

**Lynchburg City School Board
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2012**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Charles B. White, Chairman
Trenay L. Tweedy, Vice Chairman
Keith R. Anderson
Mary Ann H. Barker
Albert L. Billingsly
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell
Troy L. McHenry
Jennifer R. Poore
J. Marie Waller
Joel A. Graham, Student Representative, E. C. Glass High School
Nick L. Comerford, Student Representative, Heritage High School

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
William A. Coleman, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities and Transportation
Yvette H. Miller, Acting Director of Personnel
Gloria C. Preston, Director of Student Services and Alternative Education
Michael K. Rudder, Director of Elementary Education
Charles E. Dellinger, Supervisor of Instruction
Pamela D. Smith-Johnson, Supervisor of Instruction
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Jessie Pounds, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda
Items:**

- A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
- A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting
- B-1. Public Comments
- C. Consent Agenda
- D. Student Representative Comments
- E-1. Lynchburg Beacon of Hope: Memorandum of Understanding
- E-2. No Child Left Behind Act Waiver: Public School Choice
- E-3. Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument
- E-4. Heritage High School Architect
- F-1. School Board Retreat
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- F-3. School Board Policy 7-51: Wellness
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- F-5. Pay to Play: Elimination
- F-6. Capital Improvement Plan: Summer Projects
- G. Superintendent's Comments
- H. Board Comments
- I-1. Notice of Closed Meeting
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- J. Informational Items
- K. Adjournment

The Lynchburg City School Board met for its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mr. White opened the meeting and requested that those in attendance stand and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

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Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, the school board added investment of public funds under A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting; added an addendum to item C-2. Personnel Report; replaced item F-6. Capital Improvement Plan: Summer Projects with an updated version of that item; and added student discipline matters under item I-1. Notice of Closed Meeting.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, the school board convened a closed meeting at 5:31 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3411 (A) (1) (6) to discuss employee appointments and to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

A-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. McHenry, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, 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: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

B-1. Public Comments

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.

Ms. Kathy Hudson, representative of the Lynchburg Education Association, provided comments to the school board about the length of the school day for students.

C. Consent Agenda

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes for February 21, 2012 (Regular Meeting), and March 6, 2012 (Regular Meeting); the personnel report and addendum for May 15 – June 5, 2012; the request for reallocation of budget; the purchase of social studies materials in grades K-5 and grade 12, and purchase of technology to assist with a pilot project for students in advanced placement courses; the school division's application for Carl Perkins Career-Technical Funds for the 2012-13 fiscal year; and Administrative Regulation 6-8: School Day.

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Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Dr. Brabrand announced that with the approval of the consent agenda, the appointment of Tracy S. Richardson as principal at E. C. Glass High School; Benjamin W. Copeland, assistant superintendent of operations and administration; and Maria F. Gee, director of personnel, and also been approved.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

Dr. Dolan-Sewell left at 6:51 p.m.

D. Student Representative Comments

Mr. Joel A. Graham, student representative for E. C. Glass High School, was presented with the following resolution of recognition:

A Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation

To

Mr. Joel A. Graham

Presented by The Lynchburg City School Board

MR. JOEL A. GRAHAM was selected by his peers to represent E. C. Glass High School on the Lynchburg City School Board during the 2011-2012 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. JOEL A. GRAHAM**, 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. JOEL A. GRAHAM served the Lynchburg City School Division as the E. C. Glass High School Student Representative to the Lynchburg City School Board from July 2011 until June 2012; and,

WHEREAS, MR. JOEL A. GRAHAM served as a role model for his peers, excelling academically and in extracurricular efforts as a leader in the E.C. Glass Marching Band, an AP Scholar, a member of the E. C. Glass swim team, a champion of the mistreated, a member of the Air Force ROTC program, and member of the National Champions Drill Team; and,

WHEREAS, MR. JOEL A. GRAHAM'S attendance at Lynchburg City School Board meetings was excellent and 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. JOEL A. GRAHAM** for his excellent attendance and his 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. Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Mr. Charles B. White, Chairman

June 2012

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board approved the resolution in recognition of Joel A. Graham for his service as student representative to the Lynchburg City School Board.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Mr. Nick L. Comerford, student representative for Heritage High School, was presented with the following resolution of recognition:

A Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation

To

Nick L. Comerford

Presented by The Lynchburg City School Board

Mr. Nick L. Comerford was selected by his peers to represent Heritage High School on the Lynchburg City School Board during the 2011-2012 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. Nick L. Comerford**, 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. NICK L. COMERFORD served the Lynchburg City School Division as the Heritage High School Student Representative to the Lynchburg City School Board from July 2011 until June 2012; and

WHEREAS, MR. NICK L. COMERFORD served as a role model for his peers, excelling academically and in extracurricular efforts. He is on the Scholar's List, a member of the Heritage High School football team, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of SCA, a DECA regional winner, and he is an Honor Graduate of Heritage High School; and,

WHEREAS, MR. NICK L. COMERFORD's attendance at Lynchburg City School Board meetings was excellent and 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. NICK L. COMERFORD** for his excellent attendance and his 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. Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent

Mr. Charles B. White, Chairman

June 2012

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, the school board approved the resolution in recognition of Nick L. Comerford as student representative to the Lynchburg City School Board.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

E-1. Lynchburg Beacon of Hope: Memorandum of Understanding

The Beacon of Hope Lynchburg Foundation has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which reflects agreements between that nonprofit organization and the Lynchburg City Schools. The MOU, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, appeared as an attachment to the agenda report. Mrs. Laura L. Hamilton, executive director of the Lynchburg Beacon of Hope, provided additional information to the school board during the presentation. Mr. Bob Wade, chairman of the Lynchburg Beacon of Hope, stated that they are in the process of advertising for Future Center positions for both high schools and have already received 50 applications. The Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by the school board before grant funding can be approved. They have moved forward with obtaining the 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status and have applied for \$50,000 of grant funding. Once the MOU has been approved, the grant funding will be forthcoming.

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Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lynchburg Beacon of Hope.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LYNCHBURG BEACON OF HOPE.)

E-2. No Child Left Behind Act Waiver: Public School Choice

On February 28, 2012, the Virginia Department of Education submitted a request to the United States Department of Education for waivers from certain requirements outlined in what was formerly known as the No Child Left Behind Act. If these waiver requests are approved, schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia will no longer be required to offer public school choice.

In anticipation of approval of the waiver, Lynchburg City Schools has developed procedures to implement the elimination of the public school choice requirement.

1. Students currently participating in public school choice will be allowed to complete their elementary program in the school of choice with the school division providing transportation at no charge. Upon completion of the elementary program, the student must attend the middle school for which the child's residence is zoned.
2. Students currently participating in public school choice may return to their zoned school at any time. Once the decision has been made for the student to return to the base school, public school choice options will be forfeited.
3. Siblings of students currently attending a school of choice will not be eligible to attend the school of choice and must attend the zoned school or be eligible for placement outside of the zoned school according to existing School Board Policy. Older siblings may return to the zoned school as outlined above.
4. Students new to Lynchburg City Schools for 2012-2013 will not be eligible for public school choice options.

On May 15, 2012, the school administration presented this information to the school board along with the how public school choice affects sending schools, receiving schools, and bus transportation. Following discussion, the school board asked that the school administration bring this item forward at the end of the 2012-13 for additional discussion and review.

The Virginia Department of Education has not been given any information about the status of the waiver, and the school administration believes that parents need direction for the next school year. This plan will provide a year to review and determine what is best for the families in our school division. It should be noted that if a school does not become a receiving school next year, transportation will not be provided to students by the school division.

Mr. Gatzke gave the school board an overview of what it would cost to move students to their base school for the next school year. A number of modular units would need to be rented for Heritage Elementary School and Perrymont Elementary School, which would cost more than the cost of transported students to the student's school of choice.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mrs. Barker, the school board approved the procedures developed to implement the elimination of the public school choice requirement for one year and review the procedures at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT "C," FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT.)

E-3. Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument

On October 19, 2010, the school board established a Superintendent's Evaluation Tool Committee to review the current superintendent evaluation instrument. During this process, the committee gathered information from the Virginia School Boards Association and other school divisions in the state and across the country regarding superintendent evaluation instruments and processes. Using this information, the committee identified areas for improvement in the existing instrument and added components that would assist in goal setting, timeline, accountability, and advocacy.

The evaluation instrument contains three parts: performance standards, superintendent's goals, and a 360-degree evaluation. Each part contains standards with performance indicators which provide descriptors of what to look for when evaluating the superintendent.

A draft copy of the new evaluation instrument has been presented to the superintendent for his review. During this presentation, the school board and the superintendent had the opportunity to make further recommendations for revisions to the evaluation instrument.

The superintendent's evaluation instrument allows for a 360 degree survey for input from the community. Dr. Brabrand intends to add this model as part of the principals' evaluation. Further, the new teacher evaluation for the Commonwealth includes a student survey to be part of the evaluation results.

Upon MOTION by Mrs. Barker, SECONDED by Mrs. Tweedy, the school board approved the superintendent's evaluation instrument.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

E-4. Heritage High School Architect

On January 24, 2012, the school board appointed the Heritage High School Architect Selection Committee. Following the appointment of that committee, the school administration worked with the city's procurement office to develop a request for proposals (RFP). The RFP was advertised, and in March, the selection committee reviewed the RFPs and selected Moseley Architects. Since that time, the superintendent has worked with legal counsel to finalize the contract.

Moseley Architects, is in partnership with Dominion Seven Architects, which was on time and under budget for the project with Sandusky Middle School. Dr. Brabrand explained that there is a great deal of excitement and interest surrounding this project, and he is looking forward to beginning the next planning phase. The new assistant superintendent of operations and administration will oversee this project.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Ms. Waller, the school board approved the contract with Moseley Architects, PC for the Heritage High School project.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

F-1. School Board Retreat

The Lynchburg City School Board will conduct its annual retreat on July 26-27, 2012. The superintendent has several items that he intends to present to the school board during that retreat. They are as follows:

- Lynchburg City Schools Logo
- Indicators of Excellence
- Comprehensive Plan
- Mission and Vision
- Policy and Governance

Dr. Brabrand asked school board members to forward any topics they would like to discuss during the retreat to Mrs. Sullivan. He also explained that he would like to present the draft of the new logo for the school division on June 19, 2012, so that the school board can consider approval which would allow the school administration to roll out the new logo as soon as August 1.

Dr. Brabrand will propose the top 10 indicators of excellence for the school division that will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan. Mrs. Sullivan is currently working on a document for all school board members concerning policy and governance that help new school board members when they are appointed to the school board.

F-2. Administrative Regulation 6-58.3: Grading Scales

Changes to grading scales in several school divisions in Virginia have prompted discussion regarding the grading scale in use in the Lynchburg City Schools. The current grading scale is not found in policy or regulation but is specified as follows in the school handbooks for all classes except dual enrollment, Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology (CVGS), and Advanced Placement (AP):

Lynchburg City Schools: Grading Scale

- A = 94 – 100**
- B = 86 – 93**
- C = 78 – 85**
- D = 70 – 77**
- F = 69 and below**

A standard 10-point scale, based on the grading scale used by Central Virginia Community College, is used in dual enrollment and AP courses as well as in CVGS courses:

Lynchburg City Schools: Dual Enrollment, CVGS, and AP Grading Scale

- A = 90 – 100**
- B = 80 – 89**
- C = 70 – 79**
- D = 60 – 69**
- F = 59 and below**

Recent discussions among parents, students, staff members and administrators have centered around the two different grading scales, as well as the challenges of communicating those two grading scales to parents and students.

As a result, the school administration has explored the possibility of changes to the grading scale. The debate surrounding grading scales and standards focuses on the following beliefs. Those on one side argue for a more restrictive grading scale with the belief that a more restrictive scale will result in greater student effort and higher student achievement. Those on the other side argue that more restrictive grading scales place higher achieving students at a competitive disadvantage for scholarships, awards, and college admissions and at the same time place lower achieving students at a greater risk of dropping out.

The school administration has discussed the option of placing all students in grades three through twelve on a single 10-point grading scale. This option creates consistency and places students at a comparable competitive level with other students across Virginia. The school administration has also discussed and developed Administrative Regulation 6-58.3: Grading Scale for school board consideration.

The school administration is also developing a task force that will look at ways to have a common and consistent way of assessing students. The change in the grading scale is the first step in having that commonality among all students within the school division.

This item will be considered by the school board at its meeting on June 19, 2012

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT "D," FOR A COPY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 6-58.3: GRADING SCALES.)

F-3. School Board Policy 7-51: Wellness

Over the past several months, the School Health Advisory Committee has been reviewing the school board's policy on wellness. As a result of that review, the committee has made several changes to the policy and presented those changes for school board consideration. As part of the presentation, Ms. Leslie Hogle, senior health educator for Central Virginia Health District – Virginia Department of Health, provided information about obesity trends among adults in the United States beginning with 1990 to 2010. It was noted that the number of adult 30 pounds overweight has increased significantly during that time. Major influences, as noted in the presentation, include higher calorie intake and lack of daily, quality physical activity. Many of the changes to the policy are due to the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which require age-appropriate calorie limits, specific serving sizes for vegetables and fruit, and more whole grain options. Some of the changes proposed included a daily activity time of 30 minutes as well as 30 minutes for lunch for students.

Following the presentation, the school administration indicated that they will review the changes proposed to the school board and determine what the mandated changes are versus what was recommended. It will also be determined which parts of the current school board policy are not being enforced.

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT "E," FOR A COPY OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 7-51: WELLNESS.)

F-4. Virginia Retirement System: Resolution

The 2012 Appropriation Act, Item 468(H) calls for localities to make certain decisions by July 1, 2012, regarding employer and member retirement contributions. These include:

1. Election/certification by the school board and, if applicable, your local governing body of your employer retirement contribution rate for 2012-2014, using one of the options allowed in the 2012 Appropriation Act Item 468(H).
2. Election/certification by the school board of the member contribution your current employees will be required to pay beginning July 1, 2012, and the corresponding salary increase, as provided in Chapter 822 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly (Senate Bill 497).

Resolution 1: Employer Retirement Contribution Rate Election – Nonprofessional Employees

Attached is a resolution provided by the VRS, for the school board to select and approve the one of two employer contribution rate options for defined benefit retirement plans in the biennium beginning July 1, 2012:

1. 10.03% - the rate certified by the VRS Board of Trustees for the 2012-2014 biennium; or
2. 7.28% - the alternate rate, which is the higher of the current certified by the Board of Trustees for the 2011-2012 or 70% of the VRS Board-certified rate of 2012-2014

As a reminder, effective July 1, 2012, the school board's contribution rates for Group Life Insurance and the Health Insurance Credit are:

- 1.19% - Group Life Insurance
- N/A – Health Insurance Credit

The school administration recommends that the school board select and approve Option 1, the 10.03% - the rate certified by the VRS Board of Trustees for the 2012-2014 biennium.

Resolution 2: Member Contribution Election

As provided under Chapter 822 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly (SB 497), all Plan 1 and Plan 2 school division and political subdivision employees must begin paying the five percent member contribution effective July 1, 2012. All employees hired on or after July 1, 2012, must pay the full five percent upon employment with no phase in allowed. For current employees, the bill allows governing bodied to phase in the member contribution in each of the next five years or until current employees are paying the full five percent contribution, whichever is earlier. Phase in increases must be in whole percentage of at least one percent of creditable compensation per year, with comparable offsetting salary increases.

By no later than July 1, 2012, school boards must approve the amount of the member contribution that professional employees and non-professional employees will pay beginning July 1. The governing body also must certify that employees will receive a comparable offsetting salary increase effective July 1 of each year of the phase in period.

The school administration recommends that the school board select and approve that all professional employees and non-professional employees begin paying the five percent member contribution effective July 1, 2012, and all employees hired on or after July 1, 2012, must pay the full five percent upon employment with no phase in allowed.

Further, the school administration recommends that the school board approve a 5.75 percent salary increase to offset the member contribution.

Upon MOTION by Mr. McHenry, SECONDED by Rev. Anderson, school board approved Option 1, the 10.03% - the rate certified by the VRS Board of Trustees for the 2012-2014 biennium, that all professional employees and non-professional employees begin paying the five percent member contribution effective July 1, 2012, and all employees hired on or after July 1, 2012, must pay the full five percent upon employment with no phase in allowed, and a 5.75 percent salary increase to offset the member contribution.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012, EXHIBIT “F,” FOR A COPY OF THE VRS RESOLUTION.)

F-5. Pay to Play: Elimination

Included in the FY2012-13 proposed budget is approximately \$200,000 of revenue to be earned from assessing music and athletic fees for students to participate. After careful review of this proposal, the school administration is of the opinion that other means can be found in the budget to fund the \$199,188 instead of assessing the student fees. This would allow the school board to eliminate the proposed pay to play fees.

There are three areas where funds can be used to make up the difference for the pay to play. One is that insurance claims were down this year, and the school administration expects those claims to be down again next year. The budget for that item was left at this year’s budgeted level in case those claims did go up. The rental for busses has been forecasted to increase for next year, which will also provide additional funds, and the school administration is doubling its efforts to apply for reimbursement for Medicaid thereby producing additional funding.

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board granted the school administration permission to seek alternate sources to fund the \$199,188 in revenue which was proposed to be gained from assessing music and athletic fees to students.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

F-6. Capital Improvement Plan: Summer Projects

The school administration is proposing the following capital improvement projects to occur this summer. Funding for these projects will come from a settlement of a suit with Beazor East, Inc. Following the school board’s approval of these projects, the school administration will request appropriation of these funds from the Lynchburg City Council.

Painting	Paul Munro Elementary School Hallways	\$20,000
Painting	Dearington Elementary School for Innovation Hallways	\$25,000
Painting	E. C. Glass High School Stairwells	\$40,000
Painting	Heritage High School Stairwells	\$40,000
Replacement	Heritage Elementary School Playground Equipment	\$100,000
Upgrade	Linkhorne Elementary School Playground	\$56,000
Roofing	Dunbar West and R. S. Payne Repairs	\$25,000
Replacement	Backflow Preventers - Various Sites	\$12,000
Replacement	E. C. Glass High School HVAC Equipment Controls	\$4,800
Roofing	Heritage High School Baseball Dugout Repairs	<u>\$2,000</u>
	Total	\$324,800

Upon MOTION by Mr. McHenry, SECONDED by Mrs. Tweedy, the school board approved the capital improvement projects to occur this summer in the amount of \$324,800.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

G. Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Brabrand extended his appreciation to Dr. Larry A. Massie for being guest speaker at the graduation ceremony for the Amelia Pride Center. There are five additional students who will graduate from the Fort Hill Community Center on June 6, 2012.

Dr. Brabrand announced that Merle P. Herndon, director of professional development and school business partnerships, will begin her new position as superintendent for Halifax County Public Schools on July 2, 2012.

H. Board Comments

Mr. White recognized the retirement of Jim Ackley, who served as drama director at E. C. Glass High School for 32 years.

I-1. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Mr. McHenry, SECONDED by Mr. Billingsly, the school board convened a closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3411 (A) (1) (2) (7) to discuss employee assignments, a student discipline matter, and to receive a legal briefing by staff about pending litigation.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

I-2. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Rev. Anderson, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, the school board reconvened in open session at 9:57 p.m.

Yes Votes: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Mr. Billingsly, SECONDED by Mr. McHenry, 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: Mr. White, Mrs. Tweedy, Rev. Anderson, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Billingsly, Mr. McHenry, Ms. Poore, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

J. Informational Items

Graduation Exercises:

E. C. Glass High School
June 8, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
Civic Auditorium

Heritage High School
June 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Ralph Spencer Field House

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Charles B. White, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk