

**PETERSBURG SCHOOL BOARD  
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA  
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30 p.m.  
REGULAR MEETING  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
November 7, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.  
Jeanette P. Berrios, Board Clerk**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:34 p.m., Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman, called the special meeting of the Petersburg School Board to order in the main Board Room, of the School Administrative Office, at 255 South Boulevard, East, Petersburg, VA.

The Clerk of the Board called the roll with the following members responding:

<b>Ward One:</b>	<b>Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr.</b>
<b>Ward Two:</b>	<b>Mr. Fred B. Wilson</b> <i>(arrived after roll call)</i>
<b>Ward Three:</b>	<b>Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman</b>
<b>Ward Four:</b>	<b>Mrs. Mary Jane Hendricks</b> <i>(arrived at 5:57 p.m.)</i>
<b>Ward Five:</b>	<b>Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis</b>
<b>Ward Six:</b>	<b>Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.</b>
<b>Ward Seven:</b>	<b>Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon</b>

The following staff members were present: Mr. Stanley O. Jones, Acting Superintendent; and Ms. Gianna Grier, Human Resources Director.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Following a motion by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., and a second by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, the school board convened a closed session at 5:35 p.m., pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matters related to hire, position/job description, and salary.

**OPEN SESSION**

On a motion by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, and a second by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., the school board returned to an open session at 6:45 p.m.

The Clerk of the Board then read the following statement:

*As required by Section 2.2-3712.D of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, a roll call vote will be taken to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session by the Board.*

*Prior to the vote, any member of the Board who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of 1 and 2 as read shall so state the same, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. Does any Board member wish to respond?*

No member responded; therefore, a roll call vote was taken and all Board members responded affirmatively.

## **ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

**A motion was made by Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis, and a second was offered by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., to accept the acting superintendent's recommendation to approve the individual in personnel case # 11-098 as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at a salary of \$111,200.00. The motion carried without dissent.**

**On a motion by Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr., and a second by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., the school board unanimously approved the acting superintendent's recommendation that the division employ a language translator to work with the division and to be assigned to Westview Early Childhood Education Center.**

**Following a motion by Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis, and a second by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, the school board, with no opposing vote, approved the acting superintendent's recommendation to employ the individual in personnel case # 11-100 as Interim Supervisor of Federal Programs. The individual will work at least one day per week; eight hours on the job with the responsibility of maintaining the program at a rate of \$800 per day.**

**On a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis, the school board unanimously approved the acting superintendent's recommendation to adjust the salary of the employee in personnel case # 12-001, who was making \$23,296, and whose salary was based on an improper scale, to the proper scale on the Unified Salary Scale with a rate of \$12.20 per hour.**

## **ROLL CALL:**

At 6:56 p.m., Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman of the Petersburg School Board, called the regular meeting of the Petersburg School Board to order in the main Board Room of the School Administrative Office, 255 South Boulevard, East, Petersburg, VA.

The Board Clerk called the roll with the following members responding:

<b>Ward One:</b>	<b>Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., Vice-Chairman</b>
<b>Ward Two:</b>	<b>Mr. Fred B. Wilson</b>
<b>Ward Three:</b>	<b>Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman</b>

<b>Ward Four:</b>	<b>Mrs. Mary Jane Hendricks</b>
<b>Ward Five:</b>	<b>Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis</b>
<b>Ward Six:</b>	<b>Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.</b>
<b>Ward Seven:</b>	<b>Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon</b>

The following Petersburg City Public Schools' staff members were in attendance:

Mr. Stanley O. Jones	Acting Superintendent
Ms. Gianna Grier	Director/Human Resources
Ms. Denise Sandlin	Director/Budget & Finance
Mr. Charles Ponton	Director/Technology
Dr. Shannon Smith	Director/Elementary Instruction
Mr. Willie J. Bell, Jr.	Director/Secondary Instruction
Mrs. Ahnjayla Hunter	Coordinator/Special Education
Mrs. Gwendolyn Price	Coordinator/Testing
Ms. Stephanie Harvell	Coordinator/Gifted & Talented
Ms. Johna Vazquez	Federal Programs
Mr. Russell Lawrence	Supervisor/Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Johnny Fobbs	Supervisor/Warehousing
Mrs. Jeanette Berrios	Clerk of the Board

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Curtis Pegram, PCPS employee, and family were remembered during the moment of silence in the passing of his mother on Monday, October 29, 2012.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting attendees were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Zana Hart of the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Stanley O. Jones, Acting Superintendent, recognized Petersburg's accredited schools and noted *Petersburg is on the move in the right direction*. He added that only one school did not receive accreditation. Three schools were fully accredited, and three schools were accredited with warning. Banners were presented to Ms. Kori Reddick, principal of J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School (fully accredited and met Federal AMO); Ms. Barbara Patterson, principal of Robert E. Lee Elementary School (fully accredited and met Federal AMO); and Ms. Alicia Fields, principal of Petersburg High School (fully accredited). Mr. Jones applauded the students, faculty, and staff.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **Mr. Linwood Christian – 410 Mistletoe Street, Petersburg, VA**

Mr. Christian expressed appreciation to Mr. Russell Lawrence and his staff for their assistance at the recent forum held. He indicated that in his opinion Mr. Lawrence is irreplaceable. Mr. Christian noted that Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks was in attendance at the forum.

Mr. Christian stated that he hopes that before the 2013-2014 school year begins, orientation is provided prior to the week before school starts. He recommended that *a day or two of orientation* might be provided for fifth grade students moving to sixth grade; sixth grade students moving to seventh grade; eighth grade students moving to ninth grade; and ninth grade student moving to tenth grade. He also suggested that the district utilize Dr. Farley's brought in to work with principals and teachers. Mr. Christian noted that he stands ready to assist in any way he can.

Mr. Christian challenged the new superintendent and incoming board members to thoroughly assess those working with the school division to ensure they are performing the duties as required by their positions.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis, and a second was provided by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., to approve the agenda of the November 7, 2012, regular school board meeting. The motion carried without dissent.**

**On a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr., the school board unanimously approved the November 7, 2012, consent agenda (to include the personnel agenda, and minutes of *October 3, 2012 (Regular School Board Meeting)*, and *November 1, 2012, (Student Disciplinary Hearing)*).**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **2012-2013 Slot Allotment for the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies (MLWGS) – Mr. Stanley O. Jones**

Mr. Stanley O. Jones presented the MLWGS request for verification that a student slot allotment for eight (8) Petersburg City Public Schools' (PCPS) students is requested for FY 2014.

Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks asked if a slot request commitment obligates PCPS in the event budgetary constraints are prohibitive. Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, School Board Chairman, responded that the division *can back out at anytime* if the division cannot pay for a student.

Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon asked for clarification that the selection of eight slots indicates PCPS does not anticipate the need for more than eight slots. She noted that at the moment the district does not anticipate the need for more than eight slots; however, she inquired if additional slots will be available in the event more slots are desired at a later date. Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett answered affirmatively. He added that the MLWGS director intends to expand services by up to ten (10) slots each year *over the next four years*. Mr. Pritchett stated that perhaps if PCPS has additional monies in the budget, additional slots may be secured for Petersburg students.

**Following a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, the school board, without dissent, approved the request for a Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies slot allotment for eight (8) Petersburg students to attend MLWGS for FY 2014.**

### **2012-2013 Slot Allotment for the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology (ARGS) – Mr. Stanley O. Jones**

Mr. Stanley O. Jones presented the ARGS request for verification that a student slot allotment for seventy (70) Petersburg City Public Schools' (PCPS) students is requested for the 2013-2014 school year.

Following brief discussion related to obligation and ability to add slots. It was noted that the slot obligation and availability for ARGS will be the same as noted for MLWGS.

**On a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Mr. Fred B. Wilson, the school board unanimously approved the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology slot allotment commitment of seventy (70) Petersburg students for the 2013-2014 school year.**

## **Resolution for School Board Regarding Sequestration – Ms. Denise Sandlin**

Mr. Stanley O. Jones introduced PCPS Budget and Finance Director, Ms. Denise Sandlin, who presented a recommended school board resolution regarding sequestration. Ms. Sandlin presented for the board's approval a resolution regarding sequestration that will take effect in January, 2013. She noted that sequestration is *an amount of money equal to the difference between the cap set by a budget resolution and the amount actually appropriated, which is sequestered by the Treasury and not handed over to the agencies.* She stated that *in other words, they need to cut their budget.* Ms. Sandlin explained that when the budget is cut, it *falls down hill to everyone else.*

Ms. Sandlin indicated that the board is being asked to approve a resolution, which urges Congress and the administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate drastic cuts to education that will affect our students and communities and protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness. She added that an 8.2% reduction is being requested, which would equate to approximately \$700,000 that would be cut from the school district's budget as of January, 2013.

Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett reminded board members of a number of e-mail notices received from VSBA and NSBA asking school boards to move forward on this.

Mr. Stanley O. Jones noted that the federal allocation to schools is about 1% of the federal budget, and he added that *taking 1% from schools will not put a dent in the federal government's debt.* The funding cuts; however, could have a serious affect on our classrooms. Mr. Jones recommended that individuals write letters and call our Congressmen to urge them to support education.

Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks stated that the idea is that if the federal government cuts funds, the localities will make the contribution. She noted that this has not happened in the past, and sees no reason to expect it will happen. Ms. Hendricks indicated this is a huge deficit and doubts seriously that our locality will consider *picking it up.*

Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis asked if it is possible to give a realistic picture of what would happen within the school district if the cuts take place (i.e. salary cuts, facility impact, etc.) to have that information provided to the written and visual media. This would enable the Congress and President to see how the schools will be impacted. Ms. Sandlin indicated the impact will be on those programs that are federally funded, such as Title I. Mr. Jones indicated that there is a law that requires services received by children served by IDEA. If the funding is lost, the school district must still provide services.

Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr., noted that this information needs to also be sent to our local city council.

Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett shared with Mr. Linwood Christian that he will provide information for him to share at the PTA level to see what action PTA is recommended.

**On a motion by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, and a second by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, the school board unanimously approved the sequestration resolution as presented.**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Financial Report (October, 2012) – Ms. Denise Sandlin**

Ms. Denise Sandlin presented the financial reports for the month of October, 2012. She indicated that the audit for FY12 has just been completed, and the division should expect the report from our auditors.

It presented financial information related to the revenue summary, and she noted the division is at 23.51% actual at the time of the report. On the expenditure summary report, it is reported that the division year-to-date expenditures total \$12,578,353.73 (29.48% of the adjusted budget). The year-to-date expenditures will be monitored throughout the school year and areas of concern will be discussed with the school board.

It was noted on the revenue detail summary that the percent of actual for the total 01 Operating Fund is 29.50%; the total 02 Food Service Fund is 9.00%; the total 05 Capital Projects fund is 23.49%; and the total of 07 Special Revenue is 4.13% of actual.

Ms. Sandlin presented the expenditure detail summary report and noted that the report includes original budget, budget transfers/adjustments, adjusted budget, year-to-date actual, remaining balance, and percent of actual.

The following percents of actual were highlighted by Ms. Sandlin: 61 Classroom Instruction (23.58%); 62 Admin/Att. & Health (32.44%); 63 Transportation (31.33%); 64 Operations and Maintenance (36.13%); 67 Debt Service (14.40%); 68 Technology (33.96%); Fund: 01 Operating Fund (26.42%); Fund: 02 Food Service Fund (59.63%); Fund: 05 Capital Projects Fund (33.33%); Fund: 07 Special Revenue Fund (33.38%); with a report total percent of actual of 29.48%.

Ms. Sandlin highlighted the expenditure detail of Program: 95002 ARRA Educ. Jobs Fund, and noted as the ARRA funds have already been expended the percent of actual is 100% (these funds will not be available next year).

In response to a question by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon related to the Food Service percent of actual, Ms. Sandlin indicated that the high percentage (59.63%) expended is due to encumbrances.

Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis asked if Ms. Sandlin has any record of someone from outside of the PCPS division enrolling in a school on a tuition basis. Ms. Sandlin responded that she has no such record. Dr. Lewis noted that Petersburg is still *fighting branding*, and added that *we need to be careful with our branding*.

Discussion was held related to the school district's tuition policy, with comments from Mr. Fred B. Wilson related to a review of the policy, and Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr., noting that the district wants to be sure to keep class size counts down. Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon concurred that clarification of the policy is needed.

### **MOU/LTP Update – Dr. Shannon Smith**

Dr. Shannon Smith, PCPS Director of Elementary presented the following MOU/LTP update of November 7, 2012:

#### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

- Petersburg 4-H Agent, has partnered with the Science Museum of Virginia to bring innovative workshops to Petersburg Public Schools for the 2012-13 school year. Students will receive instruction in Science that correlates with the Virginia Science Standards of Learning. A Science Museum of Virginia Outreach Education Coordinator will visit each science class to conduct hands-on activities including, but are not limited to, topics such as: Busy Bees, Forest Ecosystems, Virginia Watersheds, Fun with Microscopes, and Biomedical Technology. Volunteers from the community manned the on-site science exhibits.
- The second grade students from each elementary school attended Urban Farm Day on October 10, 2012. The event was held at Blaha Farm from 9:00 am -12:00 noon.
- Librarians, Reading Specialists, and Teachers at all schools engaged students in a plethora of activities to celebrate Virginia's Read Aloud Week (October 21 – 27). A few activities reported included Book Fair, Literacy Night, Volunteer Readers, Accelerated Reader correlations, and library connections.
- Teen Cuisine (cooking class) is being provided by the 4-H Cooperative Extension Services for students in the PRIDE 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program at Peabody Middle School on Mondays for six weeks through November 26, 2012.
- Three Identified Gifted students are attending Math Masters II at the Math Science Innovation Center October 20, 27 and November 3.
- One Identified Gifted Student attended The Discoverers Program at the Math Science Innovation Center October 20, 27 and November 3.
- Elementary Identified Gifted students will be attending a field trip to the Show Place for the Cultural Exchange Native American Pow-Wow on November 9, 2012.

## LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

- The Federal Programs Specialist successfully submitted VDOE reports due for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant including the School Improvement Implementation Survey (SIIS) and Annual Performance Reports (APR).
- The Federal Programs Specialist attended the PD360 VA Network Group Meeting in Henrico, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to network with other districts' PD360 end-users and implementation specialists as well as to peruse new features of PD360 and its Teacher Performance Evaluation component, Observation360.
- The Federal Programs Specialist attended a webinar on "Zoning in on Children's Spaces: Engaging our Youngest Visitors". The purpose was to explore best practices for planning and creating comfortable, safe environments to engage students of diverse needs for exploration and learning in school libraries
- Dreamwalks (Data walks) were held at Robert E. Lee Elementary School on October 11, 2012.
- The principal of Westview Early Childhood Education Center, and the assistant principals of Petersburg City High School and Vernon Johns Junior High School attended the Teacher Evaluation Fall Institute that was held in Williamsburg, VA on October 15, 2012.
- On October 15-17, 2012, The Supervisor of Federal Programs attended the 16th Annual VA Association of Federal Program Administrators (VAFEPA) Institute in Roanoke, VA. The purposes of the conference was to network with Title I Program Administrators throughout VA and learn how to continue to fulfill responsibilities for proper and efficient administration of Title I, Part A, Title II, Part A, and Title III, Part A involving federal funding.
- On October 19, 2012, The Department of Federal Programs submitted the School Improvement Implementation Survey (SIIS) Data Collection Survey. The purpose the survey is to report collected data related to school improvement sanctions for individual schools and report Division-level data to the Virginia Department of Education
- The Director of Elementary Instruction attended the SURN Literacy Study Group Meeting held at the William and Mary College School of Education on October 19, 2012.
- Gifted Coordinator and Gifted Resource Teacher attend the Virginia Association for the Gifted Conference that was held Oct 21-22, 2012
- The Directors of Elementary Instruction, the Director of Human Resources and the assistant principals from Walnut Hill Elementary School, JEB Stuart Elementary School, and Westview Early Childhood Education Center attended the Teacher Evaluation Fall Institute held in Roanoke, Virginia on October 22, 2012.
- The Director of Elementary Instruction attended a Ready Schools Action Team Meetings on October 25, 2012 with Smart Beginnings at the Children's Museum of Virginia to discuss regional Kindergarten Registration efforts.

- Teachers of the Gifted, Gifted Resource Teacher and Gifted Coordinator are Preparing for the Fall Fine Arts Expo to be held Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 6-8PM at Petersburg High School
- Administrators and representatives from the superintendent's cabinet attended the Regional Superintendents at University of Richmond.

### **TEACHER QUALITY**

- Information pertaining to the online courses required for the acquisition of the Gifted Education Add-on Endorsement has been disseminated to teachers of the Gifted students.
- The instructional specialists from Walnut Hill Elementary School and JEB Stuart Elementary School attended the Governor's Professional Development Symposium held on October 15, 2012.
- Representatives from K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 were present at the K-12 Mathematics Standards of Learning Institute held on October 16, 2012 in Richmond, VA.

### **COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

- In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, The Departments of Curriculum & Instruction and English as a Second Language (ESL) hosted a Diversity Night Latin Carnival at the Union Station in Petersburg on October 18, 2012. Entertainment included performances by students and a coronation of carnival queens representing all primary schools.
- A second Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting was held at Vernon Johns Jr. High School on October 25<sup>th</sup> and focused on bullying prevention
- On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Lead ESL teacher, School Facilities Supervisor, the Vice President of Container First Services (CFS), and the Chief Operating Officer of CFS met to discuss details on how to establish a recycling program within the school system. A Recycling Pilot Program will begin December 1<sup>st</sup> at Peabody Middle School.

### **EXTERNAL TURNAROUND PARTNER**

- The SIG Principals as well as representatives of the external lead turn around partners and the directors attended the VDOE Technical Assistance Conference held at the Koger Center on October 17-18, 2012.

The following comments were received following the MOU presentation:

**Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.**, stated that the division needs to be prepared should a crisis situation occur in the city.

**Mr. Linwood Christian – 410 Mistletoe Street, Petersburg, VA**

Mr. Christian concurred and inquired if any kind of natural disaster training or alerts (i.e. earthquakes and tornadoes) are conducted. He encouraged the school division to share information with stakeholders.

**Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.**, asked if the information received when staff attend training sessions is shared when they return. Dr. Smith answered affirmatively.

**Update on Special Education – Mrs. Ahnjayla Hunter**

Mrs. Ahnjayla Hunter presented information on the special education program. She noted that the following disabilities have been identified for PCPS as of December 1, 2011:

- Intellectual Disabilities (88)
- Hearing Impairment
- Speech or Language Impairment (53)
- Visual Impairment
- Emotional Disturbance (23)
- Orthopedic Impairment (3)
- Other Health Impairment (100)
- Autism (33)
- Specific Learning Disability (126)
- Deaf-Blindness
- Multiple Disabilities (13)
- Developmental Delay (10)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (1)

*Regulation 8VAC20-91-130. Least restrictive environment and placements* was highlighted by Mrs. Hunter. She also noted place options available (i.e. general education – mainstream/collaboration; general education – inclusion; self-contained; alternative school – Blandford Academy; homebase/homebound – medical; external placement/private day/residential settings).

Mrs. Hunter shared that the programs in Petersburg include: autism (Teachtown and TEACCH Method); low-functioning ID (SD Program); Presence Learning (speech – provided via webcam; secondary transition; community based instruction (CBI); Education for Employment (EFE)/Work Study; Special Olympics; Jail Program (ages 18-22).

The composition of various programs in Petersburg includes the following by type and location:

➤ **Elementary Schools:**

- ✓ WAL-2 SC, Collaboration (push-in, pull-out)
- ✓ JEB-2 SC (Severe Program), Collaboration (push-in, pull-out)
- ✓ REL-2 SC (Autism Program), Collaboration (push-in, pull-out)
- ✓ APH-1 SC, Collaboration (push-in, pull-out)

➤ **Peabody Middle School:**

- ✓ 2 SC (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>), Inclusion (2 per grade level)

➤ **Vernon Johns Junior High School:**

- ✓ 3 SC (2 ID Program, 1 Multi-Disabilities – SLD, OHI, ED), 4 Inclusion (2 per grade level)

Mrs. Hunter noted that the EFE, Work Study, 3 SC, Occupational Guidance, Personal Living and Finance, Employability Skills, Inclusion Math and History, Work Place, Health, and Safety, Independent Life Skills, Resource, and Reading are available at Petersburg High School.

With regard to testing participation, Mrs. Hunter indicated that students participate in the SOLs, EOC; Virginia Grade Level Alternate Assessment (phasing out); Virginia Alternate Assessment Program; Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program; and the Virginia Modified Standards Achievement Test (phasing out).

Discussion followed related to the graduation rate of special education students: for the state the percentage is 84.9% and in Petersburg the figure is 88.68%. Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis indicated that there is hopefully a way to work the 40% that is to be attributed for student growth as relates to the new evaluation for teachers. Mrs. Hunter noted that this is a topic of concern that arises at special education directors' meetings.

Mrs. Hunter shared the following state assessments:

Pass Rates/Year	SOL/V-Assessments				
	Reading	Math	Science	History	Writing
2010-2011	56.3	50.3	43.3	56.2	37.1
2011-2012	65.0	36.1	55.9	57.6	57.5

Special education goals for the future include: an increase in the number of students graduating with standard/advance diplomas; an increase in the number of students participating in the general education setting; and students with disabilities graduating with certificates in vocational program.

**NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis** indicated that he hopes the division can move forward on building a field house at Petersburg High School. He noted that this needs to be accomplished.

**Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.**, noted that monies have been donated and a group was formulated. He added that there is a procedure that needs to be followed when constructing such a project. He said we need to determine how much is in the fund and how it can be utilized.

**Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett** shared that each school board member is asked to provide the name of a recommended individual from his/her ward who they would like to participate in a Field House Committee. In addition, he noted that Mr. Russell Lawrence and Ms. Denise Sandlin should be part of this committee. Mr. Pritchett asked school board members to provide the names of suggested committee members to provide a name.

**Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks** shared the phenomenal turn out of attendance at the Carnival held in honor of Hispanic Heritage month and commended Ms. Duhart and the ESL department.

**Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett** congratulated Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr., on his uncontested run for the Ward 6 school board seat.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:00 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, the school board unanimously agreed to adjourn.**

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Clerk of the Board

**APPROVAL      Approved:**

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Chairman of the Board