

**Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Council
Joint Meeting
November 1, 2016**

**BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman
Regina T. Dolan-Sewell, Vice Chairman
Sharon Y. Carter
James E. Coleman
Charleta F. Mason
Susan D. Morrison
Derek L. Polley
Jennifer R. Poore
Katie K. Snyder

**BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Scott S. Brabrand, Superintendent
Ben W. Copeland, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration
John C. McClain, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning and Success
Anthony E. Beckles, Sr., Chief Financial Officer
LaTonya D. Brown, Director for Student Support, Behavior, and Alternative Education
April M. Bruce, Director for Data, Assessment, and Accountability
David A. Childress, Director for Information Technology
Jason J. Ferguson, Director for Transportation
Steven L. Gatzke, Director for Facilities and Maintenance
Marie F. Gee, Director for Personnel
Ethel E. Reeves, Director for Engagement, Equity, and Opportunity
Michael K. Rudder, Director for School Improvement
Wyllys D. VanDerwerker, Director for Exceptional Learners
Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

The Honorable Mary Jane Dolan
The Honorable Joan F. Foster
The Honorable Jeff S. Helgeson
The Honorable J. Randolph Nelson
The Honorable Edgar J. T. Perrow
The Honorable Treney L. Tweedy
The Honorable Sterling A. Wilder

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**CITY
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT:**

Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager
Valeria Chambers, Council Clerk

**MEDIA
PRESENT:**

Josh Moody, *The News & Advance*

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**Agenda
Items:**

Lynchburg City Schools Comprehensive Plan
Empowerment Academy
City/School Collaboration: Update

The Lynchburg City School Board and the Lynchburg City Council met for a joint meeting at 5:50 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Mayor Foster opened the meeting with an invocation and asked those in attendance to rise and recite *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Dr. Brabrand presented an update on the Lynchburg City Schools Comprehensive Plan. Discussion followed the presentation with Councilwoman Tweedy suggesting that a community-wide task force on education be implemented. Extra time was allotted so the council members and school board members could ask questions about the data that was shared by Dr. Brabrand.

Ms. Crabbe provided a presentation about the Empowerment Academy, the students who attend the Academy, and the staff that provide support through education, counseling, and other services as required by the students.

Ms. Svrcek and Dr. Brabrand shared information about the collaborative efforts of the city and schools with emphasis on the recent collaboration on health benefits. The city manager and the superintendent have established bi-weekly meetings so that they can continue to strengthen their working relationship. Ms. Svrcek also shared information about a three-part plan that will have an impact on poverty in the community which also includes collaboration with the school division.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michael J. Nilles, Chairman

Wendie L. Sullivan, Clerk

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