

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Public Budget Hearing  
October 29, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

James Coleman, Vice Chairman  
Robert Brennan  
Sharon Carter  
Belle Evans  
Atul Gupta  
Gary Harvey  
Michael Nilles

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Susan Morrison, Chair  
Kimberly Sinha

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Crystal Edwards, Superintendent  
Ben Copeland, Assistant Superintendent  
Kimberly Lukanich, Chief Financial Officer  
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel  
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Special Education Director  
Matthew Mason, Principal  
Cindy Babb  
Janenne Daniels-Bosher  
LaKerria Carouthers  
Tina Cooley  
David Knaus  
Jason Shelton  
Denise Spinner  
Sherri Steele  
Eleanor Webb  
Dashia Womack  
Christi Meservy, Clerk

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Olivia Johnson, *The News & Advance*  
Santiago Melli-Huber, *XFR*

**Agenda Items:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Budget Discussions
- C. Adjournment

**A. Call to Order**

The Lynchburg City School Board conducted its public budget hearing at 5:00 p.m. in the Marie Waller Lecture Hall at E.C. Glass High School. Dr. James Coleman, Vice Chair.

**B. Budget Discussions**

Dr. Edwards started the hearing by informing everyone of the Budget Development Process. It takes involvement from:

- City Council
- School Board
- Families & Community
- Administration & Central Office
- Staff & Schools

Dr. Edwards listed the LCS budget priorities and the LCS strategic plan.

- Student Growth, Development, & Success – New & Innovative Programs
- Personnel Growth, Development & Success – Talented Workforce & Competitive Salaries
- Fiscal Responsibility & Management – Renovated Schools & Athletic Facilities
- Family & Community Engagement – Work Based Learning in the Community

Everyone divided up into tables and came up with a list of budget priorities. These lists were read out loud to the entire group. The lists included the following:


- Governor's School
- Mental Health/Behavioral Issues
- Guidance Counselor's Hours

Empathy Training  
Support Staff Training  
AP Classes  
Arts Facility  
Safety  
Teacher Retention  
CIP-Property Development  
Improving Out Community Relationship

Next Step-Annual Budget Calendar

**C. Adjournment**

The Public Budget Hearing was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
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Susan Morrison, Chair

  
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Christi Meservy, Clerk

