

Lexington City Schools  
Minutes  
November 4, 2020

The Lexington City School board met on November 4, 2020, at 5:30 pm via Zoom video conference. Present: Timothy Diette, Owen Collins, Tammy Dunn, Mollie Fox, Glenn Sullivan, Rebecca Walters-Superintendent, Stephanie Burch-Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Fox, the Board approved the Agenda.

Communications: Dr. Keesee, Principal at Lylburn Downing Middle School recognized the two retirees from his school: Leigh Mayo spent her career of 30 years as a teacher at Lylburn Downing Middle School and was also the BETA club sponsor; Carol Koch was the Secretary at Lylburn Downing Middle School for the past 7 years. Dr. Keesee thanked them for their service and wished them both the best.

Stephanie Burch, Board Clerk, recognized those Board members who serve and dedicate their time and efforts to support the successes and betterment of the Lexington City Schools and the families of our community with the VSBA Academy Awards. The Virginia School Board Association recognizes board members for their dedication, time and hard work in improving boardmanship skills through VSBA meetings, conferences, board development and training, and active involvement in the association. VSBA members earn credits for VSBA Academy Awards which are based on participation from July 1 to June 30 of each year. There are five levels of awards, with certificates and pins awarded for particular levels. Tonight, the following individuals have earned recognition for the 2019-2020 school year:

Tammy Dunn, Owen Collins and Mollie Fox - earning a Certificate of Recognition  
Rebecca Walters - earning the Award of Achievement and a bronze VSBA pin  
Tim Diette - earning the Award of Excellence and a silver VSBA pin

Thank you and Congratulations!

Upon motion of Ms. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board approved the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of October 14, October 15, 2020  
October Payroll \$313,282.15  
October Expendables \$410,632.81  
FY 20-21 YTD Expenditures \$2,227,129.60  
Petty Cash  
Day of Gratitude Letter

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Walters asked Ms. Camden, Principal at H. Waddell Elementary School, to give an update on the return of Kindergarten and First graders. Ms. Camden reported that there is a total of 104

students in the building at this time and the students appear to be happy and are doing a good job keeping masks on and remembering to wash hands and practice social distancing. They are meeting the expectations of all the rules. Students are doing a great job on the chrome books. Ms. Camden also gave a shout out to the custodians who are doing an excellent job. Attendance has been good. Fourth and fifth graders return in a week.

Brittney Campbell, School nurse at H. Waddell Elementary School, gave an update on the return to school also. Things are going well students seem to be very positive and glad to be back in school. They are remembering to mask up every morning and stand on the dots and airplane arms which allows them to social distance. They have had no major illnesses thus far.

Mr. White, Director of Transportation and Student Services, gave an update on the return to school. Transportation is going very well. They are allowing one rider per seat with a total of 19 riders per trip. They have had 19 fourth and fifth graders sign up to ride when they return. Mr. Blevins, the bus driver, is very professional and very flexible. He cleans the bus after each run and has assigned seats. Mr. White also gave a huge shout out to all of our custodians and the great job that they are doing at keeping our schools cleaned and sanitized. We have also been working on and installed a new "Inforce 911" system that is used in catastrophic events. It has been downloaded on most teachers' computers and allows an alert to go out to all local authorities and law enforcement in our area in case of a real life situation. Mobile phone apps are voluntary which allows alerts and text messages on your personal cell phone.

Ms. Walters met with Dr. Kornegay on Tuesday and she feels that our schools are safe for all to return with the mitigations that are in place. Dr. Kornegay said there were no indications not to be able to move forward.

Ms. Walters went over her annual goals as a Superintendent. She gave an update on our division technology plan. She will be working with the division equity team and will keep the Board updated. Michelle Dittman, teacher, is on this team.

Mr. Glenn Sullivan will be attending the Rockbridge County School Board meeting next week.

No Ad Hoc updates.

The VSBA virtual conference will be held November 18-20, 2020. Timothy Diette, Tammy Dunn and Mollie Fox will be attending virtually.

The Lexington City Schools next Board meeting will be December 9, 2020, at 5:30 via Zoom. It will be a Public Hearing on the Budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Board approved the appointment of Cameron Sowers as a Paraprofessional at H. Waddell Elementary School and Brittney Schrepf as a Substitute Teacher.

Upon motion of Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Board Chair

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Board Clerk