

**Lexington City Schools**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2021**

The Lexington City School Board met on May 12, 2021, at 5:30 pm, in the H. Waddell Elementary School Cafeteria at 100 Pendleton Place, Lexington, VA 24450. Present: Dr. Timothy Diette, Dr. Mollie Fox, Mrs. Tammy Dunn, Dr. Glenn Sullivan, Mrs. Rebecca Walters, Superintendent, and Mrs. Julie Nicely, Deputy Clerk. Absent: Mr. Owen Collins.

Dr. Diette, School Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Upon motion of Dr. Fox, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the Board approved the Agenda.

**Communications:** Mrs. Walters recognized Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week for 2020-2021, School Nurse Day and the VASS-VSBA Resolution to recognize 2021 Superintendents of the Year. Dr. Diette read the Resolution naming Mrs. Walters as such.

**Public Comment:** Dr. Culp addressed the Board regarding sports cancellation during the Covid pandemic and the hazards of mask wearing. Mary Beth Manjerovic addressed the Board regarding mask wearing and administrative response to parents.

**Consent Agenda:** Upon motion of Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes (April 14, 2021 and April 15, 2021)
- Approval of April Payroll in the amount of \$367,988.74
- Approval of April Payables in the amount of \$295,254.51 \*YTD transactions in the amount of \$6,103,065.98
- Approval of Petty Cash Reports
- Approval of Renewal Tuition Applications for 2021-2022
- Approval of Gifted Advisory Committee Members
- Personnel:  
Resignations: Melanie Camden, H. Waddell Elementary School Principal; Jaime Spencer, H. Waddell Elementary School Part-Time Reading Specialist; Kim Hickman, H. Waddell Elementary School Teacher; Briana Grant, H. Waddell Elementary School K-2 Art Teacher and Special Education Paraprofessional  
Appointments: Cheryl Elliott, Lylburn Downing Middle School Secretary; Rose Covington, H. Waddell Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional for 2021-2022; Robert Morris, H. Waddell Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional for 2021-2022; Rachel Funkhouser, Lylburn Downing Middle school Math and Algebra I Teacher for 2021-22
- Enrollment Update: H. Waddell Elementary School (as of 5/7/21)-315 students; Lylburn Downing Middle School (as of 5/7/21)-165 students; 2020-2021 LCS enrollment numbers for Rockbridge County High School as of 3/31/21 for ADM Purposes: 153 students

**Instruction:** Mrs. Walters outlined the plan for Summer School 2021 for H. Waddell Elementary School current grade levels K-5th: June 21-24, June 28-July 1, July 12-15 and July 19-22 from 8:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday with 10 students per grade level participating. Focus will be on strengthening academic skills in the areas of Math and Reading while supporting continued academic growth in preparation for next school year. Parents will receive a summer school progress report. There will also be a

“Jumpstart K” program July 12-15 and July 19-22 8:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday for 10 rising Kindergarten students based on Kindergarten screening results. Focus will be on school routines, building orientation, social skills, cooperative play and academic skills in Reading and Math. Parents will receive a summer school progress report.

Mrs. Walters outlined the plan for Summer School 2021 for Lylburn Downing Middle School for current grade levels 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>: June 21-24, June 28-July 1, July 12-15 and July 19-22 from 8:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday. 25 students will be invited to participate with a focus on English and Math skills/concepts. Parents will receive a standards based report card.

Mrs. Walters introduced Dr. Abbott Keesee, Lylburn Downing Middle School Principal, to give an overview of course offerings for Lylburn Downing Middle School for 2021-2022. Dr. Keesee presented to the Board a new Exploratory program and new science course offerings.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Mrs. Walters reported on End-of-Year events for Lexington City Schools: 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Transition Event on 5/04/21; outdoor Lylburn Downing Middle School Spring Band Concert on 5/26/21 at 6:30pm; H. Waddell Elementary School Field Days on 6/01/21 and 6/02/21; Lylburn Downing Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic Celebration on 6/03/21 at LDMS/Richardson Park; Lylburn Downing Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation on 6/04/21 at 3pm at Rockbridge County High School Stadium; H. Waddell Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation on 6/03/21; Rockbridge County High School Graduation on 6/04/21 at 5:30pm at RCHS Stadium.

Mrs. Walters also provided the Board with Budget Updates.

**School Board:** Rockbridge County Schools held their Board Meeting on 5/11/21. The next Lexington City Schools’ Board Meeting will be 6/09/21 at 5:30pm with location to be determined. There were no Ad Hoc Committee Reports. RCHS graduation will take place on 6/04/21 at 5:30pm at the RCHS Stadium with a rain date of 6/05/21 at 11:00am.

**Closed Session:** Per Virginia Code 2.2-3711, Section A, Paragraph One, at 6:05pm, the Board went into Closed Session upon motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Fox, to discuss the Superintendent’s Contract. Closed session ended at 6:12pm and Dr. Diette called the Board meeting back to order. A roll call vote was taken by the Deputy Clerk with affirmatives from Dr. Diette, Mrs. Dunn, Dr. Fox and Dr. Sullivan certifying that “to the best of each member’s knowledge only public business matters identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard”.

**Board Action:** Upon motion of Dr. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Dunn, the Board approved personnel action for the Superintendent’s Contract.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Fox, the Board adjourned at 6:19pm.

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Board Chair

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Deputy Clerk