

## MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Lee County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Ty Harber, Jr., *Chairman*, Kyle Chadwell, *Vice Chairman*, Bill Willis, *Donnie Brooks and John C. Marion, Board Members*; Mr. Fred Marion, *Superintendent*; Eleshia M. Fields, *Clerk*.

Mr. Greg Edwards led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to amend the agenda adding under action items, VI-F – ERIP 5.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and passed, with four ayes and one nay (Mr. Marion), the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 School Board Meeting.

### Delegations

Deborah Jerrell, parent, questioned the board's hiring of two physical therapy assistants before a physical therapist had been hired.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, replied that physical therapy assistants are easier to find and that a physical therapist has now been hired.

### Reports

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, read a letter from Governor Timothy M. Kaine recognizing February 2009 as Virginia School Board Association appreciation month. Mr. Marion presented board members, clerk and deputy clerks with certificates.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, asked that everyone recognize the week of February 2-6, 2009 as "National School Counselor Appreciation Week".

Mr. Ty Harber, Chairman, read a press release from Governor Timothy Kaine's office congratulating the VIP schools. The Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) incentive program was created by the Virginia Board of Education to recognize schools that were exceeding the State Testing Benchmarks.

Mr. Ernie Satterwhite, Standards of Learning Assessment Resource (SOLAR) Representative, gave a report on Benchmark Testing Assessments, saying that Lee County was in the top 10 in the State based on recent SOL testing performance and that other school divisions were using the Lee County model.

Mrs. Wandaleen Adams, Head Start Director, reported that the Lee County Head Start review had the Lee County program in compliance with "no corrective action". She expressed appreciation for the Head Start program, teachers and staff.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, reported that we have missed eleven days and that as of now we will be having spring break; but if more days are missed for inclement weather we would have to take another look at the calendar.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the total school enrollment as of January 31, 2009 was 3,428 students, a decrease of 35 students from last year and an increase of 11 more than last month.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the financial report.

### **Action Agenda Items**

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve Policy up-dates I05 as presented by Rod Griffith.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve a Waiver of Pre-Labor Day Opening School Request 2009-2010 as presented by Rod Griffith.

Upon motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed the Board voted to accept a check for \$506.00 reimbursement from a Head Start Training Grant, as presented by Wandaleen Adams.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed the Board voted to approve the 2009 Proposed Gifted Summer Programs as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Chadwell, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve payment of bills.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Marion, Superintendent, to make revisions to the Early Retirement Incentive Plan 5 with the deadline being March 1, 2009.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Marion and unanimously passed, the Board voted to convene in a closed session to consider personnel Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 2.2-3711(A) (2) and 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia to consider discipline of a student, personnel, and consultation with legal counsel.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to reconvene in open session and affirm that only matters permitted under the Code of Virginia sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), and 2.2-3711(A)(2) and 2.2-3711(A)(7) were heard, discussed, or considered.

Mrs. Eleshia Fields, clerk, took a roll call of the members of the Board pursuant to section 2.2-3712(d) of the Virginia Code, certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement under the Freedom of Information Act and only the public business matters

as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

<b>Mr. Chadwell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Brooks</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Willis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Harber</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Marion</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously passed, the Board voted in reference to student A and B to follow the recommendation of the principal. In reference to student C to receive a 10 day suspension effective February 11, 2009 thru February 24, 2009 and return to school on February 25, 2009, with no extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve early graduation at Thomas Walker for four students and a fifth student pending parent permission.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the following new personnel as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

**Jessica Newman**, teacher at Lee High School, effective January 28, 2009  
**Casey Sturgill**, special education teacher at Lee High School, effective January 28, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the following transfer as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

**Doug Ely**, from teacher assistant at Jonesville Middle School to Special Education teacher at Jonesville Middle School, effective February 02, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to accept resignations from the following

**Josh Fleenor**, bus driver at Pennington Middle School, effective January 29, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to accept retirements as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

**Mildred Brewer**, special education aide at Dryden Elementary School, effective July 01, 2009  
**Susie Vandergriff**, classroom teacher at Lee High School, effective July 01, 2009

**Carolyn Moles**, special education aide at Thomas Walker High School, effective July 01, 2009  
**Paula Wolfe**, classroom teacher at Elk Knob Elementary School, effective July 01, 2009  
**Pat Reed**, classroom teacher at Elydale Elementary School, effective July 01, 2009  
**Deborah Jessee**, classroom teacher at Lee High School, effective July 01, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the following leave of absence as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

**Jerry Hounshell**, principal at Ewing Elementary, leave of absence beginning January 06, 2009 and continuing through January 19, 2009  
**Casey Chavez**, head start teacher at Dryden I, leave of absence beginning March 09, 2009 and continuing through January 19, 2009  
**Eddie Garrett**, custodian at Lee Career & Technical Center, leave of absence beginning January 26, 2009 and continuing through February 18, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the following substitutes as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WITH DEGREES**

**Parkey, Daryl**  
**Williams, Whitney**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WITH SOME COLLEGE**

**Hall, Lana**  
**Herrell, Vilene**  
**Myers, Anthony**  
**Seiber, Scott**  
**Woodard, Julie**  
**Zumbrum, Rebecca**

**SUBSTITUTE NURSE**

**Davis, Sondra**

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to adjourn until Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting at the School Board Office.

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Chairman

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Date

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Clerk

