

**Lexington City Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021**

The Lexington City School Board met on November 10, 2021, at 5:30 pm, in the Lylburn Downing Middle School Cafeteria at 302 Diamond Street, Lexington, VA 24450. Present: Dr. Timothy Diette, Ms. Tammy Dunn, Ms. Katie Shester, Mr. Michael Saunders, Ms. Rebecca Walters, Superintendent, and Ms. Julie Nicely, Deputy Clerk. Absent: Dr. Mollie Fox.

Dr. Diette, School Board Chair, called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm. There were no comments.

Dr. Diette, School Board Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Board approved the Agenda with the following addition to the Superintendent's Report: Covid-19 updates.

Communications:

Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) 2021 Academy Awards were presented as follows:

Award of Recognition (15 credits/year) earning a certificate: Dr. Timothy Diette, Dr. Mollie Fox, Mr. Owen Collins

Award of Achievement (24 credits/year) earning a certificate and bronze pin: Ms. Tammy Dunn and Ms. Rebecca Walters

Public Comment:

Mary Beth Manjerovic addressed the Board regarding mask mandates, quarantine guidelines and updating Board minutes on the division website.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion of Ms. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Shester, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes (October 7, 2021 and October 13, 2021)
- Approval of October Payroll and Expenditures
- Petty Cash Reports
- 11/10/21 Personnel
- Enrollment report
- Day of Gratitude

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Walters gave an update on Covid-19: there have been 10 student positive cases, 1 staff positive case and no school transmission or outbreaks; approximately 89% of Lexington City Schools staff are fully vaccinated; approximately 60% of age-eligible middle school students are fully vaccinated; H. Waddell Elementary School hosted an on-site student vaccination clinic on 11/09/21; a mobile vaccination clinic for Lylburn Downing Middle School students eligible for the Pfizer vaccine has been scheduled; the ViSSTA screening testing program may be explored.

Ms. Walters gave an update on American Rescue Plan funding: the ARP ESSER III Application was approved in October; stand-alone HEPA filtration units and replacement filters have been ordered for all classrooms; disposable containers and utensils have been ordered to support lunch packing/delivery; additional cafeteria tables have been ordered; additional two-way radios have been purchased and delivered to staff for communication during arrival/dismissal and while outside for learning activities; central office administrators

have met with the Lexington City Planning Director and Building Official regarding the application for permanent shade structures and picnic tables to be installed at both school sites with a projected start date of Spring 2022; a part-time custodial position is posted.

Upon motion of Mr. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Shester, the Board approved the following revisions to the 2021-2022 Lexington City Schools' calendar:

- 1/05/22 will be changed to a Teacher Workday to provide teachers time to complete grading and report cards and for staff to prepare for students' return from Winter Break on 1/06/22
- 2/11/22 will be changed from a Professional Development Day to a Teacher Workday
- 2/14/22 will be a Teacher Workday

Finance:

Ms. Walters described proposed Substitute Daily Pay Rate information: a proposed daily pay rate increase as of 1/01/22, a projected daily pay rate increase for FY23, and a proposed policy change for long-term substitutes

Upon motion of Ms. Shester, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the Board approved appropriate of funds for site improvements: roof/gutter repairs, groundhog eradication at Lylburn Downing Middle School, and H. Waddell Elementary School Pavilion video surveillance.

School Board:

Ms. Shester gave a report on the Rockbridge County Schools Board Meeting.

The School Board Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was held on October 14, 2021, with Phillip Thompson, Heather Hostetter, Wendy Lovell, Rebecca Walters and Timothy Diette in attendance. Topics discussed were: Rockbridge County Schools Board meetings and public comment, the Floyd S. Kay expansion and Comprehensive Plan, bridging the gap between Lexington City and Rockbridge County Schools.

The Virginia School Boards Association Annual Conference will be held November 17-19, 2021, in Williamsburg, VA.

The next Lexington City Schools' Board meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Closed Session: Per Virginia Code 2.2-3711, Section A, Paragraph One, at 6:25pm, the Board went into Closed Session upon motion of Dr. Diette, seconded by Mr. Saunders, to discuss Personnel. Closed session ended at 7:08pm 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, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Shester and Mr. Saunders 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".

Adjournment: Upon motion of Ms. Shester, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the Board adjourned at 7:12pm.

Dr. Timothy Diette, Board Chair

Ms. Julie Nicely, Deputy Clerk