

DATE: May 7, 2012 PRESENT: Billy Peaden, Chair  
Jill Camnitz  
Mildred Council  
Worth Forbes  
Benjie Forrest  
Sean Kenny  
Jennifer Little  
TIME: 6:30 P.M. Barbara Owens  
Christine Waters  
Marc Whichard  
PLACE: Pitt County Office Building Mary Williams

ABSENT: Ralph Love, Sr.

Chair Billy Peaden called the Board of Education to order in Regular Session at 6:30 P. M. in the County Commissioners' Auditorium. He followed with Roll Call.

Mr. Sean Kenny led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Mary Williams followed with a Moment of Silence asking that we remember anyone who has suffered a tragedy, sickness or loss of a loved one in our Pitt County Schools system.

Chair Peaden offered the Agenda for consideration. Ms. Jill Camnitz moved, second by Ms. Barbara Owens, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no one present in the audience who wished to speak during Public Expression.

For the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning, members of the Pitt Pirates Robotic Team 2642 were present to share their accomplishments throughout school year 2011-12, and thanked the Board for their support in getting to the international competition in St. Louis. Ms. Courtney Lommatzsch, Mr. Abdul Jabr and Mr. Sunny Le explained that team members represented all six Pitt County high schools. They reported they support two First Lego Leagues for middle school students, who were recognized at Regional Competition and went to State. The Pitt Pirate Team has also worked to improve safety, scouting and team spirit this year. Some of their accomplishments include: second place at the Palmetto Regional, first place at the NC Regional to include receiving the safety and team spirit awards, and being named one of six teams in North Carolina to go to the Championship Competition where their robot placed 56<sup>th</sup> out of 100 international teams, the design placed in the top ten and the team won a safety star. Future plans for the Pitt Pirates include: raising the bar for next year's expectations and building relationships in the community by expanding leadership and technical skills, improving fundraising efforts, growing First Lego League in Eastern North Carolina, acting as a mentor team to start First Robotic Competition in surrounding counties and helping keep Pitt County Schools in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Under Consent Items, Mr. Benjie Forrest, second by Mr. Worth Forbes, moved that the Board approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held April 2, 2012, the Personnel

Report for May to include Reappointments, Non-Reappointments, Career and Administrative Contracts, the Property to be Declared Surplus List and a Resolution of Support Regarding Restoration of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Chair Benjie Forrest asked Assistant Superintendent of Finance Michael Cowin to share a report with the Board following the Finance Committee Meeting held April 26. The first item Mr. Cowin presented was the proposed 2012-13 Local Budget. He shared that there are two components involved in the local budget – the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget. Mr. Cowin presented a detailed breakdown of the \$35,278,912.77 Total Operating Budget and summarized the major criteria as listed:

- No Requested Increase in County Appropriations
- Budget Redirections Made to Budget to Offset Unfunded Fixed Cost Increases
- Additional Local Operating Budget Reductions Dependent on Outcome of County Budget (i.e. Revenue Neutral vs. Non-Revenue Neutral)
- Significant Reductions in County Funding for Operations Could Cause PCS to Lose State Low Wealth Allotment.

Mr. Cowin then shared details of the Capital Budget which totals \$806,000. He summarized major criteria as below:

- Level of Capital Projects Funded is Based on County Appropriations
- If the County Does NOT Go Revenue Neutral, the County Appropriations Dedicated to Capital Could be Reduced to Zero
- Main Focus of Budget Planning Has Been to Protect County Appropriations for Operations First (Primarily due to Impact on Low Wealth)
- Significant Reduction in Funding for Capital Cannot be Sustained for Many Years.

Mr. Benjie Forrest moved, second by Mr. Sean Kenny, that the Pitt County Schools Local Budget for School Year 2012-13 be approved as presented. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cowin then shared Pitt County Schools Budget Amendment #2 totaling an increase of \$1,147,045.69 for School Year 2011-12 with the Board. He explained each Fund Source as follows:

1. State Public School Fund:  
The second Amendment to the State fund represents an increase of \$19,718.00. This increase represents amounts appropriated from the State Public School Fund through allotment revision #27.
2. Local Current Expense Fund:  
The second Amendment to the Local fund does not represent an increase from the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Resolution. Budget Amendment #2 represents adjustments at the purpose code level to reclass projected one-time funding from utilization of Federal Education Jobs funds that will be used to offset future year budget reductions in staff. Funding is being reclassified from the Local fund to the Special Revenue Fund so as to be designated as special funding to offset future staff reductions.

3. Special Revenue Fund:

The second Amendment to the Special Revenue fund represents an increase of \$100,000.00. The increase represents an increase in funding related to the Smartboard grant. Changes have also been made at the purpose code level to reflect the reclassification of one-time funding from the use of Education Jobs Bill funds from the Local fund to the Special Revenue Fund.

4. Federal Programs Fund:

The second Amendment to the Federal fund represents an increase of \$1,027,327.69. The increase represents an increase related to program increases to adjust the Federal planning allotments to actual.

Mr. Benjie Forrest moved, second by Mr. Worth Forbes, that the Pitt County Schools 2011-12 Budget Amendment #2 be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The last item Mr. Cowin presented was related to a proposed lunch price increase due to language in section 205 of the Federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010. He explained this involved not only Pitt County Schools, but schools across the country. Mr. Cowin informed the Board that the Federal government through this Act requires Child Nutrition School Programs to provide the same level of financial support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. He explained that Child Nutrition Programs are NOT in compliance if:

Federal Reimbursement for Free Lunch > Total Reimbursement for Paid Lunch

Mr. Cowin stated PCS Federal Reimbursement for Free Lunch is \$2.77. We charge \$2.00 for a paid lunch and receive \$.26 Federal Reimbursement for a paid lunch resulting in a total PCS Reimbursement for paid lunch of \$2.26. Thus, PCS is NOT in compliance. Because of non-compliance, LEAs have the following options:

1. Raise paid lunch prices based on a formula provided by the Federal government.
2. Provide a match from Local funds to make up the difference in pricing.

Under these guidelines, PCS has the options of:

1. Raise paid lunch prices based on the formula from \$2.00 to \$2.15 per paid lunch.
2. Provide a match from Local funds of approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Cowin stated based on current Federal law, this issue will not go away and may have to be done on an annual basis. After consulting with Child Nutrition Director Leann Seelman, the following recommendation was made to the Finance Committee and the Board:

1. Increase the paid lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25. This would increase the price above the required minimum, which should hopefully help cover the increased cost of food and necessitate not having to make another adjustment to the price for at least the next two fiscal years due to the Federal law.

2. Communicate this issue to our federal delegation and ask for support at the Federal level to remove such legislation that forces LEAs to push price increases down to paying families.

Mr. Worth Forbes asked did the formula for students eligible for free or reduced price lunches change with Mr. Cowin responding no.

Ms. Christine Waters asked how does \$.25 bring us in compliance with a difference of \$.51 in the two amounts. Mr. Cowin explained that the changes will be given in increments by the Federal government.

Ms. Mildred Council stated tomorrow is Election Day, and we need to elect officials who understand issues like this. She also asked will the meals provided be healthier in the up-coming year.

Ms. Seelman responded that in the new "My Plate" Federal guidelines, there are mandated increased portions of fruits and vegetables with whole grains and dairy products included in our food choices. She commented that these mandates and additional requirements will increase the cost of food to feed our students.

Mr. Marc Whichard moved, second by Mr. Sean Kenny, that the Board approve #2 of the recommendation - Communicate this issue to our federal delegation and ask for support at the Federal level to remove such legislation that forces LEAs to push price increases down to paying families.

Ms. Waters asked is the motion valid when there are two parts to a recommendation.

Ms. Mary Williams asked will the mandated lunch price increase by the Federal government bring more money back to the Child Nutrition Department with Mr. Cowin answering yes. He also explained that if we don't raise the lunch price, we will have to pay \$40,000 from our Local funds for the difference.

Superintendent Beverly Emory shared that our intent in increasing the lunch price to \$2.25 rather than the \$2.15, is so we won't have to deal with this issue year after year. She added that we all need to contact our legislators regarding this requirement by the Federal government, and let parents be informed so they will become involved.

Ms. Jill Camnitz, second by Mr. Worth Forbes, asked to make an amendment to the original motion by including #1 in the stated recommendation: Increase the paid lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25. This would increase the price above the required minimum, which should hopefully help cover the increased cost of food and necessitate not having to make another adjustment to the price for at least the next two fiscal years due to the Federal law.

Mr. Whichard firmly stated that he is against the Federal government telling schools what we can do and telling families they have to pay more. Mr. Forbes commented that he agrees with Mr. Whichard, but if we don't increase the price now and pay the \$40,000, next year we'll be paying \$80,000 and so on. He added that the Federal government is going to get this increase from somewhere – an individual, a teacher or an administrator.

Mr. Benjie Forrest commented that it's ridiculous that the Federal government can tell us what to do regarding issues such as this. He added that the \$40,000 from our Local budget might furnish two teacher assistant positions next year. Mr. Forrest also voiced that hopefully concerned parents who have to pay the extra money for their child/ren's lunch will spread the word back to Washington through their representatives that this action is unacceptable.

Chair Peaden called for a vote to amend the motion. Four members voted against the motion to amend the original motion – Mr. Marc Whichard, Ms. Mary Williams, Mr. Sean Kenny and Ms. Mildred Council. Those members in favor of amending the original motion were: Ms. Jill Camnitz, Ms. Barbara Owens, Ms. Jennifer Little, Chair Peaden, Mr. Benjie Forrest, Ms. Christine Waters and Mr. Worth Forbes voted for the motion.

Chair Peaden then asked for a vote on the recommended motion -

1. Increase the paid lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25. This would increase the price above the required minimum, which should hopefully help cover the increased cost of food and necessitate not having to make another adjustment to the price for at least the next two fiscal years due to the Federal law.
2. Communicate this issue to our federal delegation and ask for support at the Federal level to remove such legislation that forces LEAs to push price increases down to paying families.

Those against the motion were: Mr. Marc Whichard, Ms. Mary Williams, Ms. Jennifer Little and Mr. Sean Kenny. Those in favor of the motion were: Ms. Jill Camnitz, Ms. Barbara Owens, Chair Peaden, Mr. Benjie Forrest, Ms. Christine Waters, Ms. Mildred Council and Mr. Worth Forbes.

Chair Sean Kenny then asked Associate Superintendent of Operations Aaron Beaulieu to report to the Board following an Operations Committee Meeting held April 23, 2012. Mr. Beaulieu stated their Agenda was full, but he would briefly highlight the details beginning with the 2011-12 Transportation Data Report. He shared that the Transportation Department was operating at 99.38% efficiency as rated by DPI, and thanked Director Joey Weathington and the staff for their hard work running 218 buses that transport 12,652 students - not an easy job. Mr. Beaulieu added that the district has a 52.9% ridership with the highest percentage of 85.78% at Wellcome and the lowest percentage of 28.43% at J. H. Rose. He mentioned decreased pickup times, route times, length of routes and how No Child Left Behind and the Exceptional Children's Program factored into this data. Mr. Beaulieu stated that at the Operations Committee Meeting, several members requested that someone from the schools ride each route to document that new community bus stops are being enforced and not house to house pickups/drop-offs. Several members have received calls or actually seen evidence to contradict community bus stops. He shared that at the K-12 Principals' Meeting Thursday, May 10, this issue will be discussed with all principals.

Mr. Marc Whichard asked that Mr. Beaulieu explain how the efficiency rating influenced State financial dollars to the system used for transportation. Mr. Beaulieu responded that for every percentage point below 100%, the State decreases the LEA's transportation funding. By receiving a rating of 99.38%, PCS received all but \$35,739

of the possible State dollars allocated for transportation totaling over \$5 and one-half million.

Mr. Worth Forbes stated he will be watching buses and their stopping patterns for picking up and dropping off students and collecting bus numbers as he watched. He also mentioned that many of the long bus routes involved No Child Left Behind choice schools which parents selected with Mr. Beaulieu concurring with this statement. Dr. Emory added that this week, it is anticipated that North Carolina will get the NCLB waiver which means children will be allowed to stay at their choice school through the exit grade, but transportation to the school will not be the district's responsibility.

Ms. Christine Waters expressed concern over the Rose ridership and asked did this low percentage make longer routes. Mr. Beaulieu stated J. H. Rose was not listed in the top ten longest routes.

Mr. Beaulieu then reviewed Out-of-Capacity and Student Membership Reports. He stated the four schools with the highest out-of-capacity numbers currently are: Grifton, Chicod, Falkland and South Central. In providing a breakdown of available seats by attendance areas over a span of ten years (2011-12/2021-22), Mr. Beaulieu shared that elementary available seats are 1,041 currently, but will be -1,354 in 2021-22. In K-8 schools, available seats are 165 currently, but will be - 742 seats in ten years. In middle schools, available seats are currently 889 and will be 92 in ten years. In our high schools, there are currently 515 seats available, but in ten years there will be a 78 seat deficit. District wide, there are 2,598 available seats, but in 2021-22, we will have a deficit of 2,095 seats. Mr. Beaulieu also discussed fluctuations in the average daily membership in various schools over time. Mr. Whichard explained to members of the audience that redistricting took pressure off some schools mentioned with high enrollment numbers, i.e. A. G. Cox, W. H. Robinson and others.

Mr. Beaulieu shared possible solutions for relief in overcrowded schools:

1. Do nothing and allow schools to absorb increases and decreases in enrollment.
2. Buy additional mobile units/modular facilities.
3. Look at student reassignment within attendance areas and/or grade levels where capacity is available across the district.

Mr. Worth Forbes asked was the first semester ADM in high schools looked at in comparison to the second semester ADM with Dr. Emory stating an adjustment is made going forward with Mr. Cowin and Ms. Jackson looking at the percentage of change and factoring that into the allotment formula.

Ms. Jill Camnitz mentioned a discussion held a few years ago regarding K-8 schools; but after receiving community response, the Board never made any decisions regarding a solution for this discussion. Now with Grifton and Chicod being two of the schools mentioned that are overcrowded, maybe this discussion needs to be resumed and the Board should take a look at what our options are.

The next item of business was related to a Printer Study piloted in three schools. Mr. Beaulieu reported there are 196 printers consisting of 59 different models costing approximately \$82,000 annually in these three schools. He discussed expanding the study in these three schools to determine an adequate print management solution.

Mr. Beaulieu stated once a configuration is determined, we can work to put out a request for a proposed district print management solution.

Mr. Beaulieu discussed a one-time transportation funding totaling \$400,000. He reminded Board members of an earlier discussion of relocation of the bus garage; but as offers were under property appraisal for the current site and the proposed site was offered at a higher sales cost, the venture was dropped. Mr. Beaulieu did report that the current property in the last evaluation actually gained about \$1 million in value – now totally approximately \$3.9 million. He commented that a proposal using the \$400,000 for the best solution to upgrade the current transportation site will be brought back to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Beaulieu stated a letter had been shared with the Board explaining the bids received for the Chicod Sewer project with a low bid of \$2,511,063, which will expire June 3, 2012. Designated funding will be obtained from the NC Rural Center Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00, GUC budgeted \$200,000.00 and from Pitt County – CWSRF, Loan Closing Fee of \$38,716.00. As per instructed by the Operations Committee, a letter from Dr. Emory and County Manager Scott Elliott has been sent to GUC requesting their contribution be raised to \$800,000.00, which will not officially be reviewed until after June 3. Mr. Beaulieu explained that the Clean Water Sewer Revolving Fund Loan requires a notice to proceed in place before June 1 to obtain the low interest loan funds, therefore approval by the Board is needed for the \$1,772,347.00.

Mr. Sean Kenny moved, second by Mr. Benjie Forrest, that the Board approve the \$1,772,347.00 requested to allow the Chicod Sewer Project be awarded prior to June 1. Those members voting against the motion were: Ms. Mary Williams and Ms. Christine Waters. Those members voting for the motion were: Ms. Mildred Council, Ms. Jill Camnitz, Ms. Barbara Owens, Ms. Jennifer Little, Chair Peaden, Mr. Benjie Forrest, Mr. Sean Kenny, Mr. Marc Whichard and Mr. Worth Forbes.

Mr. Sean Kenny discussed the next meeting date for the Operations Committee suggesting either May 21 prior to the Board meeting or May 22 at 6:00 p.m. He asked committee members to contact him regarding their preferred date. Mr. Beaulieu explained that the next regular meeting date would be May 28, which is our Memorial Day Holiday.

Under Old Business, Superintendent Beverly Emory, updated the Board on the four public sessions held regarding Unitary Status. She explained that Attorney Ken Soo provided background for pursuing Unitary Status at the March 26<sup>th</sup> session, with the six “green” factors discussed during the March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> sessions for public feedback. A survey was distributed and collected at the end of each session asking those attending to rank the “green” factors for importance with weighted results being:

- (1) Student Assignment (66)
- (1) Quality of Education (66)
- (2) Staff Assignment (50)
- (3) Facilities (37)
- (4) Transportation (29)
- (5) Extra Curricular Activities (21)

Dr. Emory stated that during the discussions, the majority of the dialogue centered on the diversity of the teaching staff - recruitment efforts, "grow your own", and availability of candidates. Many good suggestions were given regarding how to cultivate our own and having a more diverse teaching staff.

Another focus was how to communicate what the district is doing and ensuring that folks in the community understand the importance of Unitary Status and what the implications are for achieving it.

Some discussion was specific to what community members can and are willing to do to assist students and schools in helping students succeed.

Dr. Emory thanked Public Information Officer Heather Mayo and the media for their great work in getting the word out and coverage regarding each session. She added that the plaintiffs were personally invited to attend each meeting. Though attendance was poor, Superintendent Emory commented that offers to assist our students from the community during the sessions were exciting. She also thanked Board Member Mary Williams for her voice during the North Pitt High School session. Dr. Emory appreciated input from Mr. Teel, who offered to bring a drag-racing car and he and his father share stories of their journey through our school system to engage students in school. In closing, Dr. Emory asked all communities to look at our plan for Unitary Status and share suggestions to reach our goal.

In-House Attorney Rob Sonnenberg discussed the response from the US Department of Justice regarding Senate Bill 260 passed by the legislature last summer. This bill reduces the number of school board members from twelve to seven with a representative from the six districts and one member elected at large, and reduces the term of office from six years to four years. Attorney Sonnenberg stated pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, these changes were submitted to the U. S. Attorney General for review. With regard to the change in the terms of office from six years to four years, there was no objection.

However, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the U. S. Attorney General must determine whether the submitting authority has met its burden of showing the proposed changes have neither the purpose nor will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group. After analyzing term expiration dates, the school board addressing reducing the board's size on three separate occasions, the effect these changes would produce among black voters or voting patterns and the make-up of different sized boards; it cannot be concluded that the school district's burden under Section 5 has been sustained as to the reduction in the number of school board members from twelve to seven – thus there is objection to this change.

Attorney Sonnenberg commented that it is not clear how the law will be implemented since half (size reduction) of it has not been approved. He added that various legal sources across the state have been contacted with none of the sources sure at this time of how the law will be interpreted/changed because of half approval. Attorney Sonnenberg will advise the Board once this question has been answered.

Under Comments by the Superintendent, Dr. Emory commented that key points regarding two new charter schools have been sent to Board members. She reported that one charter school has filed their application with the district, but the other has not. Dr. Emory asked Board members to consider this matter and inform her of any comments they would like made when she makes her formal response to the applications.

Superintendent Emory stated “hats off” to the Pitt Pirates for a job well done and the great representation they provide for Pitt County Schools. She applauded their efforts in raising \$19,000 to support their project and for being State champions.

Dr. Emory also congratulated the Teen Leadership Institute from our six high schools and Oakwood School where they present a problem they have identified in their high school and a solution for that problem. She shared that for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning will focus on a promotional video produced by Farmville Central High School students to market and promote their high schools.

Superintendent Emory stated that from time to time, she receives a note, e-mail or card that she keeps because it reminds her of why she became an educator. She read a note from a great aunt of three students in Falkland who praised the staff for their welcome and helping her when she visited and had lunch with her great nieces.

Chair Peaden stated that he pondered the cost of our outside legal fees regarding achieving Unitary Status. He contacted Mr. Cowin and found that from 2008 until now, we have spent just under \$260,000 for outside legal assistance. He then asked what SB 260 will cost.

Several Board members expressed their congratulations to the Pitt Pirates for the extra effort and success they achieved. Many also added that working on the robot was only part of the equation they had achieved; developing life skills, public speaking, working as a team with great interaction, and self-confidence also factored into their accomplishments.

Ms. Mary Williams reported that she thoroughly enjoyed the dedication of the newly renovated Sadie Saulter Educational Center and especially the ALPHA Center. She shared her delight at watching the Pre-K children perform and thanked County Commissioner Beth Ward, Superintendent Beverly Emory, Director of the Facility Victor Coffenberry, Contractor Jimmy Hite and Associate Superintendent of Operations Aaron Beaulieu for their efforts in making this happen. Ms. Williams stated the Center is “a plus in my community” and something to be proud of.

Ms. Williams thanked all parents who came out and were involved with the Unitary Status public sessions. She also thanked Attorney Sonnenberg for keeping the Board abreast of SB260.

In closing, Ms. Williams reminded students and parents that End-of-Grade and End-of-Class testing is just around the corner and asked everyone to be sure to get plenty of rest and do their best.

Mr. Benjie Forrest stated he is concerned that SB 260 came about while we are in the process of trying to achieve Unitary Status as it could possibly result in putting the minority representation on the Board in jeopardy.

Mr. Sean Kenny thanked members of the Graduation Ceremony Task Force, and complimented Ms. Heather Mayo on her outstanding performance and putting together videos for all six high schools to air before the actual graduation ceremonies start.

Mr. Kenny also thanked Stokes School staff for his enjoyable visit last week and mentioned the article in the newspaper regarding Dr. Colavito as an outstanding teacher. He added that he knows Dr. Colavito travels one and one-half hours to work each day.

Ms. Christine Waters reminded everyone to vote tomorrow and be knowledgeable in their voting.

Mr. Marc Whichard reminded everyone that it's Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all teachers and school staff for everything they do and give to our students. He added that with no raises and harder work, the whole school team is awesome.

Mr. Whichard closed by stating that in casting stones about public schools, we should observe charter schools. He commented that a good friend he had worked for, Dr. Dell Burns, asked, "What is public about a charter school?" – check out accountability, performance and funding. He asked the community to ask this question and seek an answer.

Mr. Worth Forbes congratulated Holden Spain at J. H. Rose High School for implementing Captain Mark Kelly coming to speak to students. He reminded everyone that Captain Kelly's wife is former Congress woman Guilford who was severely injured several months ago while attending a public event.

Mr. Forbes also congratulated teachers and other school staff for their hard work efforts with so little compensation.

Ms. Mildred Council commented on the great dedication ceremony held at Sadie Saulter Educational Center last week and added that she knows Ms. Sadie Saulter is smiling to see her school saved.

Ms. Council also informed everyone that 19 students (11 from Pitt County Schools) were given a week's all expenses paid to attend the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders from June 10-15 at NC A&T University. She stated the students will see examples of how you can succeed and have futures in the career and technical fields, focusing on agriculture. Ms. Council stated two young adults from Pitt County Schools will be graduating this year that went through this program and will have successful careers in this field.

Ms. Council invited Board members to join her at Elmhurst Friday to cheer students on as a teacher remembered her cheering her son on when he was a student there. She commented that she has a surprise for the students.

In closing, Ms. Council encouraged everyone to vote as we are in serious times.

Ms. Jill Camnitz spoke of Mr. Whichard's remarks regarding teacher support and their out-of-pocket expense they freely give to our children. She also commented on all the time they give for our students and even take work home with them – all due to their commitment and belief in our children.

Ms. Jennifer Little commented that the Pitt Pirates is just another example of the great success that is occurring in all our schools. She added that all six proms are now complete without any bad stories to follow!

Chair Peaden thanked two County Commissioners Ephraigm Smith and Tom Johnson for attending our meeting tonight.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Benjie Forrest moved, second by Mr. Worth Forbes, that the Board adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Time was 8:08 P. M.

Respectively Submitted,

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Mr. Billy Peaden, Chair

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Dr. Beverly Emory, Secretary