

**Lynchburg City School Board
Work Session
August 20, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Susan D. Morrison, Chair
James E. Coleman, Vice Chair
Robert O. Brennan
Sharon Y. Carter
Belle H. Evans
Atul Gupta
Gary E. Harvey
Michael J. Nilles
Kimberly A. Sinha**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

**Crystal M. Edwards, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Deputy Superintendent
Kimberly Lukanich, Chief Financial Officer
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel
Christi Meservy, Clerk**

MEDIA PRESENT: News & Advance

Discussion Items:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Equity Task Force Presentation**
- 3. School Admission Policy JEC-R,(Z),**
- 4. Notice of Closed Meeting**
- 5. Certification of Closed Meeting**
- 6. Adjournment**

1. Call to Order

The Lynchburg City School Board met for a work session at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building. Mrs. Morrison called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Dr. Nilles, the school board approved the August 20, 2019 School Board Work Session agenda.

Yes Votes: Dr. Brennan, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Gupta, Gary Harvey, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Nilles, Dr. Sinha

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

2. Equity Task Force Presentation

Several people from the Equity Task Force spoke regarding the LCS volunteer policy. Currently the policy reads: 'Anyone convicted of a felony offense will be disqualified from volunteer activities'. The Equity Task Force believes that if an offender has served their sentence, they should be allowed to return to the community and have a fair opportunity to serve in this capacity. The Task Force recommends no restrictions on volunteering. It was determined by the entire board that it is time to revisit the policy and regulations of our volunteers.

3. School Admission Policy JEC-R.(Z).

Currently LCS allows a maximum of 10 foreign exchange student to attend EC Glass and Heritage High Schools. The board feels that this is a wonderful experience for the local students, for the exchange student, and the host families. This program has been handled too loosely in the past, allowing the third party who handles the program to charge for and charge whatever they want. It was recommended that there be more transparency regarding the third party handling this program. These companies need to register with LCS and pay a registration fee. Dr. Edwards will be interviewing each student. The board has been given 3 questions to answer and return to admission committee.

4. Additional Items/Comments

Dr. Copeland handed each board member a CD for review regarding SafeSchools.

Mrs. Morrison mentioned that the next board meeting will be held on September 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Notice of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Carter, the school board convened a closed meeting at 6:58 p.m. to discuss the following:

As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1), the school board needs to convene a closed meeting for the purpose of appointment or promotion of particular officers, appointees or employees.

The school board Chair recommends that the school board approve a motion to convene a closed meeting, as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1), for the purpose of appointment or promotion of particular officers, appointees or employees.

Yes Votes: Dr. Brennan, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Gupta, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Nilles, Dr. Sinha

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

6. Certification of Closed Meeting

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Ms. Carter, the school board reconvened in open session at 7:33 p.m.

Yes Votes: Dr. Brennan, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Gupta, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Nilles, Dr. Sinha

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Dr. Sinha, SECONDED by Mrs. Evans, the school board approved by roll call vote the following Certification of Closed Meeting:

The board Chair moves that the Lynchburg School Board certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in a closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.

Yes Votes: Dr. Brennan, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Evans, Dr. Gupta, Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Nilles, Dr. Sinha

No Votes: None


Abstentions: None

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Susan D. Morrison, Chair



Christi Meservy, Clerk