the sole & exclusive responsibility for such risks.

Global Explorers LLC shall not be responsible or liable to any Participant for any injury, damage, accident, loss, delay or irregularity, howsoever caused, that arises from, is connected to, or is in anyway related to any services sold or otherwise provided by Global Explorers LLC's "Contractors", where such term includes any third party, including but not limited to any transportation company, retained by Global Explorers LLC to provide goods or services to any Participant.

Each Participant further agrees not to make any claim or take any proceedings against any person, corporation, or entity who might claim contribution, indemnity or other relief against Global Explorers LLC under the provisions of any applicable law or equity in relation to any case, matter or thing released hereunder.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, in the event that Global Explorers LLC is liable to any Participant for any amount(s), the aggregate liability of Global Explorers LLC shall be limited to the actual amount(s) paid by that Participant to Global Explorers LLC.

Please return booking forms & deposits to: Global Explorers LLC, P.O.Box 3311, Lynchburg, Va. 24503



Additional Insured(s)

Policy No.	Eff. Date of Pol.	Exp. Date of Pol.	Eff. Date of End.	Add'l Prem.	Return Prem.
EOL9831176-01	02/06/2013	02/06/2014	11/22/2013	N/A	N/A

Named Insured and Address:

Global Explorers LLC
4010 Peakland Place
Lynchburg, VA 24503

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the:

Travel Agents and Tour Operators Professional Liability Coverage Form

It is hereby understood and agreed that the following is added to Section III – PERSONS INSURED:

Any person(s) or organization(s) listed in the schedule below but only with respect to the **Travel Agency Operations** of the **Named Insured**.

It is further understood and agreed that Section II – EXCLUSIONS, Paragraph X1 is deleted in its entirety but only with respects to the **Insured(s)** listed in the schedule below.

Schedule

Insured(s): Virginia Episcopal School
400 V E S Rd.
Lynchburg, VA 24503

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Signed By: Maureen Kaye
Authorized Representative

Date: November 22, 2013



ZURICH

Certificate of Insurance Travel Agents and Tour Operators Professional Liability Insurance

UNDERWRITTEN BY
Zurich American Insurance Company

This is to certify that the insurance policies specified below have been issued by Zurich American Insurance Company to the insured named herein and that, subject to their provisions, exclusions and conditions, such policies afford the coverages indicated insofar as such coverages apply to the occupation or business of the Named Insured as stated.

Named Insured: Global Explorers LLC

Address: 4010 Peakland Place
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Location of Operations: Worldwide

Type of Work Covered: Travel Agency and Tour Operations

Policy Number : EOL9831176-02	
Policy Period: From: 02/06/2014 To: 02/06/2015 12:01 A.M.; standard time at the address of the named insured as stated herein.	
Coverages:	Limits of Liability
A. Bodily Injury and Property Damage (except automobile)	Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
B. Bodily Injury and Property Damage Automobile (except owned automobile)	Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
C. Professional Liability	Each Negligent Act or Negligent Omission \$1,000,000
D. Personal Injury	Each Offense \$1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Fire Legal Liability (if applicable)	Any One Fire \$50,000

Effective Date: February 6, 2014

This Certificate Issued To:

National Tour Association
101 Prosperous Place, Suite 350
Lexington, KY 40509

Zurich American Insurance Company

Countersignature:
(if required by law)

Authorized Representative

Print Date: February 10, 2014

As of the effective date noted above, certificate holder is included as an additional insured but only with respect to the operations of the Named Insured in connection with the travel and/or tour services provided.

Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: F-2

Attachments: Yes

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Subject: Legislative Positions: 2014-15

Summary/Description:

Annually, the Lynchburg City School Board considers legislative positions to present to its state representatives. Attached are position statements for the school board to consider. As directed, the administration will develop new position statements, edit those listed in the attachment, and present any revisions and additions for approval at the November 18, 2014, meeting.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on: 11/18/14

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item and consider action at its school board meeting on November 18, 2014.

Lynchburg City Schools
2013-14 2014-15 Legislative Positions

Compensation and Employee Relations

- **The Lynchburg City School Board opposes legislation that would provide for binding arbitration, meet-and-confer requirements, and imposed grievance procedures thus restricting the authority of school boards.**

Instruction

- **The Lynchburg City School Board continues to urge legislators to request that the United States Department of Education allow the Commonwealth of Virginia to use the state's standards of accreditation system as the sole accountability system for public schools.**
 - The school board appreciates recent flexibility provided in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements; however, the school board believes that the Virginia Standard's of Learning assessments, which were in place before the No Child Left Behind legislation was enacted, is the appropriate program for measuring the academic progress of Virginia's students. The school board also supports modification of the Virginia's Standards of Accreditation to include provisions for monitoring the achievement of major subgroups of students and including specific goals for continuous academic improvement.
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports passage of legislation to permit each local school board to set the school calendar and determine the opening of the school year.**
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports modifications to the requirements for the General Achievement Diploma.**
 - The current requirements include actually withdrawing the student from school after completing the 20 required credits. The requirement that the student drop out of school may push the student further from needed resources and support. That requirement should be removed.
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports continued priority funding for Career and Technical Education classroom lab equipment and program improvement in order to prepare students for a competitive workforce and further education.**
 - Under the Virginia Standards of Accreditation, high schools are expected to offer a minimum of three career and technical programs to meet students' needs. Most high schools in the state have multiple labs that must be updated with new technology on a regular basis.

Under the present funding level, local and federal funds support the largest percentages of CTE equipment resources.

- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports increased funding to modernize and expand capacity of Career and Technical Education equipment and to teach and apply STEM initiatives and performances-based, problem-solving processes for all students.**
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation to increase the number and grade levels of students approved for access to expedited retakes of SOL exams.**

Funding

- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation that would provide the necessary state funding for increased compensation for its teachers.**
 - Teachers throughout the Commonwealth deserve salaries commensurate with their duties and the average national salary for teachers.
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation establishing incentives to encourage students to consider teaching as a career and to keep teachers trained in Virginia colleges in the Commonwealth.**
 - As the pool of qualified teacher candidates decreases, teacher recruitment becomes increasingly challenging. Incentives such as those offered in North Carolina (see <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/scholarships/>) may encourage students to consider teaching as a career and may also encourage veteran teachers to remain in the profession and stay in Virginia. Efforts to increase the pool of qualified teachers would benefit all school divisions in the state.
- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation which requires both public and private pre-kindergarten programs that use public tax dollars meet the same standards required of local school boards and school divisions.**
- **The Lynchburg City School Board urges the General Assembly to eliminate the Federal Revenue Deduction from the Basic Aid formula.**
- **The Lynchburg City School Board is appreciative of the Virginia General Assembly's support for many of the Standards of Quality (SOQ). The school board understands and is aware of the present financial downturn, but still believes that the SOQ are needed in order to meet the prescribed requirements for a quality education for each student in the school division. Thus the school board supports the legislation that funds the following:**
 - one principal at every elementary school,

- an assistant principal for every 400 students in grades K-12
 - reduced caseloads for speech-language pathologist (from 68 to 60 students)
 - one full-time instructional position for each 1,000 students to serve as a reading specialist
 - one full-time counselor for each 250 students as prescribed by the American School Counselor Association National Model
 - In addition to supporting funding for these modifications, the Lynchburg City School Board requests funding for one testing coordinator for every 1,000 students.
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- **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation that fully funds the educational costs of students with disabilities.**

 - **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation to provide additional funds to maintain alternative education opportunities for students at all levels who would benefit from non-traditional programs housed in smaller, highly structured environments.**

 - **The Lynchburg City School Board supports the Virginia General Assembly's effort to provide funding for the improvement of aging schools through *School Construction Grants* thereby allowing for the implementation of instructional improvements. The School Board also supports legislation which would increase the level of support provided through consistent funding sources.**

 - **The Lynchburg City School Board supports legislation that would maintain the level of funding provided through the *Literary Fund* for the renovation and construction of public school buildings. The current funding application process must be shortened so that funds are available to localities more quickly.**

 - **The Lynchburg City School Board opposes federal or state legislation that would create or expand private school voucher programs.**
 - Private school vouchers and tuition tax credits undermine public education by diverting dwindling education tax dollars from public schools to subsidize the tuition of private school students. There is no reliable data to suggest that private schools outperform public schools when adjusting for differences in student populations. Additionally, Virginia public schools are required to meet accountability measured under the state's accreditation system through the Standards of Learning and the federal Adequate Yearly Progress under the *No Child Left Behind Act*, now known as the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*. In using public funds, private school voucher programs do not use public accountability standards, do not make achievement and

budget information public, and do not have to meet the standards of equity and special services provided in public schools.

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Agenda Report

Date: 11/04/14

Agenda Number: F-3

Attachments: No

From: Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration

Subject: Jefferson Park Landfill

Summary/Description:

During this presentation, Mr. Ben W. Copeland, assistant superintendent of operations and administration, will provide information on the City of Lynchburg's effort related to the Jefferson Park landfills that were closed in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Disposition: Action
 Information
 Action at Meeting on:

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board receive this agenda report as an informational item.