

**Lynchburg City School Board  
Annual Organizational Meeting  
July 07, 2015**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Mary Ann Hoss, Chairman  
J. Marie Waller, Vice Chairman  
Sharon Y. Carter  
James E. Coleman  
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell  
Michael J. Nilles  
Derek L. Polley  
Jennifer R. Poore  
Katie K. Snyder

**BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent  
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration  
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer  
April M. Bruce, Director of Testing, Gifted, and Guidance  
Jason J. Ferguson, Director of Transportation  
Steven L. Gatzke, Director of Facilities  
Marie F. Gee, Director of Personnel  
Marianne Turner, Director of Student Services  
Michael K. Rudder, Director of School Improvement  
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director of Special Education  
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**MEDIA  
PRESENT:**

Katrina Dix, *The News & Advance*

**Agenda  
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The Lynchburg City School Board met for its reorganization at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Brabrand opened the meeting and requested that those in attendance stand and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*. The floor was then given to the clerk to begin proceedings for nominations for chairman of the school board.

**A-1. Election of Chairman of the School Board: 2015-16**

In accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary that the school board reorganize for the 2015-16 school year. The process of reorganization begins with the election of the chairman of the school board for 2015-16.

Dr. Dolan-Sewell nominated Ms. Hoss for chairman of the school board for the 2015-16 school year. There were no further nominations.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Dr. Coleman, nominations for chairman of the school board were closed.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board elected Ms. Mary Ann Hoss as chairman of the school for board the 2015-16 school year in accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Waller

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-2. Election of the Vice Chairman of the School Board: 2015-16**

In accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary that the school board reorganize for the 2015-16 school year. The process of reorganization requires the election of the vice chairman of the school board for 2015-16.

Mrs. Snyder nominated Ms. Waller for vice chairman of the school board for the 2015-16 school year. There were no further nominations.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, nominations for vice chairman of the school board were closed.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, Ms. J. Marie Waller was elected vice chairman of the school board for the 2015-16 school year in accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-3. Appointment of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk: 2015-16**

In accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary that the school board reorganize for the 2015-16 school year. The process of reorganization requires that the school board appoint a clerk and may appoint a deputy clerk for terms of one year.

The superintendent recommended the following appointments:

Clerk of the School Board

Wendie L. Sullivan

Deputy Clerk of the School Board

Barbara W. Saunders

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board appointed Mrs. Wendie L. Sullivan as clerk of the school board and Mrs. Barbara W. Saunders as deputy clerk of the school board for the 2015-16 school year.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-4. Appointment of the Agent and Deputy Agent: 2015-16**

In accordance with Section 22.1-122 (B) of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary that the school board reorganize for the 2015-16 school year. The process of reorganization requires that the school board appoint an agent and may appoint a deputy agent for terms of one year.

The superintendent recommended the following appointments:

Agent for the School Board

Anthony E. Beckles, Sr.

Deputy Agent for the School Board

Kimberly D. Lukanich

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board appointed Mr. Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., as the agent and Mrs. Kimberly D. Lukanich as deputy agent for the school board for the 2015-16 school year.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015, EXHIBIT "A," FOR A COPY OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA §22.1-122.)

**A-5. Appointment of the Designee of the Division Superintendent: 2015-16**

In accordance with Section 22.1-76 of the Code of Virginia, it is necessary that the school board reorganize for the 2015-16 school year. The process of reorganization requires that the school board approve a designee for the division superintendent to attend meetings of the school board in the absence or inability to attend by the superintendent.

The superintendent recommended John C. McClain, assistant superintendent for student learning and success, as the designee.

Upon MOTION by Ms. Poore, SECONDED by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, the school board appointed Dr. John C. McClain as designee of the division superintendent for the 2015-16 school year.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-6. Dates, Meeting Time, and Location for the School Board Meetings: 2015-16**

Annually, the school board establishes the meeting dates, time, and location for the regular school board meetings. During the 2014-15 school year, the school board conducted its meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. With school board approval, meetings for 2015-16 will follow the 2014-15 schedule.

No adjustments were made to this year's schedule, and all meetings will occur on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Upon MOTION by Ms. Waller, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board established the meeting dates as the first and third Tuesday of each month and established the meeting time at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-7. Election of School Board Representative: LAUREL School Board**

Each school year the school board elects a school board member to represent the Lynchburg City Schools on the LAUREL School Board. In addition, the school board elects an alternate member to represent the school division as necessary.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board elected Ms. J. Marie Waller to represent the Lynchburg City School Board on the LAUREL School Board, and Dr. Michael J. Nilles, as alternate representative.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-8. Election of the School Board Representative: Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology governing Board**

The school board elects a school board member to represent the Lynchburg City Schools on the Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology Governing Board each year. In addition, the school board elects an alternate to represent the school division as necessary.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board elected Ms. Jennifer R. Poore to represent the Lynchburg City School Board on the Central Virginia Governor's School Board, and Mr. Derek L. Polley as alternate representative.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**A-9. Election of School Board Representative: Governor's Regional XLR8 STEM Academy**

The school board elects a school board member to represent the Lynchburg City Schools on the Governor's Regional XLR8 STEM Academy Governing Board each year. In addition, the school board elects an alternate to represent the school division as necessary.

Upon MOTION by Ms. Poore, SECONDED by Mrs. Snyder, the school board elected Dr. Regina T. Dolan-Sewell to represent the Lynchburg City School Board on the Governor's Regional XLR8 STEM Academy, and Ms. Sharon Y. Carter as alternate representative.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board replaced item D-2. Personnel Report on its school board meeting agenda.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

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. Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, Inc.: Update**

Mrs. Jodi K. Gillette, executive director of the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, Inc., provided information about the history of the Foundation and the events and activities sponsored by its members during the past school year. That presentation is as follows:

*The LCS Education Foundation was founded in 1985 with the mission of encouraging innovation in the classroom and to raise public funds above and beyond public revenues. We work to secure financial support from individuals and businesses for selected projects and programs which are consistent with the goals and priorities of the Lynchburg City School Board. We are happy to inform you that we had a very successful year and I am proud to share the following accomplishments with you:*

*During the 2014-2015 school year, the LCS Education Foundation*

- *Awarded 47 Classroom Innovation Grants totaling \$74,229.95 bringing our grant total since the start of this program to \$555,478. Funding for our 2014-2015 grants came from individual donors as well as 53 corporate sponsors, including 8 new sponsors.*
  - *We awarded 43 standard Classroom Innovation Grants at funding levels between \$500 and \$2000, and we offered 4 Master Classroom Innovation Grants with funding up to \$5000 each.*
  - *Our Annual Classroom Innovation Grants Reception was held at EC Glass High School on Wednesday May 6th to recognize our grant recipients, showcase their projects, and thank our grant supporters. Teachers, sponsors, principals, school administrators, DARTS, school board members, city leadership, and Foundation Trustees were invited to see the impressive projects developed with these funds.*
  - *The grants reception was once again catered by the culinary arts students at EC Glass High School which provided another platform for the division to showcase one of the many wonderful career tech programs.*
  - *We thank our grant review team of Anne Berry, Ethel Coles, Wyllys Vanderwerker, Doug Wickham, and our chairman Dr. Jay McClain, who committed time and offered their expertise to our grant review process to ensure that all approved grants were of academic value and beneficial to the students.*
- *Our **Tools4Schools** Warehouse continues to grow.*
  - *We received additional sponsored funding this past year allowing us to leverage \$16,300 into more than \$114,910 worth of materials for our teachers and students.*
  - *Over \$9,000 in new funding was secured through grants specifically targeted to provide school supplies and backpacks to students in need. The Education Foundation was fortunate to be a \$5,000 recipient of the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust Youth Philanthropy grant, a CSX grant, a Norfolk Southern Grant, and individual donations specifically designated for our backpack program. Last school year, we assembled 100 bags of school supplies for students at the elementary level. Several more school supplies and backpacks were delivered at middle school and high school on an 'as requested' basis. Boxed school supplies were delivered to the middle schools.*
  - *This year we are assembling 879 school supply kits for our elementary school students in need with 300 backpacks being distributed with these kits. We are working with the school division to continue to develop the distribution process and this program and exploring ways to keep this effort sustainable.*
  - *We also received material donations from various supply drives, individuals, businesses & organizations. In addition, we continue to benefit from the hard work and dedication of Tracy Baker who diligently volunteers at the warehouse and is committed to making resources at the warehouse more accessible to a greater number of teachers. Ms. Baker continues to offer an online ordering system so teachers do not have to leave the classroom to get the supplies they need. Several times throughout the school year, Ms. Baker creates an inventory, issues it electronically to all teachers, and fills orders as they are submitted. The Warehouse staff has agreed to deliver these supplies to the schools as they make their usual runs. This is making supplies at the warehouse more accessible to more teachers. During the 2014-2015 school year, we completed 790 orders.*
- *In March, our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Breakfast with the Superintendent' was held at Lynchburg College with an audience of 442 business and community leaders. Dr. Brabrand was the featured speaker and his keynote address was entitled 'LCS & Workforce Development: Our Plan to Prepare Today's Talent for Tomorrow's Workplace.' Attendees enjoyed a patriotic start to the event with the Presentation of Colors by the Heritage High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC color Guard and an outstanding rendition of the National Anthem by the E. C. Glass High School Chamber Singers.*
- *On Sunday, May 3rd, the Foundation hosted our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Honors Recognition program. This event is our opportunity to recognize the top 15 graduating seniors from each high school. Philipp Gabathuler, a graduate of Lynchburg City Schools who has chosen to return to the area and make Lynchburg his home and works as an urban planner at Region 2000 Local Government Council, served as keynote speaker. Mr. Gabathuler wove a great story of his time in college and his adventures after graduation with many amusing remarks for our young graduates to help prepare these students with insight on what to expect as they face the next phase of their education.*

*This program was sponsored by Centra College of Nursing, Central Virginia Community College, Liberty University, Lynchburg College, and Randolph College and we thank each of them for honoring these students' accomplishments and making this special recognition possible.*

- *The Education Foundation awarded \$32,132 in scholarships to graduating seniors thanks to the ongoing support of Technical Management Resources, Taylor Brothers of Lynchburg, Belvac Production Machinery, and the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust. We also continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the Charlie and Mary Jane Pryor Excellence In Science Scholarship for \$25,000 awarded to one student who received an advanced studies high school diploma, possessed a GPA of 3.8 or higher, and will study in, and enter, a science-related field. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of four years for this scholarship. The Fees Engineering Scholarship awards tuition, books and fees to an E.C. Glass student who will attend the two year CVCC Engineering Technology Program and this is scholarship is for both years of this program including tuition, books and fees. Our scholarship program also benefited tremendously with four new scholarship sponsors this year: The Al Stroobants Foundation awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to students who are pursuing their education in a field of the trades. The James Howard Scholarship awarded one \$500 scholarship to a Heritage High School college bound football player as selected by his coach. The Lynchburg Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship awarded two \$216.22 scholarships to students with a passion for the written word, and the Orthodontic Arts Scholarship awarded one \$500 scholarship to a Heritage student who plans to advance their education in a field of nursing, dentistry, or medicine.*
- *The Foundation continues to work as advocates for the Lynchburg City Schools. We helped to fund marketing for 'Get to Know Your Schools,' an open house event showcasing our schools across the division that was held during National Education Week in November of 2014.*
- *We helped build camaraderie and team spirit by purchasing the T-shirts for the LCS team participating in the 10-miler which was not only an awesome fashion statement but also gave LCS, and the Ed Foundation, a little extra visibility, literally and figuratively as these tee shirts were day glow yellow.*
- *The Foundation also coordinated support for the Lynchburg City Schools during the city's budget season by arranging for speakers from various sectors of the community to speak to city council on the importance of public education in our community.*
- *We continue to work closely with the school division to advance the LCS mission. We also work with Partners in Education, Beacon of Hope, and the LCS/CVCC grant writer to maximize effectiveness of assistance to Lynchburg City Schools.*
- *The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation was very fortunate to partner with the Lynchburg Economic Development Authority to bring NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project's (AESP) STEM training to Lynchburg City School teachers for professional development credit and free of charge to the teachers. Training was held at Sandusky Middle School on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Training was both in-person and virtual. We had 31 LCS elementary and secondary teachers attend and courses ranged from an Engineering Design Challenge, Math with a NASA Twist, Robotics on a Budget, Thinking Outside the Classroom: Using the Outdoor Environment as a Textbook, R2R NICE Go Green, Digging into Geology with NASA Data. Teachers were also treated to a surprise visit from former home town astronaut Leland Melvin. We are once again most appreciative of John Kenney of Trax International for bringing this opportunity to our attention, to Lynchburg Economic Development Authority for advancing and sponsoring this initiative, and Anne Berry, Maria Jaeger, Dixie Sears & Tom Foster who worked from the School Division side to coordinate the required technology and make this training happen.*

*Unfortunately, we have had to forgo this year's NASA summer visit. The above mentioned team worked with NASA to provide professional development on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. With school starting earlier this year, these dates fall during the new teacher work days and just before all teachers return on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Although we had 40 teachers express interest in the program, when the date was announced actual registrations dropped to 15 and that was not enough to hold the program. We are hoping to identify another date to bring this tremendous professional development opportunity back to the Lynchburg City Schools.*

- *In addition to the above mentioned 'scheduled' events and programs, the Foundation stands ready to assist the school division however we can when needed.*

*For example, we served as the fiscal agent for Sandusky Middle School and other schools to receive special event grants from Kohls, for a \$15,000 grant from the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation for the LCS Strings program, the Virginia STAR Program for computers for LCS, and the Pauline F. Weeden Maloney Historic Marker to mark all of the ways this woman impacted the Lynchburg City Schools. We also coordinated over \$2,000 in donations for the Bass, Bedford Hills, and TC Miller elementary schools winter recovery effort after these schools received damage by the extra cold temperatures this past winter.*

*Funding has been secured for the newly launched James K. Candler Opportunity Fund that provides financial assistance to students with identified fiscal need who are capable of academic excellence but experience funding as a barrier to educational opportunities while still in the public school learning environment. Students who are*

*considering advanced academic programs, have qualified for national academic competitions, or have other earned scholastic opportunities will be eligible for support from this fund. We have just awarded our first set of Early College scholarships through this fund totaling \$4,676.50 in 7 scholarships awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. This figure represents 5 scholarships that brought student tuition to zero when combined with LCS funding and 2 scholarships that provided 25% of the tuition due to the students.*

- *Finally, as announced last year, the LCS Education Foundation worked with the City of Lynchburg and the Lynchburg Economic Development Authority (LEDA) to design an incentive program to attract great new math and science secondary educators to the city's schools in response for support by the superintendent. During the 2014-2015 school year, the maximum of 5 teachers received funding for this program that is a total value of \$8,000 to each teacher over 3 years, with an additional \$500 if they choose to live downtown.*

*The Education Foundation continues to work to grow all of our programs. We thank both the Lynchburg City School Board and the Lynchburg City Schools for the outstanding working relationship they offer. Thank you for all that you do for the students of Lynchburg and for allowing us to be part of your team.*

Members of the school board thanked Mrs. Gillette for her hard work and commitment to the Foundation and the teachers and students who benefit from this program.

#### **D. Consent Agenda**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Ms. Poore, the school board approved the school board meeting minutes of June 23, 2015 (Regular Meeting), and the personnel report for the period June 23 – July 7, 2015.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015, EXHIBIT "B," FOR A COPY OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.)

#### **E-1. Community Eligibility Provision**

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) was established by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and allows high poverty schools and school divisions to offer breakfast and lunch to students at no charge and without applications for free and reduced lunch. To be eligible, schools must meet a minimum of 40 percent identified students for free meals in the year prior to the implementation of the program. They must agree to serve free lunches and breakfasts to all students and not collect free and reduced price applications from households in participating schools. Schools must also agree to cover with non-federal funds costs of providing free meals to all students above the amounts provided in federal assistance.

Identified students are those who are directly certified (through data matching) for free meals because they are in foster homes, Head Start, homeless, migrant, runaways, or are living in households that participate in SNAP or TANF. All elementary schools, with the exception of Bedford Hills Elementary School, qualify for the CEP program. School divisions may implement CEP in one school, a group of schools, or division-wide. The original Identified Student Percentage is valid for four years, and the school division is protected against ISP decreases. However, if ISP increases over the four-year cycle, the school division may choose to be reimbursed at the higher claiming percentage. To renew participation after the fourth year, the school division must demonstrate that they still meet the ISP requirement for the participating schools.

School divisions may also elect to stop utilizing CEP at any time. Should this occur, they must notify their state agency and return to standard application, counting, and claiming procedures. The School Nutrition Program would bring its recommendations for CEP to the school board each year for review seeking the school board's perspectives and direction as the program moves forward.

Upon MOTION by Dr. Nilles, SECONDED by Dr. Coleman, the school board approved the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision program.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**F-1. School Nutrition Program: Meal Prices**

In order to meet the requirements of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010, school food authorities must continue to increase lunch prices to meet the difference between the current free reimbursement rate of \$3.06 and the paid reimbursement rate of \$0.28. Based on results from the completion of the “Paid Lunch Equity Tool,” a price increase is not mandatory for Lynchburg City Schools for the 2015-16 school year. This tool provides a weighted average price for paid meals served during the 2014-15 school year and calculates whether or not a price increase is necessary for the upcoming school year. This calculation allows schools to stay within required pricing as they continue to gradually raise prices over a period of years. The Paid Lunch Equity Tool appears as an attachment to this agenda report.

Based on the information provided in the Paid Lunch Equity Tool, the school division is not seeking a price increase for student lunches for the 2015-16 school year. Current LCS lunch prices remain close to ranges charged by neighboring counties:

School Division	Proposed Meal Price for Elementary Student Lunch	Proposed Meal Price for Secondary Student Lunch
Campbell County	1.90	2.05
Bedford County	2.20	2.45
Amherst County	2.05	2.25
<b>Lynchburg City</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>2.45</b>

For the 2015-16 school year, student meal prices will remain the same as indicated below.

Elementary		Middle and High		Reduced Price	
Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch
1.15	2.25	1.25	2.45	No Cost	.40

(SEE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT FILE, MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015, EXHIBIT “C,” FOR A COPY OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT.)

**F-2. Credit Recovery Academy**

During this presentation, the school administration provided information about a program designed to assist struggling students in attaining enough credits to keep them on track for graduation. Mr. Copeland, and representatives from the Boys and Girls Club, have been working together to create a program that will help students who are in tenth grade and above but who do not have the required number of credits that will keep them on track to graduate on time. This program would be housed at the Boys and Girls Club, and students would receive the necessary instructional assistant to get them back on track for graduation. Mr. Copeland explained that there are currently 37 rising tenth grade students who have fewer than five credits. These students would be the ones targeted for placement in this program. While plans are still preliminary, the school administration shared this information with the school board so that members were aware of this work and that there might be funding needs that would be brought to them for further discussion.

**G. Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Brabrand congratulated Ms. Hoss and Ms. Waller on their election as chairman and vice chairman, respectively. He also welcomed Ms. Carter and Mr. Polley to the school board.

Dr. Brabrand announced that there are more than 500 students participating in summer school programs that began yesterday. Programs include SOL academies, regular summer school courses, and remediation classes.

**H. Board Comments**

Dr. Coleman remarked that he is thankful for the previous leadership, newly elected leadership, the new school board members, and to be a part of public education in Lynchburg.

Dr. Nilles welcomed Mr. Polley and Ms. Carter and stated that he looks forward to working with them.

Mr. Polley thanked everyone for their warm, courteous welcome and he looks forward to the challenges ahead.

Ms. Carter also thanked everyone for their warm welcome, and she thanked city council for selecting her to serve as a school board member.



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Ms. Hoss thanked Dr. Dolan-Sewell for her leadership for the past two years. She also welcomed Mr. Polley and Ms. Carter, and she congratulated Ms. Waller on her election as vice chairman. She looks forward to working with her in the months ahead.

**I-1. Notice of Closed Meeting**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Dr. Nilles, the school board convened a closed meeting at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss employee performance.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Ms. Carter, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, Ms. Snyder

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Ms. Carter, Mr. Polley, Ms. Poore, and Mrs. Snyder left at 7:06 p.m.

**I-2. Certification of Closed Meeting**

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Dr. Dolan-Sewell, the school board reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.

Yes Votes: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Upon MOTION by Dr. Coleman, SECONDED by Dr. Nilles, 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: Ms. Hoss, Ms. Waller, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Dolan-Sewell, Dr. Nilles

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

**J. Informational Items**

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building

**K. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Mary Ann Hoss, Chairman

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Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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