

**Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council
Joint Meeting
February 7, 2017**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Vice Chairman
Sharon Y. Carter
James E. Coleman
Charleta F. Mason
Susan D. Morrison
Derek L. Polley
Kimberly A. Sinha
Katie K. Snyder

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning and Success
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
April M. Bruce, Director for Data, Assessment, and Accountability
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel
Ethel E. Reeves, Director for Engagement, Equity, and Opportunity
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director for Exceptional Learners
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

The Honorable Mary Jane Dolan
The Honorable Joan F. Foster
The Honorable Jeff S. Helgeson
The Honorable J. Randolph Nelson
The Honorable Edgar J. T. Perrow
The Honorable Treney L. Tweedy
The Honorable Sterling A. Wilder

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**CITY
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager
Valeria Chambers, Council Clerk

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Josh Moody, *The News & Advance*

The Lynchburg City School Board and the Lynchburg City Council met for a joint meeting at 5:40 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lynchburg Public Library. Mayor Foster and Dr. Nilles opened the meeting.

Ms. Svrcek provided comments about how this meeting developed, and Dr. Brabrand provided a presentation about the school division's achievement over the past several years.

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Ms. Gloria Witt facilitated the meeting's structure and schedule. Council members and school board members were separated into teams and asked to come up with ideas on how to decrease the achievement gap. Team members brainstormed strategies and then focused on a specific objective within those strategies to achieve an outcome.

Following the breakout session, the group as a whole reconvened to reflect on how the information collected during the small group discussions would be compiled and presented at a future meeting. Ms. Witt indicated that the information would be compiled and presented to the city manager and superintendent within the next several weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk