

## MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Lee County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 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. Donnie Williams led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Brooks, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 School Board Meeting.

### Delegations

Lora Woods, Chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, spoke to the Board regarding a project they have been working on for each elementary school. The committee displayed a "Learning Barn" containing books promoting the study of agriculture. One will be delivered to each of the elementary schools.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, expressed appreciation to Mountain States Foundation for the donation of 27 copies of the book, *The Crow and the Snow*, three to each of the nine elementary schools.

### Reports

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, presented a certificate and check to the Breakfast Art Contest Winners.

Nancy Britton, Gifted Coordinator, spoke to the Board regarding the Gifted Education Annual Report that will be presented to the advisory board.

Ryan Elswick, with Sunset Digital, presented a reimbursement check from the Universal Service Fund for \$74,588.00 to Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, read a letter from Dr. Patricia I. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, acknowledging the contributions to education that Lee County has made. Mr. Marion, Superintendent, presented certificates for 2009 Title I Distinguished Schools to Mr. Jerry Hounshell, Ewing Elementary, Mr. Brian Dean, St. Charles Elementary, Mrs. Tara Williams, Elydale Elementary.

Mr. Ty Harber, School Board Chairman, read a letter from Dr. Patricia I. Wright, acknowledging the school division's contributions to education and congratulating Lee County Public Schools for being selected to receive a 2009 Title I Distinguished School

Division Award. Mr. Harber, presented Mr. Marion, Superintendent, with a certificate from the Virginia Department of Education.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave a security report with an overall good report. Mr. Marion added that he thought we needed to do better. Board members expressed concern with reports of some of the schools. Mr. Marion, Superintendent, stated that Sheriff Gary Parsons would offer recommendations and information at the administrative in-services this summer.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, said the Career and Technical Education Annual Performance Report was in the board members packet for their information.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy GBA/JFHA as recommended by the Virginia School Board Association.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the total school enrollment as of April 30, 2009 was 3,389 students, a decrease of 45 students from last year and 23 less than last month.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the financial report.

### **Action Agenda Items**

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve summer school as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the low paint bid from Myers Lumber Company, as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to renew the contract with Tri-State Complete Chemical and Paper with no increase for janitorial supplies, as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to renew the contract with Wright Pest Elimination for the same rate as last year, as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to accept the low bid from Virginia School Board Association for Property and Casualty Insurance as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$860,000.00 for the self-funded health insurance fund as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

Upon motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed the Board voted to approve Anthem (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) for employee Health Insurance for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by Rod Griffith

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board approved the receipt of a stimulus grant for Head Start as presented by Wandaleen Adams, Head Start Director.

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

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

*Erin Garrett*, itinerant interpreter for Lee County Public Schools, effective April 20, 2009

*Terry Anderson*, speech language pathologist for Lee County Public Schools, effective July 31, 2009

*Tim McElyea*, teacher at Thomas Walker High School, effective July 01, 2009

*Chris Sutphin*, teacher at Thomas Walker High School, effective July 01, 2009

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

*Ester Brindle*, cook at Ewing Elementary School, effective July 01, 2009

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

*Patricia Reed*, classroom teacher at Elydale Elementary School, intermittent leave of absence beginning March 10, 2009 and continuing through June 09, 2009

*James Myers*, teacher at Dryden Elementary School, leave of absence beginning March 30, 2009 and continuing through May 15, 2009

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to award continuing contract to *Marty Seabolt*, as recommended by Mr. Marion, Superintendent

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

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WITH DEGREES**

**Austin, William (pending paperwork)**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WITH SOME COLLEGE**

**Ealy, Heather  
Roberts, Michelle**

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

**Decarlo, Michelle**

**SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS**

**Caudill, Debra  
Warf, Todd**

**SUBSTITUTE COOKS**

**Decarlo, Michelle**

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

*Regina Moore*, annual coach (50%) Lee High School, effective 2008-2009 school year

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave a report on the Standards of Learning (SOL) testing program. He reported that the preliminary scores are excellent. Mr. Marion discussed cost cutting measures, including realignment of selected schools.

Upon motion by Mr. Chadwell, seconded by Mr. Marion, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Marion, Superintendent, to do a study within the schools and communities to get feedback on realignment of the schools. Mr. Willis abstained.

Upon motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to adjourn until Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting at the School Board Office.

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Chairman

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Clerk