

	<p><b>Pulaski County School Board</b></p> <p><i>Minutes</i></p> <p><b>September 11, 2008</b></p>	<p><i>Vision</i></p> <p><i>“Reach Each Child”</i></p>
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The Pulaski County School Board met in regular session, September 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m., School Board Office, 202 N. Washington Avenue, Pulaski, VA

**Present:**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Phillips, Chairman  
 Dr. John Wenrich, Vice-Chairman  
 Pamela Chitwood  
 Dr. Rodell Cruise

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STAFF and VISITORS

Dr. Donald Stowers, superintendent; Jean Cox, clerk; Dr. Thomas Brewster; Dr. Jim Sandidge; Ronnie Nichols; Chris Stafford; Joe Makolandra; Theresa Reed; Jena Hardy, reporter, *The Southwest Times*.

**A. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by Chairman**

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Cruise opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Recognition of Citizens**

Persons may present ideas or concerns regarding Pulaski County Public Schools. The School Board at this meeting will take no action. Items presented by citizens may be referred to the Superintendent for research who may report back to the School Board at a subsequent meeting or through other communication. The Chairman shall determine the amount of time to be spent for citizen participation.

No one asked to address the board.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Phillips called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2008 school board meeting. Dr. Wenrich made the motion, Dr. Cruise seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Dr. Wenrich, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips

**E. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Phillips called the board’s attention to the addenda; *Consent Item F2, Payment of Bills*; and *Action G-1, Presentation at National School Boards Association*. He called for a motion to adopt the agenda including the addenda. Dr. Wenrich made the motion, Mrs. Chitwood seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Dr. Wenrich, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips

## **F. Consent**

1. Personnel
2. Payment of Bills (**Addendum**)

Mr. Phillips called for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda including the addendum. Mrs. Chitwood made the motion, Dr. Cruise seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Dr. Wenrich, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips

## **G. Action**

1. Presentation at National School Boards Association (**Addendum**)

Dr. Wenrich reported notification has been received that a presentation by Dr. Wenrich and Dr. Stowers has been accepted by the National School Boards Association conference committee. The conference will be held in San Diego on April 4-7, 2009. There is a requirement that the School Board must give its approval for board members and the superintendent to present on the School Board's behalf at the national conference, and to give the chairman the authority to sign the approval form.

Mr. Phillips called for a motion for the board's approval as presented. Dr. Cruise made the motion to approve, Mrs. Chitwood seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips

Abstain: Dr. Wenrich

2. The Whole Child Resolution (Moved to Action from Information H-1)

Dr. Stowers recommended approval of The Whole Child Resolution. Mrs. Chitwood made the motion to approve the resolution, Dr. Cruise seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips, Dr. Wenrich

## **H. Information**

1. The Whole Child Resolution (Moved to Action Item G-2)

Dr. Brewster reported the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) states that to be prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, students need a well-rounded, challenging education – and more. Students need to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. The resolution outlines the Board's support for policies and actions that address these five basic needs. The resolution was presented for the board's review and will be brought back to the board for action at the September 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Board members expressed their appreciation for this. Mrs. Chitwood stated that work has been ongoing on this for a long time and that "we have our feet firmly on the ground" on this. Dr. Stowers stated it would be helpful if the board gave its approval and this could then become a part of the packet for the September 22 community meeting on visioning for the school system.

Mr. Phillips called for a motion to move this to an Action Item. Dr. Wenrich made the motion, Mrs. Chitwood seconded, and the clerk took the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Cruise, Dr. Wenrich, Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. Phillips

2. School Tobacco Policy Enforcement

Ms. Theresa Reed stated that last spring the Pulaski County School Board revised its tobacco policy, placing more emphasis on the enforcement of a tobacco-free school zone, and the prevention of student tobacco possession and/or use. The discussion addressed the three challenges that exist for tobacco policy enforcement: visitors smoking on school grounds; students using tobacco on school property; and students leaving school grounds to smoke in surrounding neighborhoods. Dr. Stowers stated the schools have reported that the public has been very cooperative at activities, events, and ballgames. It is going very nicely. Dr. Cruise noted that Dublin Middle School has announced that it is a smoke free school.

3. Budget Analysis through August 31, 2008

Mr. Chris Stafford presented the budget analysis through August 31, 2008 as given in the agenda packet. He stated in August, we experienced a somewhat normal month of revenues and expenditures for this point in the school year. Many state revenues do not begin until later in the year and for now, we are still meeting our sales tax revenue budget. On the expenditure side, employer VRS contributions for teachers do not start until September. The projected county transfer for August is \$1.07 million, leaving 80.06% of our county contribution available for the remainder of FY 08-09. Dr. Stowers stated field trips are being reviewed very carefully. The rising costs for fuel are a major concern and Dr. Parsons has asked principals to look at the field trips very carefully. The field trip requests are scheduled to be presented to the board at its next meeting. A lot of field trips are paid by the PTA's, PTO's but the trips will be reviewed very carefully as the year progresses.

4. Update on Riverlawn Elementary School

Mr. Ronnie Nichols briefed the board on the construction progress of the new Riverlawn Elementary School which continues to be moving rather quickly.

5. Southwest Virginia Governor's School Governing Board Meeting

Dr. Wenrich reported the governing board held its first meeting of the school year. Dr. Terry Abrogast is the Superintendent-in-charge; Ron Whitehead is the Chairman of the Board; and Debbie Phillips is clerk. There has been an open house for parents of junior students; there are 170 students this year; September 19 will be the end of the first six weeks.

7. Calendar:

- a. September 25 – 3:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting – School Board Office

Dr. Stowers announced a Visioning meeting for Pulaski County Schools will be held September 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at Pulaski Elementary School.

**I. Future Agenda Items Requested by the School Board Members**

Board members expressed appreciation for the “No Smoking” signage at schools. Dr. Stowers stated the administrators have reported that there has been great cooperation in keeping the schools' facilities and properties smoke free.

**J. Recognition of Citizens**

No one asked to address the board at this time.

**L. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk