

MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Lee County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 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. Kelly Chadwell led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009, School Board Meeting.

Delegations/Public Expression

Mrs. Debbie Jessee, President of the Lee County Educational Association, presented the Art Contest Winners for American Education Week. Students participated from Headstart thru grade five.

Reports

Mr. Kelly Chadwell, teacher with the STEP program gave a presentation on the Top-Teen Outreach Program.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, recognized St. Charles Elementary as being #8 out of 1,050 schools in Virginia. He said, this speaks well of Mr. Dean and his staff.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the total school enrollment as of November 30, 2009 was 3,385 students, an increase of 5 students from last month and 47 less than this time last year.

Mr. Marion, Superintendent, gave the financial report.

Mr. Rod Griffith, Director of Secondary Education, presented a draft copy of the school calendar for 2010–2011 to the Board Members. The calendar will be considered for approval at the January Board Meeting.

Action Agenda Items

Mr. Rod Griffith, Director of Secondary Education, presented State policy updates.

Upon motion by Mr. Chadwell, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to adopt State Policy BFC – Option 1, this policy has been in place for the past 10 years.

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to adopt Policy KN as presented by Mr. Griffith.

The Board asked Mr. Griffith to seek input on the development of guidelines concerning the use of tobacco by employees on school property.

Upon motion by Mr. Chadwell, seconded by Mr. Marion, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the overnight trip for Lee County Career & Technical Center.

Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to approve the Superintendent/School Board Working Agreement, as presented by Mr. Marion, Superintendent.

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

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), of the Code of Virginia.

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

Mrs. Eleshia M. 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 requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only the public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

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

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

Marietta Allen, bus driver, effective December 01, 2009

Tammy Wade, paraprofessional at Dryden Elementary School, effective December 01, 2009

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

Gerald Dale Lee, Jr., classroom teacher at Thomas Walker High School, effective January 01, 2010

Karen Bullion, special education teacher at Flatwoods Elementary, effective December 18, 2009

Jack Spiers, classroom teacher at Thomas Walker High School, effective January 04, 2010

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

Kimberly Poe, leave of absence beginning October 16, 2009 and continuing through January 04, 2010

Mark Jarnigan, leave of absence beginning November 06, 2009 and continuing through approximately August 01, 2010

Autumn Middleton, leave of absence beginning January 04, 2010 and continuing through approximately March 22, 2010

Andrea Lowe Eldridge, leave of absence beginning November 09, 2009 and continuing through February 26, 2010

Lisa Phipps, leave of absence beginning December 01, 2009 and continuing through December 18, 2009

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

Chester Riggs, assistant football coach at Lee High School, effective 2009-2010 school year

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

Substitutes with Degrees

Ashley R. Bruner

Substitutes with some College

Jessica Collins

James Eads

Ashley Longworth

Lenna Parsons

Substitute Custodians

**Mark Bush
Ashley Hill
Kenneth Truesdell
Kevin Williams**

Substitute Nurses

Carmen Dye-Wuerdeman

Substitute Cooks

**Ashley Hill
Ashley Longworth**

Substitute Bus Drivers

**Cody Ridings
Jennifer Roberts**

Upon motion by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Chadwell, and passed with four ayes and Mr. Brooks voted no, the Board voted to adjourn until Thursday, January 07, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office for the regular meeting.

Chairman

Date

Clerk