

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 2, 2009
Open Session Minutes

A reception was held for the new National Board Certified Teachers at 5:30 p.m.

Board Chair, Tracy Norman; called the Burke County Board of Education meeting to Order at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the boardroom of the Human Resources Building with all members of the Board present as well as Superintendent, David Burleson; Associate Superintendent, Rick Sherrill; Assistant Superintendent, Tony Cox; Human Resource Director, Winston Bagley; Chief Finance Officer, Keith Lawson; and School Board Attorney, Jon Jones.

With the first order of business being to approve the agenda for the meeting, the Motion was made by Mr. Buff to approve the agenda as presented with a Second by Mr. Hairfield. The Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent David Burleson offered the invocation followed by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Special Program

A. Hallyburton Elementary School Readers Theater

Mr. Rumbaugh introduced the following fourth and fifth grade students from Ms. Stossmeister's and Ms. Stephens' class in a Readers Theater performance. These students were Thomas Crosby, Kirsten Harrison, Gabrielle Propst, Amelia Wall, Michael Wellmon, Jacob White, and Kevin White.

Recognitions

A. National Board Certified Teachers

These individuals were recognized at a reception prior to the start of the meeting.

The Board voted 7-0 to go into Closed Session at approximately 6:15 p.m. following a Motion by Mr. Buff and a Second by Mr. Bamard.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 7:11 p.m. at which time the Board unanimously voted to approve Dr. Kenneth Prichard as the new principal for Freedom High School. Mr. Buff made a Motion to approve the **Personnel Report for January 26, 2009** as presented with a Second by Mr. Wilkinson.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Buff Motioned to approve the corrected copy of the Minutes from the December 15, 2008 meeting as presented with a Second by Mrs. Sain. The Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Bamard abstaining due to his absence from the December 15th meeting.

Mr. Bamard then made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting as presented with a Second by Mr. Buff. The Motion passed 7-0.

Informational Items

A. Important Dates

Mr. Burleson presented upcoming dates as listed in the final agenda for this meeting.

B. Reports

• Update on Drexel Primary School – Mrs. Jeannie Snipes, Principal

Mrs. Snipes provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the many different "hands on" learning activities that take place at Drexel Primary on a daily basis. Mrs. Snipes also shared some of the activities and events that Drexel Primary takes part in.

Second Readings for Proposed Policies

A. Selection of Supplemental Materials

B. Parental Inspection Of and Objection/Challenge to Instructional Materials

Ms. Norman shared that any written comments and suggestions concerning these two policies should be given to Mr. Bureson for Administration as well as Mr. Jon Jones to review in an effort to bring these policies back on February 16th as a First Reading.

Long Range Items/Topics

A. Construction Program

Mr. Cox shared the top capital projects that are currently underway:

- Science lab renovations at East Burke and Freedom High School – Once the option analysis is complete Mr. Cox shared he would like to meet with the Facilities Sub-Committee. He plans to have contractor mobilization by early summer.
- Mtn. View Elementary Foundation and Structure Repairs – Mr. Cox shared that the design had been completed. He plans to have the contractor on site by February 16th with an estimated completion date of February 18th. At which time, maintenance will come in to add final touch-ups.
- Roof replacement for specific roofing areas at East Burke High, Freedom, Valdese, and George Hildebrand, with designs complete by February 15th, bid opening on February 25th, and anticipated completion by the end of this school year.
- Boiler Replacement for Chesterfield Elementary School ~
- Re-roofing of certain canopies at Liberty Middle School due to roofing failures.
- HVAC Upgrades at the middle schools ~

Reports from the Superintendent

A. Follow-up on Meeting with Legislators (Friday, January 23, 2009)

Mr. Bureson shared that the meeting with the Legislators was a positive meeting; they were able to share a lot of information concerning items the school system was working on.

B. Revised Dress Code – Mr. Rick Sherrill

Mr. Sherrill shared that a stricter dress code policy was needed to help increase school safety by decreasing school discipline. He also shared that a stricter dress code policy would assist in identifying gang activity, help to place the student's focus on learning, as well as build school spirit and enhance the image of the Burke County Schools. He went on to say that a stricter dress code policy could not make our schools better on its own, but that this would be a tool to help in making our schools better. Mr. Sherrill reviewed different dress code policies that had been adopted in some of the surrounding area school systems. He also presented a "**draft**" dress code policy for "**discussion only**" for Burke County Schools. He shared that he would like to see a stricter dress code implemented beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until this policy comes before the Board as a First Reading before posting on the website. Ms. Norman asked Board members to be prepared to share their concerns at the next Board meeting.

School Board Reports

A. Charge Given to Legislators – Ms. Tracy Norman, Chairman

Ms. Norman gave a brief overview of the meeting with the county commissioners and state representatives. She shared that one of the items discussed was capital and technology needs. She shared that the Board requested that the technology funds that the state owes the school system be given to the school system. She shared that the Board also requested that no other reversions be made to the state, that the state sales tax refund be reinstated for public schools, that local control over the school calendar be given back, and for lottery funds to be left alone.

Ms. Norman challenged everyone to remind local and state elected officials of the importance of the education of our children.

Action/Discussion Item

A. Indoor Track Supplement – Keith Lawson

Following a request from Mr. Lawson concerning the addition of an indoor track supplement, Mr. Wilkinson Motioned that this request be approved followed by a Second from Mr. Bamard. The Motion carried 7-0.

B. Resolution for Land Purchase – Jon Jones

Jon Jones presented a resolution detailing the necessary steps to be taken before this piece of property could be sold. Mr. Bamard then made a Motion to approve this resolution with a Second by Mr. Hairfield. Mr. Buff asked for clarification that the selling/transferring of this property would not cost the school system any money. The Motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Armour in opposition.

C. Twenty-One Credit Diploma

Mr. Burleson reiterated that this diploma would give a select group of students that meet the criteria the ability to graduate with 21 credits. At which time Mr. Wilkinson made a Motion to approve this twenty-one credit diploma with a Second by Mr. Bamard. The Motion passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Personnel Reports

Mr. Wilkinson Motioned to accept Personnel Report dated January 12, 2009 as presented with a Second by Mr. Hairfield. The Motion was approved by a 6-0-1 vote with Mrs. Sain in abstention.

Mr. Bamard made a Motion to accept Personnel Report dated January 19, 2009 as presented with a Second by Mr. Wilkinson. The Motion was approved by a unanimous 7-0 vote.

The Motion was made by Mr. Bamard to approve Personnel Report dated January 19, 2009, Addendum A as presented with a Second by Mr. Hairfield. The Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wilkinson Motioned the accept Personnel Report dated January 26, 2009, Addendum A, as presented with a Second by Mr. Buff. The Motion carried 7-0.

Upon Motion by Mr. Bamard and a Second by Mr. Hairfield the Board unanimously voted to accept Personnel Report dated February 2, 2009 as presented.

Upon Motion by Mr. Wilkinson and a Second by Mr. Buff the Board unanimously voted to return to Closed session at 8:57 p.m.

The Board returned to Open session at approximately 10:50 p.m. with the purpose of adjourning the meeting. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Tracy Norman, School Board Chairman

David Burleson, School Board Secretary

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January 12, 2009**

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: RETIREMENTS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Connelly, Robert L.	Heritage MS	Social Studies 8 th Gr. Tchr
2.		38+	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
3.	Vue, Blia	Rutherford/Icard	ELL Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
4.	Helton, Lorraine	EBHS	Teacher Assistant

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
5.	Cook, Debra	EBHS	Secondary Math
6.	Hope, Valencia	EBMS	EC
7.	Rich, Brooke	Chesterfield	Elem. Teacher
8.	Buffamoyer, Mark	EBHS	EC

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
9.	Seagle, Teri	Hillcrest Elem.	Pre-K
10.	Young, Summer	Mull Elem.	Elem. Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
11.	Ball, Ella Joe	Central Office	Academic Gifted
12.	Church, Teresa	Rutherford Col.El.	Title I
13.	Frye, Diane	Rutherford Col.El.	Title 1

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| 14. | Schmidt, Regina | N. Liberty | Homebound |
| 15. | White, Kristi | Oak Hill ES | SES Tutor |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: RETIREMENTS

- | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 16. | Lowman, Terry F. | Geo. Hildebrand | Cafeteria Worker |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-----|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 17. | Goins, Karen | Drexel Prim. | Office |
| 18. | Whitson, Christopher | North Liberty | TA |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME

- | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-----|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 19. | Vinay, Kay | Heritage MS | School Off. Support |
| 20. | Walker, Alicia (Allen) | Geo. Hild. | Custodian |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY

- | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 21. | Webber, Melissa | Ray Childers Elem. | Teacher Assist. |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY/PART-TIME

- | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-----|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 22. | Bennett, Adam J. | Oak Hill ES | Sub Bus Driver |
| 23. | Mecimore, Amber | Drexel Primary | Community Support |

ELECTIONS: SUBSTITUTES

Code Justification

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|-----|---------------|-------------|---|
| 24. | Hughey, Lesia | 4 | Student Teacher/Appalachian State Univ. 0 |

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: RETIREMENTS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Bellar, Patricia	Forest Hill	Music Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
2.	Cates, Adair	Draughn/EBHS	Spanish Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
3.	Benton, Heather	Mull Elem.	Elem. Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
4.	Smith, Derrinda	Silv.Cr.7 th Day Adv. Tutor (Retired Tchr)	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
5.	Anthony, Jordan	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
6.	Bobo, Judy	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
7.	Brown, Jodi	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
8.	Brown, Tommy	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
9.	Connelly, Valarie	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
10.	Doan, Hang (Jenny)	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
11.	Ervin, Lisa	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
12.	Lindecampe, Donna	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
13.	Martin, Vanessa	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
14.	Norman, Julie	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
15.	Norman, Megan	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
16.	Reeve, Josh	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
17.	Scott, Patricia	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
18.	Tonsic, Kadie	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
19.	Vogel, Jessica Wynne	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
20.	Walden, Gayle	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation
21.	Young, Joanna	WJMS	Gear Up/Remediation

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: RETIREMENTS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
22.	Williams, Jr., Fred	Heritage MS	Head Custodian

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
23.	Meredith, April	Hallyburton	Day Care Worker

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
24.	Powell, Scotty	Hallyburton ES	Day Care Worker

TRANSFERS:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>
25.	Wilson, Corraine	Mull Day Care	Chesterfield Elem.

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Addendum A

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Fisher, John	Freedom HS	Teacher
2.	Gellys, Alberto	Freedom HS	Teacher Assist.

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: RETIREMENTS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Pollpeter, Susan	Central Office	Director of Elem. Educ.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
2.	Todd, Kellyn	Patton HS	Secondary Math
3.	Ogle, Rikki	Heritage MS	Language Arts
4.	Xiong, Sandy	Rutherford Elem.	ELL Teacher
5.	Prichard, Kenneth	Freedom HS	Principal

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
6.	Pearson, Elizabeth	Forest Hill Elem.	Elem. Teacher

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
7.	Bollinger, Malinda	WJMS	Assistant Principal

8.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
9.	Arney, Robin	Liberty MS	Remediation
10.	Barnsback, Angel	Liberty MS	Remediation
11.	Caldwell, Diana	Liberty MS	Remediation
12.	Gainsborg, Heidi	Liberty MS	Remediation
13.	Hall, Billie	Liberty MS	Remediation
14.	Wilson, Beverly	Glen Alpine	SES Tutor

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - FULL-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
15.	Hennessee, Hannah	Salem ES	Interpreter
16.	Hudson, Jennifer	Icard Elem.	PreK Teacher Assistant
17.	Preston, Sherry	Salem	Custodian

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
18.	Amero, Lauren	Chesterfield Elem.	Day Care Director
19.	Fleming, Bobby	Oak Hill ES	Custodian

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
20.	Seagraves, Wendy	Ray Childers Elem.	Teacher Assistant
21.			

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY/PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
22.	Bradshaw, Billy	Freedom HS	Sub Bus Driver
23.	Eakin, Christopher	Oak Hill ES	Sub Bus Driver
24.	Hudson, Rebecca	Geo. Hild.	Sub Bus Driver

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25.	Barus, Ramona	3	Retired Teacher
26.	Cobb, Elizabeth	3	Retired FACS teacher

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1.	Helms, Mike	Freedom HS	Counselor

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY

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1.	Baker, Kimberly S.	WJMS	Remediation
2.	Barus, Ramona (RT)	DHS	Remediation
3.	Bennett, Dana	Patton HS	Secondary Math
4.	Fisher, John	FHS	Gear Up
5.	Graybill, Valerie	WJMS	Remediation
6.	Huffman, Brandy	WJMS	Remediation

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - FULL-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
7.	Clarke, Virginia	WJMS	EC Asst.
8.	Glover, Sheree	Chesterfield Elem.	TA
9.	Kiser, Tonya	Central Office	School Nurse
10.	Seagle, Jessica	Geo. Hild. Elem.	TA
11.	Smith, Jessica	Geo. Hild. Elem.	PT/TA

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - TEMPORARY/PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
12.	Anthony, Dennis	Hallyburton	Custodian
13.	Brown, Colby L.	Freedom HS	Sub Bus Driver
14.	Hudson, Rebecca	Geo. Hild.ES	Sub Bus Driver
15.	Whisenant, Billy	Freedom HS	Sub Bus Driver

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16.	Deal, Yvonne M.	4	Student Teacher/ASU