

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman
Mary Ann Hoss, Vice Chairman
James E. Coleman
Michael J. Nilles
Jennifer R. Poore
Katie K. Snyder
J. Marie Waller
Thomas H. Webb
Charles B. White
Angelica M. Walker, Student Representative, Heritage High School
Jamison R. Spinner, Student Representative, E. C. Glass High School

**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 Curriculum and Instruction
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
April M. Bruce, Director of Testing and Gifted Services
David A. Childress, Director of Information Technology
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel
Ethel E. Reeves, Director of Culture and Engagement
Michael K. Rudder, Director of School Improvement
Marianne Turner, Director of Student Services
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education
Brian S. Wray, Director of K-12 Instruction
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Katrina Dix, *The News & Advance*

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The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Dolan-Sewell opened the meeting and asked those in attendance rise and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board added an addendum to item D-1. Personnel Report and added item G-6. Virginia High School League.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:01 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711 (A) (7) to receive consultation or legal briefing regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Ms. Waller, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board approved by roll call vote the following Certification of Closed Meeting:

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.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B-1. Public Comments

In accordance with Policy BDDH Public Participation at School Board Meetings, 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.

There were no individuals who wished to speak before the school board.

C-1. Student Recognition

Lynchburg City Schools had 20 regional winners of the 40 district winners that were entered into the 2015 Young Authors competition in April. These winners were honored by the Piedmont Area Reading Council with a reception at Liberty University. One of the winners was recognized as the Overall Outstanding 6-12 grade writer. The winners were recognized by the school board during this presentation. They are as follows:

Caden Godsie
Graysen Pinder
Lily Doebler

Gabriella Mosley
Brooklyn C. Dop
Phoebe Baker

Serenity Tucker
Kate Martin
Jed Howard
Emma Eubank
Eujine Kim
Virginia Webb

Nuha Reza
Mazzy Ogden
Meg Gladioux
Emily Williams
Jeffrey Wooters
Katherine Guthrie

C-2. Student Recognition

Students at William Marvin Bass Elementary School took the top three spots in this year's 24 Game challenge. In addition to placing fourth in this year's 24 Game challenge, a student from Robert S. Payne Elementary School placed third in the nation in the First in Math competition. During this presentation, these students along with their coaches, were recognized by the school board.

The students recognized are as follows: Michelle Brown (1st Place); Kiairra Spinner (2nd Place); Trinity King (3rd Place); and Pranav Jothi (4th Place/Payne Gifted Opportunities Center).

C-3. Student Recognition

The E. C. Glass High School Rock Band formed during the 2012-13 school year. During weekly practices, students have the opportunity to work with professional local musicians to not only hone their individual skills, but also to learn how to work as a team to arrange and compose music. The EC Glass Rock Band welcomes musicians of all skill levels and expanded this year to form a "Garage Band" designed for students on a beginner to intermediate skill level. Students have the opportunity to perform at school events as well as events throughout the community such as Thirsty Thursdays at the American Legion. This summer, the students will also perform their first "stadium show" at a Lynchburg Hillcats game! Several EC Glass Rock Band alumni have gone on to study modern music at notable music schools including James Madison University, Middle Tennessee State, and Eastern Carolina University, and you may also witness a few at local music venues who have jumped headfirst into Central Virginia's own professional music scene. With help from an LCS Classroom Innovation Grant, the EC Glass Rock Band was able to spend two days at The Recording Zone, a top-notch recording facility just outside of Lynchburg. Under the direct tutelage of Engineer Jhon Ackerman, the students learned about the process of recording an album "from scratch" including microphone placement, tracking, mixing, over dubbing, and numerous other recording techniques used by music industry professionals. The students recorded songs by Paramore, Thin Lizzy, Christina Perry, and The Arctic Monkeys. They released their album May 6 at the 23rd Annual Classroom Innovation Grants Reception at E. C. Glass High School.

C-4. Resolution of Recognition

During this presentation, the school board recognized Thomas H. Webb for his years of service as a member of the Lynchburg City School Board. Mr. Webb served as a school board member for a total of nine years.

Upon MOTION by Mr. White, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board adopted the following resolution of recognition for Thomas H. Webb:

A Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation

To
Mr. Thomas H. Webb

Upon His Retirement as a Member of the Lynchburg City School Board

Presented by the Lynchburg City School Board

MR. THOMAS H. WEBB, a champion crusader for public education in the City of Lynchburg, who has worked diligently as a member of the Lynchburg City School Board for a total of nine years. His professional manner in dealing with people and issues earned him favor as a caring and compassionate individual who devoted himself to the service of Lynchburg City Schools. **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB** has been an able spokesperson and supporter of educational causes. He has been encouraging to students and their families. **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB**, a parent and former teacher and principal himself, was knowledgeable of the challenges that many students, parents, teachers, and staff members encounter. Throughout his service, he was sensitive to the educational needs of all students and championed new and creative approaches to education. With this resolution, the Lynchburg City School Board pays tribute to **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB**, a person of excellence and integrity, who by effort and by example, made valuable and far-reaching contributions to public education in Lynchburg, Virginia.

WHEREAS, **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB** served with distinction as a member of the Lynchburg City School Board for nine years; and

WHEREAS, **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB's** keen insight and foresight were qualities of leadership that were appropriate to the needs of the Lynchburg City Schools during this period of change, challenge, and growth; and

WHEREAS, **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB's** constant attendance at school performances, athletic events, and programs; his participation on boards and committees as a representative of the school board; and volunteering his time to help in all capacities throughout the school division demonstrated his true support of LCS and all students; and

WHEREAS, **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB**, while on the school board, contributed to the decision and approval for a new Heritage High School, several budgets in support of staff compensation and student achievement, and voted on a new division-wide Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB's** dedication to duty during this time contributed to the implementation of new programs, including a new one-to-one technology initiative and the beginning process of updating teacher pay scales therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lynchburg City School Board of Lynchburg, Virginia, takes pride in the excellent service that **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB** rendered to the operation and successes of the public schools of this community; and

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lynchburg City School Board of Lynchburg, Virginia, hereby affirms its appreciation to **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB** for nine years of devoted service to public education during which he demonstrated courage and tenacity in the pursuit of educational excellence. His numerous contributions will affect generations to come. The Lynchburg City School Board wishes to commend **MR. THOMAS H. WEBB** for the quality of leadership on behalf of the school division and its youth and for the quality of his stewardship on behalf of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia.

THE LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOL BOARD

June 2015

Dr. Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Dr. Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

C-5. School Operating Budget: 2015-16

On February 17, 2015, the school board approved the school operating budget for 2015-16. The budget recommendations included in Tier I for next year amounted to a \$1.1 million increase over this year's budget, or 2.7 percent. The school administration forwarded the request of \$1.1 million to the Lynchburg City Council for consideration.

The Lynchburg City Council approved the school board's budget request for 2015-16 on May 26, 2015. During this presentation, the school administration asked that the school board adopt its budget for the 2015-16 school year.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board adopted the FY 2015-16 School Operating Budget.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

D. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Mr. White, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board approved the personnel report and addendum for the period May 19 – June 2, 2015.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

E. Student Representative Comments

Miss Angelica M. Walker, student representative for Heritage High School, and Mr. Jamison R. Spinner, student representative for E. C. Glass High School, shared comments about the events and activities occurring at their schools.

The following resolutions were presented to each student representative.

Upon MOTION by Mr. White, SECONDED by Dr. Coleman, the school board adopted the following resolution of recognition for Jamison R. Spinner:

A Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation
To
Jamison Spinner
Presented by The Lynchburg City School Board

Mr. Jamison Spinner was selected by his peers to represent E. C. Glass High School on the Lynchburg City School Board during the 2014-2015 school year. The Lynchburg City School Board views this desire to serve in public life as the worthiest of ambitions. With this resolution, the Lynchburg City School Board seeks to pay tribute to **Mr. Jamison Spinner**, a student who has conscientiously worked to keep the student body's viewpoint before the Lynchburg City School Board. In so doing, he fulfilled his responsibility and made a valuable contribution to public education in this community.

WHEREAS, MR. JAMISON SPINNER served Lynchburg City Schools as the E. C. Glass High School Student Representative to the Lynchburg City School Board from July 2014 until June 2015; and

WHEREAS, MR. JAMISON SPINNER served as a role model for his peers as a stellar student who challenged himself with advanced classes that included dual enrollment credits and A+ certification in Computer Systems Technology; FBLA officer and national competitor in the Computer Systems Problem Solving event; member of the National Honor Society; Link Crew leader; Boys State representative; two-time Regional Athletic Academic Scholar; wrestler all four years, earning three all-district recognitions and serving as captain for two years, all while maintaining a 4.08 GPA; and

WHEREAS, MR. JAMISON SPINNER gained knowledge and valuable work experience through internships with AREVA and the Lynchburg City Schools Information Technology department and will continue his education at Lynchburg College in the fall where he will enter a dual degree program partnered with the University of Virginia to study Computer Science and Computer Engineering; and

WHEREAS, MR. JAMISON SPINNER's attendance at Lynchburg City School Board meetings demonstrated his commitment to his role as a champion for the best possible educational experience for all students; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lynchburg City School Board of Lynchburg, Virginia, commends **MR. JAMISON SPINNER** for many valuable contributions in providing the School Board with yet another viewpoint for their consideration and guidance. Furthermore, the School Board of the City of Lynchburg takes pride in this superior individual who so early in his life has already begun to make his mark by taking such an active part in public life in Lynchburg, Virginia.

THE LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Dr. Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board adopted the following resolution of recognition for Angelica M. Walker:

A Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation
To
Angelica Walker
Presented by The Lynchburg City School Board

Ms. Angelica Walker was selected by her peers to represent Heritage High School on the Lynchburg City School Board during the 2014-2015 school year. The Lynchburg City School Board views this desire to serve in public life as the worthiest of ambitions. With this resolution, the Lynchburg City School Board seeks to pay tribute to **Ms. Angelica Walker**, a student who has conscientiously worked to keep the student body's viewpoint before the Lynchburg City School Board. In so doing, she fulfilled her responsibility and made a valuable contribution to public education in this community.

WHEREAS, MS. ANGELICA WALKER served Lynchburg City Schools as the Heritage High School Student Representative to the Lynchburg City School Board from July 2014 until June 2015; and

WHEREAS, MS. ANGELICA WALKER served as a role model for her peers both in her school and her community as one of the first students to graduate from the LCS Early College Program; a JV and varsity volleyball player/captain and varsity cheerleader; junior and senior class president for the Student Council Association; Girls State participant; Friends of Rachel Social Media Coordinator; National Honor Society Vice President; Parent Teacher Student Association member; LCS Volleyball Camp volunteer;

WHEREAS, MS. ANGELICA WALKER sought opportunities for learning and service not only in the classroom but also as a participant in the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University, where she will continue her education in the fall of 2015;

WHEREAS, MS. ANGELICA WALKER's attendance at Lynchburg City School Board meetings demonstrated her commitment to her role as a champion for the best possible educational experience for all students; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lynchburg City School Board of Lynchburg, Virginia, commends **MS. ANGELICA WALKER** for many valuable contributions in providing the School Board with yet another viewpoint for their consideration and guidance. Furthermore, the School Board of the City of Lynchburg takes pride in this superior individual who so early in her life has already begun to make her mark by taking such an active part in public life in Lynchburg, Virginia.

THE LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Dr. Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

F-1. School Nutrition Program: Summer Program

The School Nutrition Program is seeking school board approval to begin a program to provide free summer meals to children in several Lynchburg communities. The program is called the "School Food Service Program" and is administered through the Virginia Department of Health.

Through this program, Lynchburg City Schools will be able to provide breakfast and lunch to students in the Robert S. Payne Elementary School and Perrymont Elementary School communities. Students under the age of 18 will be provided meals for free. Adults can purchase meals for a nominal fee.

The school administration requested school board approval to administer this pilot program during summer 2015.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mr. Webb, the school board approved the School Food Service Program for summer 2015.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

G-1. Foreign Travel: Heritage High School

Mrs. Catherine Runion and Mrs. Michele Wisskerchen are planning a trip to Costa Rica for students at Heritage High School scheduled to occur in June 2016. 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.

This nine-day trip will meld biology and Spanish as student travel from the mountains to the coast. Student eligibility will be determined by GPA and behavior referrals. Up to 150 students will have the opportunity to participate. There will be one chaperone per six students, and there will be monthly meetings with parents beginning six months prior to the trip to outline rules and expectations. The cost of the trip, which can be paid for in monthly installments, includes insurance.

This item will be considered for action at the next meeting.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.)

G-2. K-12 Math Vision and Plan: 2015-16

The curriculum and instruction team has been involved in reviewing the approach to math instruction and courses. As a result of that review and meetings with a variety of stakeholders over the last several months, a vision and plan has been developed for increasing math learning at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

The five key principles to guide the vision and direction are:

1. **Remove the Ceiling:** While we advance students in reading who go beyond the base grade level expectations, it is not as common for math. Student who demonstrate readiness to go beyond grade level expectations will be given the opportunity to do so.
2. **Respond Fluidly to Student Needs and Abilities:** Students will be advanced based on units of ability not necessarily based on whole year ability. Students who are ready for advanced content for a whole year will still have that access while those ready for advancement in some units will have that access when needed.
3. **Establish Clear Criteria for Advancement:** As student approach middle school, courses emerge that are fixed across a semester and year, and there needs to be clear criteria for determining the appropriate course for a students. These criteria should include achievement data that represents student proficiency with content that should have been mastered from the prior year. There also needs to be clear criteria that includes teacher and student/parent input.
4. **Ensure a Strong Foundation:** A bridge class will be designed for students to create a stronger foundation for success in Algebra I that will help prevent failure and provide for success. A review of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes with be performed with more of a bridge mindset in the double block math class.
5. **Involve and Invest Students and Families:** Ensure that rules and criteria are clear for all families so that when there is an opportunity to do so, students can meet with counselors to plot a course for how the goals of a course can be met. Achievement courses should suggest courses, but students and parents should be allowed to reach beyond when they are ready.

Additional information about how the math plan with be implemented by grade level was also shared as well as a math placement proposal flow chart.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, EXHIBIT “C,” FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.)

G-3. Capital Improvement Plan: Robert S. Payne Elementary School

The 2014-15 capital improvement plan includes \$60,000 in building improvement funding for replacement of the Robert S. Payne Elementary School gymnasium floor.

A total of two bids for the gym floor replacement project were received. The school administration recommends J. W. Squire, Inc. based on their bid of \$43,865, which was the lowest bid. All bids received are listed below.

BIDDER	J. W. Squire, Inc.	The Floor Show
Furnish and install new flooring material	\$35,774	\$35,859
Removal of existing VCT	\$2,760	\$2,010
Furnish and install new underlayment	\$5,331	\$6,950
TOTAL	\$43,865	\$44,819

This item will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the next school board meeting.

G-4. Educational Technology Series XV (Spring 2015)/e-Learning Backpack Notes

The Virginia Department of Education has notified Lynchburg City Schools that its share of the Educational Technology Series XV (Spring 2015) Grant Funds will be \$466,000. A 20 percent matching expenditure of \$93,200 is required. Grant funds may be expended on networking/infrastructure equipment, classroom multimedia network computers, instructional software, and local technology plan hardware. Purchases from these funds are financed by Virginia Public School Authority Bonds, which are sold in the spring of each year.

In addition Lynchburg City Schools has been notified that its share of the e-Learning Backpack Grant Funds will be \$260,000. A 20 percent matching expenditure of \$52,000 is required. e-Learning Backpack funds may be spent on a portable device. The amount is based on \$400.00 per student for the prior year’s 9th grade enrolment.

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Ordinarily, these funds may not be spent more than 60 days prior to the date the bonds are sold. However, a school division may spend funds prior to that date and be reimbursed for those expenditures if the school board passes a resolution stating its intention to do so. A resolution stating the school board's intention to be reimbursed for expenditures is attached for school board consideration.

The Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology, the LAUREL Regional Special Education Program, and the Secondary Alternative Education Program are also eligible for \$26,000 each. There is no local match required for these grants. The resolution attached to the agenda report referred to these funds as well.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the next school board meeting.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, EXHIBIT "D," FOR A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION.)

G-5. Authorization of Signature

The Virginia Department of Education requires that the school division identify an individual, who, in the absence of the superintendent, has authorization to sign all Virginia Department of Education correspondence, reports, documents, requisitions, and other official correspondence. The superintendent recommends that the school board authorize Mrs. Wendie L. Sullivan, school board clerk, to fulfill the necessary signature obligations in the absence of the superintendent. Many of the matters associated with the delegation of this authority tend to be financial and operational in nature.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Hoss, the school board authorized Mrs. Wendie L. Sullivan, school board clerk, to sign Virginia Department of Education Correspondence in the absence of the superintendent.

Yes Votes: Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Ms. Hoss, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nilles, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Webb, Mr. White

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015, EXHIBIT "E," FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT.)

G-6. Virginia High School League

At a special called meeting of the general membership of the Virginia High School League, voting members supported the VHSL's executive committee's recommendation to resolve the pending litigation between the Virginia High School League and Liberty Christian Academy.

One year ago, LCA filed an anti-trust law suit against the VHSL. The law suit was preceded by attempts by LCA to join the VHSL through petitions, beginning in 2006. The VHSL executive committee, by a vote of 28-1 approved a resolution on April 16 and ratified the resolution by a vote of 25-0 on May 7. The resolution was then presented to the general membership on May 20, at which time the executive committee's motion was supported.

Through the resolution the executive director and chairman were authorized to enter into an agreement with LCA to resolve the pending litigation between the VHSL and LCA, including but not limited to amending the VHSL bylaws and handbook to permit private school membership, "setting such rules and procedures as are equitable to public and private schools."

The mission of the VHSL to was changed to include *non-boarding non-public high schools*. Eligibility and membership in VHSL was also changed to include *non-boarding, non-public high schools which agree to follow VHSL by-laws, rules, and regulations as amended for them*. LCA was added as a member of the Seminole District, joining Heritage, E. C. Glass, Amherst, Brookville, Jefferson Forest, Liberty (Bedford), and Rustburg. LCA will also be a member of Conference 23 of 4A West, joining E. C. Glass, Charlottesville, G. W. Danville, Amherst, and Jefferson Forest. LCA's attendance zone will be defined as the attendance zone of the VHSL member public school in which it is located (Heritage High School) and the attendance zone of one additional public school contiguous to the public school attendance zone in which it is located (E. C. Glass High School).

The first time during high school that a student transfers without a corresponding parent move between a member public school and a member non-public school in the non-public school's declared attendance zone, the student is exempted from the normal one-year eligibility delay. If a high school student living in a county school zone transfers to LCA from Brookville, Jefferson Forest, or Amherst, the student must sit out one year before becoming eligible. A high school student living in either the Heritage or Glass zone transfers to LCA and is immediately eligible and does not have the one-year wait period. A student who enrolls in a high school for the first time as an eighth or ninth grade student is immediately eligible and remains eligible at that high school unless the transfer rule comes into effect. An incoming ninth grade student who lives in any public school zone and who chooses to enroll in LCA instead will be eligible immediately and will remain eligible at LCA for as long as he/she is enrolled there.

The semester rule (a student is eligible for eight semesters from initial enrollment) is waived for a student at a non-public member school if the student participated in Varsity athletics as an eighth grade student. The semester rule is waived if the student at a non-public member school repeated a high school grade and therefore is, or in the future will be, a fifth year senior. The semester rule waiver will apply to each designated student currently enrolled.

LCA will be eligible for post-season play in all sports beginning in 2015-16. Eligibility includes football playoffs even though LCA will not compete against any VHSL public schools during the regular season. Schedules at both high schools are completed for next year; therefore, except for previously scheduled contests involving LCA, no contests between LCA and a city school will take place in 2015-16.

Seminole District schools will revise their 2016-17 schedules to include LCA in all sports except varsity and junior varsity football. Seminole District schools will not play LCA in Varsity or Junior Varsity football in 2015-16 or 2016-17 unless a school has a non-district opening. Seminole District schools will include LCA in the master schedule for all sports for the next cycle, 2017-18 and 2018-19, including Varsity and Junior Varsity football.

Does the eight-semester rule and transfer rule create a level playing field for our students? Further, there is to be no publicly-sponsored prayer or publicly-sponsored invocation at VHSL state events. Privately-sponsored prayer, whether the speech of students or private schools, is not prohibited at VHSL state events. What does this mean for our students when they play at LCA? Protection for LBGT students from discrimination will also come into the mix. Does playing a school opposed to LBGT students send our students a mixed message about our support for them? If we are to be under the same rules on the field of play, we should be under the same rules in the field of study. Should we require any school joining the VHSL to submit to the same state accountability system, including SOLs and the revised state report card?

Given the number of concerns, the school administration recommends that the 2015-16 legislative agenda include the formation of a state advisory group that will review and assess the impact of this agreement on Virginia public education. This item will be discussed at future school board meetings.

H. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Brabrand offered remarks about the LAUREL Regional School graduation that occurred Monday evening.

Sandusky Elementary School celebrated its 50-year anniversary Monday inviting teachers and administrators who had been at the school to the celebratory activities.

Dr. Brabrand announced that Diane Swain is retiring after 46 years with the Lynchburg City Schools, 26 as principal at Sheffield Elementary School

Friday marks the last day of school for the 2014-15 school year. Graduation for Heritage High School and E. C. Glass High School will occur on Sunday.

Summer school registration will occur on June 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. at Linkhorne Middle School.

Dr. Brabrand recognized Mr. Webb for the great knowledge and wisdom he brought as a school board member. He will be missed.

I. Board Comments

Ms. Waller provided information about the events and activities she attended during the past two weeks. She also recognized Mr. Webb's departure as school board member.

Ms. Hoss declared her admiration for Mr. Webb as a board member and his dedication to putting children first. She will miss his wisdom.

Mr. White stated that it would be difficult to find any board member in Lynchburg City Schools' history who has given more of themselves to the school division than Mr. Webb. Mr. White thanked Mr. Webb for his dedication and commitment to education.

Ms. Poore stated that Mr. Webb's commitment to the community is invaluable and she has learned a great deal about being a good community member from him.

Dr. Nilles thanked Mr. Webb for the good perspective he brought to the board table. He stated that it had been an honor sitting next to Mr. Webb and getting to know him.

Dr. Coleman praised Mr. Webb for his compassion and thanked him for helping him to appreciate what being a school board member is all about.

Mrs. Snyder thanked Mr. Webb for sharing his wisdom. She will miss him being on the board.

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Dr. Dolan-Sewell thank Mrs. Webb for her support and patience, and she thanked Mr. Webb for sharing his wisdom as a board member.

Mr. Webb thanked city council for the opportunity of being a school board member. He also thanked the school administration and others for their support during his time on the school board.

J. Informational Items

Graduation Exercises: Fort Hill Community School – June 3, 2015 – 12:30 p.m.

Heritage High School – June 7, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. – Ralph Spencer Field House

E. C. Glass High School – June 7, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. – Civic Auditorium

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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